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1. France Libertés: Fondation Danielle Mitterrand

Special, 1991

Introduction

Fondation France Libertés (“France Libertés”) was created by Danielle Mitterrand in 1986. Recognized as a non-profit association, France Libertés has undertaken the mission of defending human rights and the common good. Since its establishment, France Libertés has supported resistance on the part of oppressed peoples and persons, minorities not represented by States and those who do not have a say.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation endeavours to ensure that human rights are recognized and respected throughout the world. To that end, France Libertés is committed to supporting field initiatives conducive to solutions and change, advocating the realization of human rights and raising awareness through education, information and citizen mobilization.

Significant changes in the organization

The Board of Directors of France Libertés has elected a new president of the foundation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Supported by partners throughout the world, France Libertés communicates to the Human Rights Council, the special rapporteurs and other members of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights its concerns over grave violations of or threats to human rights. In the framework of the United Nations, France Libertés encourages systematic dialogue aimed at advocacy through cooperation (participation in and organization of parallel events, written statements, organization of meetings between civil society and experts, and meetings with high-level representatives of States), and acts as a dynamic source of specific and realistic solutions proposed to public authorities and international organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In the period 2011-2014, France Libertés participated in all Human Rights Council sessions, save for the seventeenth, in Geneva, Switzerland. A number of written and oral statements were presented and various parallel events organized on such topics as biopiracy, world governance in the area of migration, major dams, the right to consultation, shale gas, indigenous people’s right to land, territories and resources, the right to water, and the situation in refugee camps in Iraq. The events concerned, inter alia, Peru, Romania, Uganda, Western Sahara, Bangladesh, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Chile, Brazil, Tibet, an autonomous region of the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of Iraq, and Morocco.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The foundation has consistently maintained contact with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva and with the

special procedures of the Human Rights Council, with whose experts it cooperates closely, transmitting to them reliable information received from organizations on the ground and replies to questionnaires distributed by certain rapporteurs.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The foundation focuses on poverty reduction and environmental protection through support for field projects that pursue relevant goals (defence and promotion of the right to water, and protection of water resources from extractive activities) or through awareness-raising and advocacy activities at the French, international and United Nations levels.

2. Free Africa Foundation (Ghana)

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Free Africa Foundation (FAF) is a non-partisan organization created to alleviate poverty and improve the quality of life on the African continent.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FAF aims to free Africans from intellectual bondage, empower them to take charge of their own destiny and devise African-based solutions to Africa's problems; advocate and safeguard intellectual, political, economic and religious freedoms; resist the imposition of alien ideologies and systems on Africa; and provide an "African input" in international fora and in the formulation of Western (aid) policies toward Africa.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation carried out awareness raising campaigns on malaria control and eradication, and dyslexia. FAF signed a memorandum of understanding with the Yankee Charitable Organization to work for community development; provide good drinking water to needy communities in parts of rural Accra; and create boreholes in needy areas in the Central Region of Ghana. The Foundation provided older persons and orphans with new sewing materials and money to be used for tailoring activities. The Foundation also engaged in food distribution to raise the nutritional level of community members.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Free Africa Foundation contributed to the achievement of MDGs 2 and 4 by organizing free vocational classes for pupils in primaries 1 to 6, while pregnant women received family planning education. FAF has been instrumental in ensuring that every child in its catchment areas attends school. The organization has implemented a feeding grant that pays for school lunches. FAF also has collaborated with Yankee Charitable Organization to ensure mother and child are safe during birth.

