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1. Foundation for Human Horizon

Special, 2012

Introduction

Foundation for Human Horizon serves the critical needs of the people of India for education, healthcare and welfare.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation focuses on empowering the poor with necessary tools such as education to make them prosperous and responsible citizens.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Foundation participated in the 7th to 9th sessions of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the 13th to 15th sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues; the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women; the 53rd and 54th sessions of the Commission for Social Development; the 5th and 6th sessions of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing; and the 2014 observance of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

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

The Foundation publishes a monthly newsletter for volunteers about the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals and hosts monthly volunteer meetings and events addressing the Sustainable Development Goals.

2. Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Foundation for Human Rights and Freedoms and Humanitarian Relief (IHH) was founded to extend humanitarian aid to Bosnia in 1992 during the war.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IHH aims to ensure justice and dignity for every person and to eliminate violations of basic human rights and liberties.

Significant changes in the organization

IHH's operations reached 144 countries and territories at the end of 2015 and the Foundation established more than 70 NGOs inside the Syrian Arab Republic and trained their staff.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IHH submits field reports to United Nations bodies regarding Syria every 2 months.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, IHH representatives attended all meetings of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Additionally, it attended the following meetings, among other: the Human Rights Council 2012 Syrian Crisis Special meetings; the Third World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction; United Nations consultations and Humanitarian Diplomacy meetings for Syria in Gaziantep, Turkey and Geneva Switzerland; the 2015 preparatory meetings for the World Humanitarian Summit; and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) consultations with NGOs in July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

IHH participated in the preparation meetings for the World Humanitarian Summit.

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

IHH supplied emergency food aid, provided monthly sponsorship and activities for orphans, established schools and education centres for orphans, performed cataract surgeries for people in need, built and supported medical centres and mobile health care containers in the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. IHH also opened water wells in several countries between 2012 and 2015.

3. Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research (SER) has been working for reconciliation and peace since 1996.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation promotes the MDGs and SDGs, Human Rights, and women's and girls' rights. It focuses on eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, developing global partnerships for development, achieving universal primary education, providing health care programmes, and promoting reconciliation in all areas of life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation participated in the 50th, 51st and 53rd sessions of the Commission for Social Development; the 56th, 59th and 60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York; and the Rio+20 Summit in 2012 in Brazil.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

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

The Foundation organized reconciliation award ceremonies including the Global Mediation Diplomacy Award 2012 in the United Nations in New York and the Global Mediation Diplomacy Award in Hamburg, Germany in 2013.

4. Foundation for the Child and the Family**Special, 2004****Introduction**

The Foundation for the Child and the Family focuses on education, humanitarian aid and culture.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation works to build a world of peace and solidarity, education and culture, as well as for the protection of children's rights.

Significant changes in the organization

The name of the organisation has changed to Marianna V. Vardinoyannis Foundation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation supported the fight against childhood cancers and the work of the ELPIDA (which means “hope” in Greek) Association of Friends of Children with Cancer; the campaign of the Orama Elpidas Association for bone marrow donors; and research conducted in France on cancer therapies. It donated to Cerebral Palsy Greece for children with special needs, and to Fondation Motrice. The Foundation also supported the Bibliotheca in Alexandrina, Egypt and sponsored the 2012 conference of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

As a Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Foundation participated in the annual Meetings of the UNESCO Goodwill Ambassadors.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

During the reporting period, the Foundation collaborated with UNESCO and the European Coalition of Cities against Racism (ECCAR) for the ongoing project, Welcoming Cities for Refugees: Promoting inclusion and Protecting Rights; for UNESCO’s 70th anniversary celebrations; for the International Day for Monuments and Sites; and for the Education for All program. The Foundation President also participated in the 2013 International High Level Strategic Meeting on Education held in Doha, Qatar and in the annual World Innovation Summit for Education held in Doha (2013 and 2014).

