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1. Association nationale de coopération pour le développement du Cameroun

Special, 2015

Introduction

Association nationale de coopération pour le développement du Cameroun (ANACODECAM) was set up in 2007 and is based in Garoua. It has 30 active members and is covering the north region initially.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ANACODECAM aims to promote the well-being of Cameroonians and a north-south partnership by combating under-enrolment at school and major endemic diseases; safeguarding and protecting nature; promoting organic cattle-raising and farming; and promoting access to safe drinking water and information and communication tools.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization participates in World AIDS Day every year by carrying out awareness-raising activities in elementary, middle and high schools.
- It makes donations to refugees from the Central African Republic in the north and east of the country to combat hunger.
- It works with Association pour les droits du peuple tamoul concerning the genocide in Sri Lanka.
- It works with the organization ADALA UK on the long-standing conflict in Western Sahara, which remains unresolved.
- It combats poverty through the creation of granaries for storing food during droughts.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We have not yet taken part in any United Nations meetings, because funds are limited owing to the projects to be carried out. However, we do not rule out the possibility of a grant to attend at least one meeting. We note our lack of representation, which is being resolved with the decision of the steering committee in the years to come.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) regularly invite us to participate in their activities relating to the protection of children and the care of refugees in the north region, refugees from the Central African Republic in Touboro in the north region, and persons displaced internally as a result of the insecurity in the south and northwest regions of Cameroon, in addition to children and refugees in the far north affected by the violence perpetrated by Boko Haram.

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

In terms of our organization's initiatives in support of the Millennium Development Goals, we have undertaken reforestation, promoted the planting of fruit trees, set up friends of nature clubs in six elementary schools, raised awareness in 15 traditional chiefdoms in the department of Faro, promoted civil registration through the issuance of birth certificates, raised awareness of the importance of school enrolment, especially among girls in vulnerable groups such as the Mbororo, promoted access to safe drinking water, and raised awareness regarding HIV, polio vaccination and the fight against cholera.

2. Association pour le développement économique, social, environnemental du nord

Special, 2003

Introduction

Association pour le développement économique, social, environnemental du nord (ADESEN) aims to:

- Combat desertification for the sake of a healthy environment
- Support street children by introducing them to trades that can help them integrate into the community
- Carry out programmes and projects that support positive and sustainable economic and social development

Aims and purposes of the organization

In pursuit of the above, the organization has multiple objectives, including:

- Combat poverty, especially among women
- Protect the environment and manage natural resources
- Advocate the adoption of policies by national and local authorities that support economic and social rights

Significant changes in the organization

ADESEN is a member of the international network Social Watch and the civil society network Migration et Développement.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- As a member of the civil society network Migration et Développement, ADESEN took part in the Global Forum on Migration and Development, which was held in Istanbul, Turkey from 12 to 14 October 2015.
- Every year, ADESEN marks a number of United Nations international days and decades by organizing seminars, meetings, appeals and other events:
 - o 8 March: International Women's Day is an opportunity to take action relating to Sustainable Development Goal 5, "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls".
 - o 22 March: World Water Day is an opportunity for ADESEN to carry out activities and projects relating to Sustainable Development Goal 6,

“Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”, and the International Decade for Action on Water for Sustainable Development, 2018–2028.

- o 22 April: International Mother Earth Day, which relates to Sustainable Development Goal 15, “Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss”.
- o 5 June: World Environment Day.
- o 17 June: World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, by carrying out reforestation activities.
- o 17 October: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, which relates to Sustainable Development Goal 1, “End poverty in all its forms and everywhere” and falls within the framework of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008–2017).
- o 25 November: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which relates to Millennium Development Goal 3 and the post-2015 agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ADESEN participated in the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which was held from 13 to 24 March 2017 at the United Nations in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ADESEN has consultative status with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and has a programme on desertification within the framework of the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight against Desertification (2010–2020).