3. International Confederation for Family Support

Special, 1999

Introduction

The International Confederation for Family Support (CIAF) collaborates with autonomous member organizations in support of women, children and the family. It was established in 1995 and is based in Buenos Aires, Argentina. It has 1,004 autonomous centres in Africa, the Americas and Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to eradicate poverty and promote children, women and families as the basis of society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CIAF is training new social leaders to start centres in their respective communities to address malnutrition, drop-out rates, drug use, alcoholism, HIV/AIDS, violence, trafficking of children and human organs, prostitution, child labour, and other forms of exploitation and abuse. The organization also commemorates annually the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and the International Day of Older Persons in all its centres.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, CIAF representatives attended the annual Operational Activities segment of the Economic and Social Council in February and the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in March.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

4. International Family Therapy Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

The International Family Therapy Association (IFTA) is a professional association for marriage and family therapists.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFTA convenes international conferences to promote, strengthen and improve the quality of family therapy and the quality of relationships within families. IFTA, working with other professionals and organizations around the world, also promotes continuing education in the development of international quality standards for marriage and family therapists in order that they may better assist families in the communities in which they serve.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFTA organized the World Family Therapy Congress every year, which sees the participation of over 300 delegates from over 25 countries. It also founded the semi-autonomous International Accreditation Commission for Systemic Therapy Education to assist in developing world standards for family therapy training programmes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended several meetings regarding health crises in the world held by various United Nations agencies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of the organization's work focused on improving family life but were directly related to the MDGs.

5. International Institute of Humanitarian Law

Special, 1983

Introduction

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law was founded in 1970. Its headquarters are in Sanremo, Italy, and it has a liaison office in Geneva, Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main purpose of the Institute is to promote and educate on international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee law and related issues applicable to armed conflict on land, air and sea. It has a well-developed training programme for military personnel, lawyers, government officials, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested parties. The Institute also promotes research and publishes findings of new developments in its field of work. The Institute demonstrates how humanitarian, human rights and refugee law are all interrelated and inter-dependent.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Every year, the Institute organizes basic and advanced training courses in the field of international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee law, and migration law for military personnel, government officials, diplomats, experts, representatives of non-governmental organizations, and students from all over the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute takes part regularly at the sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council and at meetings organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCHR).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 1982 the Institute has had productive cooperation with the UNHCR.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

6. Japan Fellowship of Reconciliation**Special, 1999****Introduction**

Japan Fellowship of Reconciliation (JFOR), “Nihon Yuwa-kai” in Japanese, is a peace advocacy organization that works in cooperation with the National Christian Council in Japan (NCC) and others towards peace through various non-violent actions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

JFOR aims at realising peace in the world through non-violent methods. It sponsors discussion meetings on peace-keeping topics and holds monthly lectures and annual assembly meetings in various parts of the country.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

JFOR submitted alternate reports on discrimination against foreign children in Japan, namely The right to education of Foreign Children and the Japanese education laws and on Restoration of the Human Dignity of Surviving Victims of the Comfort Women System, Japan, to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) Pre-Sessional Working Group 49th Session, 21-25 May 2012, and to the 50th Session of the Committee, 29 April-17 May 2013. JFOR also submitted reports on the legal responsibility of the Japanese government to compensate the victims of the Military Sexual Slavery “Comfort Women”, and on Discrimination against Foreign Children on the Rights to Compulsory Education to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) 111th Session, 7-25 July 2014. JFOR has been advocating for the Japanese Government to ratify the First Optional Protocol of the ICCPR as a matter of priority.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization took part in CESCR’s Pre-Sessional Working Group 48th Session, 21-25 May 2012 and 50th Session, 29 April-17 May 2013. It also participated in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights 111th Session, 7-25 July 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

7. Kids Can Free the Children

Special, 2003

Introduction

Kids Can Free the Children (KCFTC) is an international children’s charity and educational partner founded in 1995. KCFTC’s projects operate in eight countries across Africa, the Americas and Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization operates collaborative programmes designed to educate and empower young people. KCFTC partners with communities to implement Adopt a Village, a holistic, five-pillar development model designed to achieve sustainable change.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

KCTFC works to improve the lives of poor people, conquer hunger, disease and illiteracy; encourage respect for human rights and freedoms; and ensure that the communities in which it operates have access to clean drinking water, comprehensive healthcare, quality education and income generating opportunities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

KCFTC has worked extensively with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