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

The Foundation engaged in numerous activities in Greece in support of the MDGs, including:

- a Refugee Child Medical Assistance Programme which provided medicine, vaccinations, medical care, temporary personal health record booklets, food and clothing;
- a schools programme which provided books, educational and electrical equipment and air-conditioners to schools;
- an educational programme for schools, in co-operation with Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights; and
- a Vulnerable Groups programme which provided food, medicine and personal hygiene products to poor and homeless people in Greece.

5. Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture

General, 2004

Introduction

The Foundation for the Social Promotion of Culture (FPSC) works for human development and the promotion of culture.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FPSC aims to promote a culture of solidarity focused on mankind and on the urgent need to achieve more dignified life, work, freedom, and social involvement for all individuals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FPSC organized round tables, working breakfasts, consultations and conferences on various topics, including: water issues in Jordan, Palestine and Israel; quality education in conflict zones as a means to promote peace and special education in the Palestinian Territories; access for Middle Eastern countries to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Post-2015 consultation with Spanish civil society, an initiative of the United Nations Millennium Campaign (UNMC) in Spain; and Spanish cooperation regarding the Arab Spring funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FPSC representatives attended the following meetings:

- the 2012 regular session of the Committee on NGOs;
- 50th session of the Commission for Social Development;
- the 67th United Nations General Assembly;
- 2014 Interactive briefing with civil society;
- High-level event on the Contributions of Women, the Young and Civil Society to the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Foundation held an international seminar and prepared a report on the impact of revolutions on human development in the Middle East with participation of the Head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in Spain, the Regional Director of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Cairo, the Representative of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women in Jordan and Syria and the head of a project funded by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for Syrian refugees in Jordan. FPSC staff was invited to participate in Food

and Agriculture Organization (FAO) activities including a workshop on Risk Assessment of Climate Change on Agricultural Sector in Jordan and XXXIX session of the FAO Committee on Food Security. FPSC is also a strategic ally for the International Year of Quinoa.

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

The Foundation presented the 2013 Annual Report on the MDGs at a meeting convened by the UNMC in Spain, and convened a workshop in Salamanca on Development with equality: Reducing inequality in middle-income countries — contributions to the post-2015 agenda, organized by the Spanish Government and UNDP.

6. Foundation for the Support of the United Nations

General, 1996

Introduction

The Foundation for the Support of the United Nations (FSUN) was founded in November 1988 to help uphold the three pillars of the United Nations: peace and security, development and human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FSUN is focused on advancing peace and security, development and human rights through collaboration with Member States, United Nations entities and other global organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation promoted awareness of the United Nations and the agenda of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in the private/business sector through partnership with IMPACT Leadership 21 and the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations. An annual conference called Power of Collaboration Global Summit was started in 2014 to bring top business and corporate leaders to the United Nations to discuss global issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following United Nations events:

- 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development;
- 52nd session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women;

- High-level Meeting of the 67th Session of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels;
- 57th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women;
- 65th annual United Nations Department of Public Information/NGO (DPI/NGO) Conference; and
- High-Level Review of Women, Peace and Security at the 15th anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 1325.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Foundation held the 2013 Aichi Nagoya Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) Festa in Nagoya, Japan in partnership and support of the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) and United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and held side events alongside the Peace Forum in partnership with other organizations in celebration of the 15th anniversary of UNSCR 1325.

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

The organization co-hosted the annual Power of Collaboration Global Summit in partnership with the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations, corporate partners including IBM, Microsoft, Barclays and other Permanent Missions, and also co-hosted the Forum on Conversations with Men, in support of the HeForShe campaign.

7. France terre d’asile

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1971, France terre d’asile aims to uphold one of the oldest French traditions — that of providing asylum — and to ensure that France respects the relevant international conventions. It is active in receiving asylum-seekers, integrating refugees, protecting unaccompanied foreign minors and providing assistance to foreigners held in detention.