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

ADESEN has established committees to manage urban and rural natural and environmental resources in support of Millennium Development Goal 7, “Ensure environmental sustainability”. It has also created women’s advancement groups to promote women’s income-generating activities. This project relates to Millennium Development Goal 1, “Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger” and Sustainable Development Goal 1, “End poverty in all its forms everywhere”, of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

3. Association pour les victimes du monde

Special, 2015

Introduction

Association pour les victimes du monde is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that protects, safeguards and promotes human rights and freedoms. It is based in the city of Yaoundé, Cameroon, in Central Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to combat social inequalities, the exploitation of children, the marginalization of women and abuse in order to promote respect for human rights

and freedoms. Its purpose is to ensure socioeconomic and humanitarian cohesion in accordance with the policies advocated by the United Nations. Emphasis is also placed on identifying, assisting and, as far as possible, creating income-generating activities for victims, particularly those from disadvantaged groups.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We have increased the reporting and analysis of situations of human rights violations and helped to transmit information to raise awareness regarding local victims. Work also continues through strengthening the organization's committees responsible for field investigation and observer recruitment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization sent a representative to participate in several sessions of the Human Rights Council for the period of the quadrennial report (2016–2018). This enabled the organization to join the discussions and was also an opportunity to draw attention to relevant matters regarding local human rights and freedoms issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

- Several awareness-raising campaigns have been conducted by the organization over the past four years to align its work with global issues and thus transmit environmental needs that were in keeping with real-life situations.
- Following its participation in the meetings, it became clear that training was an issue, and a medium-term programme was established. After several measures to raise awareness and support the organization's target populations, it was vital to develop a network of partners able to support the organization effectively in its vision and above all demonstrate a commitment to work harder for human rights and freedoms, with greater investment in concrete action that was qualitatively and quantitatively measurable.

4. Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement

Special, 2011

Introduction

Aube nouvelle pour la femme et le développement is a non-governmental, non-profit organization working in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Established in 1997, the organization is devoted to the promotion and defence of human rights and sustainable environmental protection. Its purpose is to contribute to the promotion and protection of women's rights, combat all forms of discrimination and violation of rights and support social progress, democracy and the protection and rational use of natural resources. Its head office is located in the city of Uvira, South Kivu Province, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and its work is undertaken in the territories of Uvira and Fizi.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of the organization is to contribute to the promotion of human rights and environmental protection. Its objectives are as follows:

- To support women and youth through socioeconomic activities.
- To promote gender equality and women's empowerment.
- To eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.
- To defend women's rights in particular, and human rights in general.
- To protect the environment.
- To involve women in decision-making processes.
- To fight against the marginalization of women and combat ignorance by empowering women to claim their rights through training, retreats and exchanges.
- To increase women's economic power through income-generating support.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Responded to a call from the United Nations for research papers on the economics of social protection systems aimed at contributing to efforts to combat poverty.
- Contributed to interactive discussions with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and mandate holders working in the area of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Set up a project to educate and raise awareness on the protection and management of natural resources and nursery management, which has increased the motivation and technical capacities of the local population to manage natural resources efficiently and diversify vegetation cover.
- Established a framework for concerted regional and national action with civil society organizations to strengthen implementation capacity and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization regularly receives invitations from the United Nations. Unfortunately, the possibilities and financial resources of our organization are very limited, so it is unable to cover the necessary expenses (accommodation, visas and transport).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization responded to calls for oral presentations and written communications on the work of ECOSOC.

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

Initiatives have focused on:

- Poverty eradication (Millennium Development Goal 1): involvement of women in initiatives focused on self-promotion, training and income generation.
- Environmental protection (Millennium Development Goal 7): training and awareness-raising to encourage young people to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
- Promotion of gender equality (Millennium Development Goal 3): the organization undertook advocacy activities to ensure the social inclusion of girls with disabilities, provide them with inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all aimed at combating social inequalities.

As part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we have contributed to significant changes in our region. Some of our projects have focused on:

- Peace education
- Raising awareness of HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted infections
- Environmental education
- Creation of a centre for the care of indigenous children in difficult situations
- Child protection
- Assisting communities affected by conflict (wars) in the territories of Fizi and Uvira (Democratic Republic of the Congo)

5. Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables is a non-profit organization working to defend and promote the social, cultural and economic rights of indigenous peoples in the Congo Basin region of Central Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization contributes to the integration of the indigenous Pygmy people into modern society while preserving their cultural identity.

This is achieved through humanitarian assistance to indigenous Pygmies in areas with security concerns; sustainable development activities for poverty reduction among indigenous Pygmies; activities to defend and protect the rights of indigenous Pygmies; and communication activities on their rights and duties using information tools.