KCFTC has developed curricular resources to educate young people on the MDGs. The organization supports MDG 1 through a holistic development model that creates systemic change in marginalised rural communities around the world. KCFTC has contributed to MDG 2 by providing access to education, with more than 1,000 schoolrooms built in partner communities, giving 200,000 children the opportunity to gain an education. KCFTC works in support of MDG 3 to ensure that girls receive equal access to education and reduce the barriers that prevent girls from attending school. It also works with women's groups to provide coaching and mentorship in the areas of literacy and basic skills training, micro-business development, numeracy, and business training. KCFTC also works in support of MDG 4 with health care centres to support the communities in which it operates. In the Republic of Kenya, for example, KCFTC has provided health care to over 48,000 people. The maternity wing at Baraka Health Clinic has provided more than 3,000 mothers with pre- and post-natal care, including ultrasound and diagnostic services, and has helped deliver over 300 babies.

8. Medical Women's International Association

Special, 1987

Introduction

The Medical Women's International Association is an association of medical doctors founded in 1919 in New York City, United States of America, to ensure gender equality for medical school admission and equal pay for equal work.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to offer women in medicine the opportunity to develop cooperative friendships and networks around issues related to health and well-being and overcome gender-related differences in health, healthcare and in the medical profession.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its website and quarterly newsletter, MWIA publicises the work of the United Nations to its members and advocates on gender equality, gender-based violence and on ongoing and emerging issues in reproductive and women's health such as female genital mutilation, female genital cosmetic surgery and safe motherhood initiatives. MWIA lends its voice to the Every Woman Every Child and the HeforShe gender equality initiatives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

MWIA hosts and participates annually in various panels at the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) sessions and the Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conferences. MWIA representatives attend the annual United Nations General Assembly General debate and serve as expert panellists in various events throughout the year.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

MWIA has worked with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to advance empowerment of women at the national level. MWIA is an active DPI-NGO member, attending weekly briefings, the annual conference and participating in panels. A work plan has been developed with the World Health Organization (WHO) to include the Safe Childbirth Checklist, eliminating gender-based violence and advocating for access to surgery and evidence based treatment for adolescents.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of MDG 5, MWIA has partnered with Zonta International and the Rotary Club of Australia to provide safe birthing kits and ultrasound machines to countries in need, and is actively involved in the Safe Childbirth Checklist being developed by WHO.

9. Mental Disability Advocacy Center Foundation**Special, 2011****Introduction**

The Mental Disability Advocacy Centre (MDAC) is an international human rights organization that operates across Europe and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

MDAC uses the law to achieve equality, inclusion and justice for people with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues. MDAC's vision is a world where emotional, mental and learning differences are valued equally; where the inherent autonomy and dignity of each person is fully respected; and where human rights are realised for all persons without discrimination of any form.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

MDAC regularly contributed to the work of the United Nations in a number of ways, including through:

- Submitting alternative reports, often in collaboration with national coalitions of NGOs and disabled peoples' organizations (DPOs) to United Nations Treaty Bodies;
- Submitting responses to consultations of Treaty Bodies, in particular the work of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD);
- Providing contributions to the Universal Periodic Review on the Republic of Croatia;
- Briefing to the United Nations Committee Against Torture regarding issues including institutionalisation, involuntary hospitalisation, forced treatment and the use of coercive practices in psychiatry; and
- Starting a major European wide project on developing access to justice indicators related to Article 13 of the CRPD in respect of children with mental disabilities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the 5th session of the CRPD Committee in Geneva, Switzerland, April 2011, where it launched a 60-page publication entitled "Building the Architecture of Change: Guidelines on Article 33 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities". It participated in the Conference of States Parties to the CRPD in New York, September 2011. It took part in the Pre-Sessional Working Group of the United Nations Committee on the CRPD, providing written and oral information regarding the Czech Republic's compliance with the Convention, 7-10 October 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization was grantee of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture. It undertook an extensive research and monitoring project, with a report to be released in 2015, on the human rights of people with mental disabilities in the Republic of Moldova, in collaboration with the United Nations Partnership on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the Office of the High Commission for Human Rights. It provided information and briefings to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights with respect to a country mission to the Republic of Moldova in September 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization advocated for inclusive and free primary education for children with disabilities, particular in Central and Eastern Europe. It promoted gender equality and the empowerment of women with disabilities in the Republic of Moldova, including through monitoring conditions in psychiatric hospitals, providing information on sexual and reproductive rights to the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and training women with disabilities to undertake systematic human rights monitoring.