Aims and purposes of the organization

France terre d’asile emphasizes the establishment of protective and sustainable public policies geared to migrants in need of protection. Its principal missions are to promote the right to asylum and the rights of aliens in France and in Europe; provide assistance and accommodation to asylum-seekers, refugees and unaccompanied foreign minors; train professionals; and help persons in administrative detention centres to exercise their rights.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012, France terre d'asile founded Terre d'asile Tunisie to implement a project to build the capacities of Tunisian civil society to campaign for migrant rights and take action in support of them. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is an associate partner in this initiative.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

France terre d'asile has helped to advance the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council through its contribution to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 1, 2, 3 and 6. It has also worked to mobilize youth by protecting and monitoring the education of nearly 1,200 unaccompanied foreign minors who were in France during the reporting period, and through awareness-raising on asylum and protection issues at 40 French *lycées* (secondary schools), reaching nearly 1,000 adolescents (2013, "*Plus belle la fuite*" project).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

France terre d'asile has participated in the following meetings, among others:

- Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)), Geneva, 9 to 11 July 2012, 1 to 3 July 2013, 24 to 26 June 2014, 29 June to 1 July 2015;
- UNHCR Annual Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Europe: Brussels, 15 to 17 October 2014, and The Hague, 14 to 16 October 2015;
- Sixty-first session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (28 and 29 September 2012), including the drafting and delivery of a written statement;
- Pre-sessional working group of the seventy-first session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (8 and 9 June 2015) and plenary session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (13 and 14 January 2016), including the drafting of an alternative report to the fifth periodic report of France on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child during the period 2008-2012.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

In partnership with UNHCR, France terre d'asile has set up an information office for migrants in Calais and on the northern coast of France.

- In collaboration with UNHCR, it has carried out projects in Tunisia on the theme "Law and Migration" (2012-2015);
- During this period, it conducted an investigation into the situation of refugees in the Choucha refugee camp in Tunisia on behalf of UNHCR in Tunisia;
- In collaboration with UNHCR, it drafted a guide for asylum-seekers in Tunisia (2015); and

- In partnership with UNICEF France, it organized a conference entitled “Unaccompanied minors from abroad in search of protection: what are their prospects in Europe?”, held in Paris on 17 September 2012.

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

France terre d’asile has contributed to achieving:

- Goal 1 by providing accommodation and a monthly subsistence allowance to nearly 25,000 asylum-seekers during the reporting period and by supporting the integration of more than 5,000 recipients of international protection through assistance with employment and housing;
- Goal 2 by monitoring the education of 1,200 unaccompanied minors from abroad;
- Goal 3 by advocating for greater attention to female asylum-seekers and developing a tool to promote gender equality among migrants;
- Goal 6 through regular awareness-raising activities in 50 refugee reception centres.

8. Fraternité Notre Dame

Special, 1996

Introduction

Fraternité Notre Dame (FND) is a traditional Catholic religious and charitable organization founded in 1971.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Fraternité Notre Dame aims to help anyone in need, without discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FND operated food service programmes for the homeless, health clinics, schools and orphanages; assisted AIDS patients; visited prisoners and the elderly and operated disaster relief interventions in distressed countries and territories.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FND regularly attended the Department of Public Information/NGO (DPI/NGO) briefings at the United Nations and presented oral and written statements to the Human Rights Council, to 51st, 52nd and 54th sessions of the Commission for Social Development, and for the 2014 annual report of the Secretary-General on progress toward achieving the MDG’s. During the 65th

DPI/NGO Conference, it organized an exhibit on Poverty Eradication and Human Rights.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Working closely with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti, the World Food Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and NGOs to benefit destitute populations, FND operated orphanages, schools, a dispensary, a health centre; completed road construction; assisted lepers; and was part of the National Executive Board of the Nigerian Coalition for Children's Rights (CONIDE).

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

FND was involved in initiatives related to preparation of the African Child Day with UNICEF. The organization took care of the poor through soup kitchens, food pantries, after school programmes pastoral care services, and helped families build individual restrooms to tackle the scourge of cholera.