The organization operates on the ground at the national level through local committees known as relay service centres and at the regional level in collaboration with focal points made up of civil society organizations and partners in other countries in the Congo Basin.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization carried out a community outreach project on articles 19, 32 and 26 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which was featured in issues 16, 17 and 18 of the “Le forestier” newsletter, and created posters with slogans in Swahili and French in 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- The organization submitted a letter in July 2018 requesting the secretariat of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to make a country visit to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The purpose of the letter was to draw attention to the alarming situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that had led to the persistent and ongoing violation of the rights of the indigenous Batwa peoples, expelling them from their ancestral lands and forcing them to live in the hinterland of Kahuzi-Biega National Park, in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- The organization published an advocacy note in August 2018 and undertook local and national outreach activities.
- The organization raised awareness among the national and local authorities, including on international conventions on biodiversity in conformity with national laws.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization participated in the fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held in New York from 20 April to 1 May 2015, by delivering oral and written presentations.
- A representative of the organization participated in the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Paris from 30 November to 11 December 2015.
- The organization submitted a letter to States parties during the forty-second session of the Intergovernmental Committee for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in June 2018, in which it expressed its serious concern about the human rights situation of the Batwa indigenous residents of Kahuzi-Biega National Park.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2018, the organization’s local committees of Batwa indigenous villages have participated in meetings with the office of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with the aim of reaching a peaceful resolution to the conflict between the expelled Batwa indigenous peoples and the administrators of Kahuzi-Biega National Park.

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

- Between 2016 and 2018, the organization distributed 18,600 kilograms of bean seed, 24,400 kilograms of paddy seed and 21,660 kilograms of maize seed to 3,600 Pygmy indigenous households in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo.

- In 2017 and 2018, the organization assisted 630 Batwa indigenous households in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo in obtaining forest concession titles from local communities in order to administratively secure 1,460 hectares of local community forests from the authorities of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Since 2016, the organization has helped 823 Batwa indigenous households to breed tilapia fish by creating 53 diversion ponds in Mwenga and Bunyakiri (eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo).
- Since 2016, the organization, in collaboration with the Ministry of the Environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, has been involved in an awareness-raising campaign aimed at helping indigenous Pygmies in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation.

6. Centre d'accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Centre d'Accueil et de volontariat pour orphelins, abandonnés et handicapés du Cameroun (CAVOAH-CAM) is a non-governmental organization working to care for and support young orphaned children in difficult circumstances and abused young mothers. Given its new status as an international NGO, its scope of action has broadened.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CAVOAH-CAM works to:

- Strengthen family ties and community involvement through support programmes.
- Provide comprehensive care for orphans, abandoned children and abused and abandoned girls.
- Ensure the return of children whose families have been identified.
- Support and ensure the social integration of persons with disabilities with a view to improving their living conditions.
- Protect and promote children's rights against sexual abuse and child labour.
- Combat trafficking in children.
- Monitor medical care.
- Provide education, schooling and training in informal sector trades to enable people to create their own businesses.
- Promote initiatives aimed at human development (communication, study and implementation of projects) in support of public authorities' efforts to assist people who have been left behind.
- Foster international cooperation with organizations that are pursuing similar goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2011, when the organization obtained special consultative status, the president of the organization has been subjected to an arbitrary trial, which has led to a three-year detention ordered by the courts of Cameroon. This has considerably hampered the commendable work of CAVOAH-CAM.

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/Sustainable Development Goals

No activities were specified.

7. Centre d'encadrement et développement des anciens combattants

Special, 2015

Introduction

The Centre d'encadrement et développement des anciens combattants (CEDAC) is an apolitical and non-denominational non-profit organization founded in 2005 in Bujumbura, Republic of Burundi, and accredited by the State of Burundi by Ministerial Ordinance No. 530/1552 of 4 November 2005. The association is involved in mentoring and supporting the development of ex-combatants and victims of conflict, with a view to defending their rights. It supports its members by establishing groups for victims of war throughout the country.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are to:

- Build a safe world, free of weapons.
- Improve the living conditions of the population as a whole, and of ex-combatants in particular.
- Support the advancement of women ex-combatants and young victims of war.
- Prevent human rights violations and work towards peace and human safety for sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our organization has taken part in various United Nations activities in Geneva and New York:

- In Geneva, we have organized side events at Human Rights Council conferences.
- On behalf of the civil society organizations involved in the fight against light weapons, CEDAC made a presentation on the contribution of such organizations to the implementation of the Arms Trade Treaty, at the Fourth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, held in Tokyo in 2018.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- February 2015: Economic and Social Council Youth Forum in New York
- February 2015: first preparatory meeting in advance of the First Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, Trinidad and Tobago
- July 2015: second preparatory meeting in advance of the First Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, Geneva
- February 2016: Extraordinary Meeting of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, Geneva
- September 2017: Third Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, Geneva
- August 2018: Fourth Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty, Tokyo

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CEDAC worked with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on two projects aimed at boosting the resilience of young people affected by the conflicts in Burundi, in partnership with World Vision International, in 2017 and 2018.