10. Temple of Understanding**Special, 1995****Introduction**

Temple of Understanding (ToU) is one of oldest interfaith organizations in the United States of America, currently working on environmental, women's and educational issues. For 50 years, the ToU has partnered with organizations on such issues as human rights, ecological justice and religious understanding.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ToU aims to foster peace through education and interfaith understanding about religious difference, and building a sustainable future through interfaith cooperation.

Significant changes in the organization

ToU has moved its headquarters to the Church Center at the United Nations, New York.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ToU speaks about the work of the United Nations at the diverse conferences and network events its representatives attend.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ToU holds side events at the annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, and sponsors speaker series. ToU contributes to the United Nations' annual Interfaith Harmony Week events and participates in the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York. ToU offered two side events at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012. ToU offered interventions to the United Nations Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals at the 10th and 12th Session, 2 April 2014 and 16-20 June 2014. ToU continues to work actively on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals through participation in the Women's Major Group and collaborates with other NGOs and the Youth and Indigenous Peoples Major Groups.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have spoken at ToU events. ToU has served as an invited speaker at the President of the General Assembly's Thematic Debate on "Water, Sanitation and Sustainable Energy in the Post-2015 Development Agenda", 18-19 February 2014, and on the drafting team for the outcome document of 2015 and Beyond: the 65th annual Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, 27-29 August 2014. UNEP invited ToU to develop programming for their annual Earth day, and to speak to civil society in preparation for the Rio+20 Conference.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ToU works primarily on MDGs 2, 3 and 7. The organization's work on education has included academic year-long teaching on non-violence in the public schools, culminating in a full day seminar at the United Nations, and similar teaching on environmental issues. The internship programme is also a unique educational effort. Other educational work is geared towards adults around issues of religious diversity and understanding, and environmental issues. ToU's work on women's empowerment includes active participation in the Women's Major Group as well as annual participation and presentations at the CSW.

11. Ukrainian World Congress

Special, 2003

Introduction

Founded in 1967, the Ukrainian World Congress (UWC) is the international coordinating body for Ukrainian communities in the diaspora, representing the interests of over 20 million Ukrainians. The UWC has member organizations in 34 countries and ties with Ukrainians in 14 additional countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The UWC aims to promote the solidarity and represent the interests of Ukrainian people throughout the world; promote democracy and human rights around the world, including monitoring democratic processes; and cooperate with governments, nations, organizations, and individuals, to accomplish the above goals in the spirit of peace, freedom, equality and justice.

Significant changes in the organization

The UWC established the UWC Mission to Ukraine in 2014.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The UWC has focused on the protection and defence of human and national minority rights; inviolability of state borders; promotion of democracy; monitoring of Presidential and Parliamentary elections; humanitarian aid to Ukraine; international recognition of the Holodomor; and the fight against human trafficking. The UWC

annually marks Human Rights Day and welcomed the first United Nations World Day against Trafficking in Persons. The organization also hosted events at the United Nations headquarters in New York with Ukraine's Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UWC participated in a session of the United Nations Security Council, 13 March 2014, as well as a press briefing to address the developments in Ukraine, particularly in Crimea, 14 March 2014. UWC also co-sponsored a Roundtable at the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, 27-29 August 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The UWC has promoted fundamental freedoms and human rights, with various United Nations entities and Permanent Missions to the United Nations. The UWC President has had meetings with senior United Nations officials in New York and Vienna, Austria, to discuss the situation in Ukraine and the need for the international community to ensure full adherence by all its member states to the Charter of the United Nations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The UWC contributed humanitarian and medical supplies to Ukraine.