9. Freemuse: World Forum on Music and Censorship

Special, 2012

Introduction

Established in 1998, Freemuse is an international membership organisation advocating and defending artistic freedom.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objective of Freemuse is to advocate and defend musicians' and artists' rights to create, perform and publish their works without fear of reprisal, and citizens' rights to access artistic expressions.

Significant changes in the organization

Freemuse expanded its mandate beyond protecting musicians and composers' rights, also to cover other artists' rights to artistic freedom.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2012 Freemuse initiated and organised the first world conference on artistic freedom of expression, 'All that is banned is desired' and in 2013, published the first global report and statistics on violations of artistic freedom covering all art forms. Freemuse has continued to publish this annual report under the name, 'Art Under Threat.'

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Among other activities, Freemuse made an oral statement and co-organised a side event on artistic freedom in the Middle East and North Africa during the 28th session of the Human Rights Council, and took part in a side event on artistic freedom hosted by the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. In December 2012, Freemuse participated in an expert meeting on artistic freedom hosted by the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Freemuse prepared a report in 2013 on “The Right to Artistic Freedom and Creativity” for the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights. Freemuse also submitted multiple Universal Periodic Review stakeholder reports to the Human Rights Council. In 2015, UNESCO turned to Freemuse for a background report on artistic freedom to enhance the United Nations’ understanding of the complexities of mechanisms and motives behind threats to artistic freedom.

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

No activities were specified.

10. Front Line: International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders

Special, 2004

Introduction

Front Line, The International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders was founded in Dublin in 2001 to promote the safety and protection of human rights defenders at risk.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Front Line aims to protect human rights defenders (HRDs) at risk, people who work non-violently for any or all of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

Significant changes in the organization

Front Line Defenders serves as the lead partner in ProtectDefenders.eu, the European Union Human Rights Defenders mechanism, established to protect defenders at high risk and facing the most difficult situations worldwide. The Front Line Defenders Board of Trustees formally agreed to subscribe to the Dochas Code on Corporate Governance and is an Associate Member of Dóchas, the Irish Association of Non-Governmental Development Organisations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2015, Front Line provided 454 security grants, totalling €1,178,306 to individuals and organisations at risk. It provided rapid security grant support to human rights defenders in partnership with the Lifeline Embattled CSO Assistance Fund. Front Line issued a total of 1,245 urgent appeals on behalf of 1,914 human rights defenders at risk during this period.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Front Line presented written and oral statements to sessions of the Human Rights Council and submitted 26 Universal Periodic Review (UPR) reports during this period. The organization attended a number of UPR examinations and has on occasion supported a human rights defender (HRD) to attend.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

Front Line's work is guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights Defenders. During this period, Front Line produced and distributed a United Nations Handbook in five languages — Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish; liaised with the Office of the Special Rapporteur and submitted urgent appeals on behalf of HRDs at risk worldwide. It also supported opportunities for the Special Rapporteur to meet and exchange views with HRDs. During the reporting period, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the rights to freedom of peaceful assembly and association, all addressed Front Line's Dublin Platform.

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

The organisation published its first graphic novel in 2015 on the situation of Lucha Castro and HRDs in Mexico.

11. Fundação de Assistencia Medica Internacional**Special, 2008****Introduction**

Fundacao de Assistencia Medica Internacional (AMI) was established to bring humanitarian aid and promote human development to all people without discrimination.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMI Foundation aims to fight against poverty, social exclusion, underdevelopment, hunger and the consequences of war.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012, AMI Foundation inaugurated new facilities of the Porta Amiga centre in Almada, Portugal. In 2013 it changed the Foundation's international strategy and began closing its development missions with expatriate teams and to reinforce the international projects in partnership with local organizations (PIPOL), making them more dynamic and emphasizing capacity building of local NGOs to provide better quality services to beneficiaries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2012 AMI partnered with AISEC (formerly, Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciales), the international platform for young people to explore and develop their leadership skills internationally, which brought young volunteers from various countries to Portugal to promote the Millennium Development Goals in Portuguese schools. In 2015 AMI participated in celebrations of the European Year for Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AMI Representatives participated in the Rio+20 conference and some of its side events, the 65th Annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference and the 2015 Emergency (Foreign) Medical Teams Global Meeting, organized by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Offices for the Americas (PAHO) and Word Health Organization in Panama.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