12. UNESCO Centre of Catalonia

Special, 2007

Introduction

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Centre of Catalonia (Unescocat) was created in 1984 to bring UNESCO to Catalonia and Catalan language and culture to UNESCO.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre aims to be a reference in managing diversity and is committed to human rights, the culture of peace, cultural plurality, biodiversity and dialogue between cultures. Unescocat works at "building bridges, breaking boundaries" in Catalonia, the Mediterranean and among intergovernmental platforms, through innovative, interdisciplinary action based on the principles of sustainable development, social cohesion, national identity and promoting democracy.

Significant changes in the organization

Between 2010 and 2012, the Centre launched three new initiatives: a UNESCO Training School, a UNESCO Centre of Catalonia Award and an Observatory.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Centre contributed to debates, workshops, conferences and round table discussions on sustainable development, education, human rights, interfaith dialogue, linguistic diversity, heritage, and the translation and publication of 42 United Nations related documents.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- 36th UNESCO General Conference, Paris, France, 25 October-10 November 2011;
- United Nations Alliance of Civilization Group of Friends meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, 8-9 November 2011; and
- UNESCO Forum “Teaching today” and UNESCO-Hamdan Prize, Paris, 6-7 October 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has a cooperation agreement with UNESCO and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat). Activities included expert seminars on “Urban Policies and Creative Practices for Migrants”, 28-29 April 2011, and support to the International Coalition of Cities. Unescocat also contributed to the presentation of UNESCO Policy Guidelines for Mobile Learning in Barcelona, Spain, with UNESCO and Foundation Jaume Bofill, 23 September 2014.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

13. Un Techo Para Mi País

Special, 2011

Introduction

Un Techo para mi País (TECHO) is a youth-led organization present in 19 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Aims and purposes of the organization

TECHO seeks to overcome poverty in slums through the joint effort of families living in extreme poverty working with youth volunteers and through community development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

TECHO's activities are related to poverty reduction, education and training; housing and shelter; social inclusion; and promotion of youth development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), New York, 1-10 February 2012;
- 1st Forum on Affordable Housing, organized by Habitat for Humanity together with the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) to identify solutions for urban challenges in Latin America in 2012;
- 25th regular session of the Human Rights Council to discuss urban challenges in Latin America, Geneva, Switzerland, 3-28 March 2014, during which it organized the side event “Poverty, Exclusion and the Right of Housing in Latin America”; and
- 7th World Urban Forum organized by UN-Habitat, Medellín, Colombia, 5-11 April 2014.

In addition, it organized the 1st Forum: Habitat and Poverty Reduction together with UN-Habitat and Habitat for Humanity to analyse the inequality in cities in Colombia, 10 October 2014, Bogotá, Colombia.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with United Nations entities in the following ways:

- It contributed to publications of “Las voces de los adolescentes en villas y asentamientos en Buenos Aires” in 2013, with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and of “La pobreza en San Salvador. Desde la mirada de sus protagonistas” with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 2014;
- It signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Global Compact Cities Programme (UNGCCP) in 2011;
- It received funds from UN-Habitat to implement a skills training programme in Argentina in 2011;
- The Dubai Municipality and UN-Habitat awarded TECHO with the “Dubai International Award for Best Practices (Best Practice Transfer)”, 2012;
- It received funds from UN-Habitat to implement a skills training and personal, labour and business strengthening programme for 50 young people from 16 slums in Montevideo, Uruguay, 2012; and
- The United Nations Democracy Fund supported TECHO in the celebration of the 1st Latin America Community Leaders Conference to promote the exchange of experience among community leaders in Latin America and to build a strong Latin American identity.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

TECHO has contributed to MDG 1 in the 19 countries where the organization operates through the activities mentioned above. Additionally, TECHO participated in the World Day for Overcoming Poverty in October annually during the reporting period.