AMI joined with the Portuguese Global Compact network and in 2011 proposed holding AMI/GCNP (Global Compact Network Portugal) conferences, over four years, on each of the four areas covered by the Global Compact. It collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on projects to: reduce the incidence of water-borne diseases among the people to prevent ebola; achieve open-defecation free status in 18 of the 23 villages in the São João sector, and in the Bolama and the Galinhas sectors of Guinea-Bissau; facilitate implementation of the community health features of the POPEN (Plan to implement High Impact Interventions for the Reduction of Infant and Maternal Morbidity and Mortality at National Level); and contribute to strengthening the Advanced Strategy in the Quinara region to reduce infant and maternal mortality in this region in Guinea-Bissau, 2014-2016.

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

AMI was a facilitator for the implementation of a community health strategy aimed at reducing infant and maternal mortality, through a group of 191 local community health workers (CHWs) and nurses in the region. It launched the Fund for Development and Social Promotion in 2015 to help families pay utility bills like gas, water and electricity, and the AMI University Fund to help college students pay their tuition fees. In 2014 AMI Foundation established partnership with a Portuguese publisher to conduct information sessions on the MDGs with 9th to 12th grade teachers.

12. Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad

Special, 2012

Introduction

Fundación Argentina a las Naciones Camino a la Verdad was founded to defend the principles and purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and to reaffirm fundamental human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation aims to strengthen the resilience and vision of the United Nations System.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation engaged in media campaigns, lectures, workshops, and conducted capacity-building courses to sensitise the public to the work and principles of the United Nations. The Foundation also commemorated the 2015 International Women's Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Foundation participated in the following meetings, among others:

- 2012 Food and Agriculture Organization regional Latin America and Caribbean Conference;
- 2012 High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law;
- World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS+10) and its preparatory meetings;
- 2013 Internet Governance Forum;
- High-level Segments of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
- 65th annual Department of Public Information/NGO Conference;
- 2015 ECOSOC Civil Society Hearing on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system;
- 54th session of the Commission for Social Development;
- High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development;
- 20th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD);
- Interactive Meeting with Civil Society for the High-level Stocktaking Event on the Post-2015 Development Agenda;
- First Preparatory Committee meeting for Habitat III Conference.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Foundation cooperated with the United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) in Argentina, on the Argentina/United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's "Brave is not Violent" and "Say NO UNiTE" to End Violence against Women campaigns. It participated with United Nations Programme on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (UN-REDD) and Argentina's National Environment Secretariat (SAyDS).

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

No activities were specified.

13. Fundación Cultural Baur**Special, 2004****Introduction**

Fundacion Cultural Baur (FCB) is a human rights organization that uses education to help children and young people acquire a sense of social awareness and commitment to those in need.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FCB encourages children and young people to be responsible for their society and the conservation of their planet through educational activities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The 2013 FCB Model United Nations (BIMUN) was the first to integrate hearing impaired youth. FCB also convened its first Youth Forum on International Dialogue in January 2014. Additionally, it participated in annual Community Development and Leadership Summits, annual International Emerging Leaders Conferences, collaborated on the Foscarini Model United Nations, participated in the 10th International Student Science Conference and the 6th University Scholars Leadership Symposium on Humanitarian Affairs, won the Iberoamerican Prize for Human Rights Education "Oscar Arnulfo Romero", and commemorated the annual International Day of Peace.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FCB participated in the annual United Nations Student Conference on Human Rights (UNSCHR) organized by United Nations International School (UNIS) — Global Education Motivators (GEM), and the United Nations Student Leadership Conference for Development (UNSLCD), co-sponsored with GEM. FCB also participated in the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information/ Non-governmental organization (DPI/NGO) Conference.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The organization became part of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) and participated in the first ASPnet in Action online collaborative platform seminar “120 Minutes for Biodiversity”. It participated in the 2012 Goi Peace Foundation UNESCO International Essay Contest for Young People, collaborated with GEM on the World Teachers’ Congress on Human Rights, 2015, and won the 2012 Plural+Global Block Foundation Award. It was nominated for the 2014 United Nations Population Award and the UNESCO-Hamdan bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Prize for Outstanding Practice and Performance in Enhancing the Effectiveness of Teachers with the programme, Baur System “Living Knowledge”.