14. Union for International Cancer Control

Special, 2011

Introduction

Founded in 1933 and based in Geneva, Switzerland, the Union for International Cancer Control's (UICC) membership of over 800 organizations across 155 countries, features the world's major cancer societies, ministries of health, research institutes and patient groups tackling the growing cancer crisis.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UICC's mission is to "unite the cancer community to reduce the global cancer burden, to promote greater equity, and to integrate cancer control into the world health and development agenda". UICC is committed to delivering the targets of the World Cancer Declaration by 2025 by taking the lead in: convening the global cancer control community; advocating and putting cancer on the global health agenda; and coordinating high-impact global capacity building projects.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

UICC is a founding member of the NCD Alliance and throughout 2011-2014, worked with the Alliance to position cancer and other non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the post-2015 development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UICC Representatives attended the following meetings:

- Civil Society Interactive Hearing on NCDs, New York, 16 June 2011;
- High-level Meeting on Prevention and Control of NCDs, New York, 19-20 September 2011, where UICC delivered the opening address on behalf of civil society;
- Informal interactive hearing with NGOs, civil society organizations, the private sector and academia on the prevention and control of NCDs, New York, 19 June 2014; and
- the High-level meeting of the General Assembly to undertake the comprehensive review and assessment of the 2011 Political Declaration on

NCDs, New York, 10-11 July 2014, where UICC's President delivered the opening address on behalf of civil society.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

A joint three-year programme of work (2015-17) has been approved between UICC and the World Health Organization (WHO). In 2014, UICC became an NGO partner of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). In 2014, UICC renewed its strategic partnership with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Programme of Action for Cancer Therapy. UICC organized an annual World Cancer Leaders' Summit, co-hosted by the WHO, the IAEA and the International Agency for Research and Cancer. In 2014, UICC reviewed drafts of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Facts for Life publication, and coordinated input from across the NCD Alliance membership. Launched in July 2011, the Global Initiative for Cancer Registry Development is a multi-partner initiative led by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, including the WHO, UICC and over 20 other leading international and regional organizations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

From 2011 to 2014, a number of UICC's activities supported achievement of MDGs 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6:

- Increasing access to cervical cancer prevention, screening and treatment;
- Raising awareness of, and implementing programmes to address the disparities in access to diagnosis, treatment and care for childhood cancer;
- Increasing access to vaccinations to address cancer-causing infections; and
- Building the capacity of countries to respond to cancer.

15. Union Internationale des avocats

Special, 1971

Introduction

The International Union of Lawyers (UIA) is a professional legal association dedicated to human rights, the rule of law and the pursuit of peace. UIA brings together approximately two million lawyers from more than 120 countries. Its members also include judges, law students and teachers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The UIA aims to promote professional excellence through seminars, training sessions and other events; establish business contacts among event participants and colleagues; defend the cause of lawyers who may be pressured or threatened; and speak out against hindrances to the proper functioning of the justice system and legally instituted bar associations.

Significant changes in the organization

In October 2014, the UIA modified three articles of its Statutes in order to advance gender equality within the UIA.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The UIA organizes annual congresses, seminars, and training sessions to advance the rule of law. A UIA representative serves as Coalition Team Leader working on the provision for the crime of aggression under the Rome Statute. The organization participates in the World Justice Project. It acts on behalf of the human rights of lawyers and other human rights defenders and supports due process rights. It also focuses on access to justice and corporate responsibility topics.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During 2011-2014, the UIA attended the following meetings:

- 55th-58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- 19th-21st sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD); CSD-19 Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting (IPM); CSD Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) II; the third Intersessional Meeting on Sustainable Development, as well as the Preparatory Meeting;
- 2nd Preparatory and 2nd Intersessional Meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20); and the 1st-3rd Informal Negotiations on the Zero Draft outcome document in preparation for Rio+20;
- 10th Session of the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); the 2nd Meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the 13th Session of the OWG on the SDGs;
- United Nations Commission on International Trade law (UNCITRAL) meetings, including several sessions of Working Groups II-V and its 47th session;
- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law, 2012;
- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development, 2013; and
- High-level Dialogue on Migration and Development, 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2014, the UIA organized a joint seminar with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) in Turin, Italy, on the topic of “The Defence in International Criminal Law”. In May 2014, the UIA organized a Bar Leaders’ Briefing at United Nations headquarters, New York, with 171 participants from 32 countries attending.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.