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

FCB won the 2015 State Environmental Award for its project, Intelligent Terrace: transforming a dead space into a sustainable area. It participated in video conferences on: City 21 Series: Designing Cities Project (April 2012), Issues and Innovations in the 21st Century Cities (June 2013) and School Perspectives on Urban Water Management, Colegio Carol Baur-The School of the Future (October 2013).

14. Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfı**General, 2012****Introduction**

The Journalists and Writers Foundation (JWF) was established in 1994 by a group of journalists, writers and intellectuals who believe humanity’s ultimate problem lies in poverty, ignorance and disunity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

JWF promotes culture of peace through dialogue and reconciliation.

Significant changes in the organization

JWF opened new offices.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

JWF concentrated its efforts in building dialog between diverse groups at the national and international level to find peaceful ways of fighting inequality and conflict. JWF also promoted the United Nations campaigns (HeForShe, Year of the Family, UNiTE) and celebrated the United Nations Day at the Geneva Peace Conference in 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period JWF organized side events and submitted written remarks and delivered oral statements at various meetings including the 57th-60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, 25th and 26th sessions of the Human Rights Council, 2nd and 3rd sessions of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development, 53rd session of the Commission for Social Development, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 24th and 25th sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and the 2nd Geneva Peace Week. JWF was selected as a member of the Steering Committee during the 5th Session of the United Nations Open Working Group on SDGs, and invited as a panellist at the 8th Session. JWF was a speaker at the High-Level Forum on the Culture of Peace in 2013, and the 53rd Session of the Commission on Social Development. It attended the 68th United Nations General Assembly, 61st-63rd sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, and the 65th and 66th Department of Public Information/NGO Conference.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

JWF established an Information Technology Lab in Afghanistan in collaboration with United Nations Office of Information and Communications Technology and the Missions Donation Programme for 300 girls in 2015, and mobilized Youth for Gender Equality with She4All project in partnership with United Nations Women Austria National Committee.

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

JWF funded eight innovative conflict resolution and peacebuilding projects on peace education, gender equality, human rights journalism, ending violence against women and girls, intercultural education, and civil society capacity-building.

15. General Research Institute on the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Special, 2008

Introduction

General Research Institute of the Convention on the rights of the Child (CRC Institute) was founded to conduct research on children's rights at the global level with emphasis on Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute promotes exchange of information and joint research on the protection and promotion of children's rights, in particular the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute served as the secretariat of the Committee for NGO Reporting on the CRC and discussed the preparation of the 4th and 5th periodic reports to the CRC Committee with the government of Japan. It advocated for comprehensive implementation of the recommendations and concluding observations issued by various human rights bodies to Japan. It also helped organize the 3rd and 4th Asian Forum on the Rights of the Child and was involved in academic exchanges between Japan and the Republic of Korea on the promotion of children's rights. The Institute also organized annual meetings of local government initiatives based on the CRC.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the 21st, 24th, 27th and 31st sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

The Institute collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the Network to Support Children Affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake, contributed to the protection and promotion of the rights of the children in the affected areas and promoted the development of child friendly cities, advocated by UNICEF.

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

The Institute contributed to the development of local policies against child poverty and advocated for the adoption of legislation guaranteeing "diverse ways of learning" in order to realize educational rights of children who do not go to school for various reasons.