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

CEDAC has worked to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by:

- Strengthening the capacity of women to develop bee-keeping.
- Building a vocational training centre to enable unemployed individuals to learn ceramics skills.
- Creating labour-intensive jobs and promoting income-generating activities for 2,980 young people in five Burundian provinces, in 2015 and 2016.

8. Centre de vulgarisation de l'outil informatique

Special, 2015

Introduction

Our NGO, the Centre de vulgarisation de l'outil informatique (CVOI), was established in February 2013 in the city of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a country scandalously rich in minerals, water, energy, gas, arid land and other divine blessings, but whose population unfortunately has a critically poor standard of living.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary objective of CVOI is to assist in the comprehensive development of the country, by improving health conditions. To that end, CVOI should:

- Establish and maintain a permanent consultation platform on the development of the health situation for its members.
- Play an advisory role with regard to health matters.
- Offer home care for sick children who are unable to go to hospital.
- Prevent disease by vaccinating children before their birthdays.
- Mobilise people to combat disease.
- Promote and support the development of the population in rural areas and the outskirts of cities.
- Ensure the cleanliness of environments in the case of contagious diseases, natural disasters and other circumstances.
- Research care and observe the population.
- Develop community projects to address disease, poverty, famine, destitution and unemployment.
- Support young mothers to return to education and provide them with social and professional support.
- Establish consultation platforms on health matters for its members.

In the initial phase, we are working across the entire city of Kinshasa. Our action could expand to benefit the whole country, depending on need and the means made available to the NGO.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- We acted as observers for the elections (presidential, national and provincial) held in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in December 2018, on behalf of the international community.
- We have taken part in various educational, social and development-themed radio/television programmes, presenting our opinion.
- In the area of health, we have worked with the Dikembe Mutombo Foundation and the Starkey Hearing Foundation of the United States to distribute prostheses at Biamba Marie Mutombo Hospital in Masina.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In our country, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, we have participated regularly in workshops, conferences and other activities organized by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the World Health Organization, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS and the United Nations Children's Fund. Our organisation has not been able to take part in meetings held abroad, for instance in New York, Geneva or Vienna, because of the process of obtaining a visa through our embassies.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

- We have given our members explanations, information and training to make them aware of the major difficulties hindering achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.
- Our organization's activities include: training young people; creating sewing workshops for child mothers and the illiterate; creating computer labs for young people in the city of Kinshasa, and in particular the commune of Masina, one of the most populous communes of the city-province of Kinshasa, and where our organization is based; and donating to primary schools and families, although this is decreasing. We expect to be able to do more in the future with help from our partners, services offered, self-funding and the help of the United Nations, in order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

9. Centre européen de recherche et de prospective politique

Special, 2015

Introduction

The Centre européen de recherche et de prospective politique (CEREPPOL) has made noteworthy progress over the last five years. The NGO is now active in four main countries: France, Switzerland (office), Belgium (office) and southern India (office). Thanks to that new infrastructure and regional network, it is working to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 17, and has support programmes to help specific local initiatives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

We seek to achieve the following goals.

- Participate in all ECOSOC activities and promote actions in the field of competency we share with the United Nations, namely Sustainable Development Goals 5, 8, 10, 11, 16 and 17.
- Support the decision-making of international government institutions.
- Conduct independent studies and forward-looking analyses to support the abovementioned areas of action.
- Carry out awareness-building actions and relevant projects with a view to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Significant changes in the organization

The general assembly of CEREPPOL requested that the organization's statutes be brought into line with the Sustainable Development Goals. In 2017, the organization voted to change its name from Centre européen de recherche et de prospective politique (CEREPPOL) to Inter-Agency Network for Education on SDGs (INEING).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- The organization launched the project "Cherish what remains", in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee in April 2018.
- It annually promotes useful upcycling at the Annual Innovation Symposium.

- CEREPOL supported, with private funding, the “First Chance School” project in Madurai, Tamil Nadu, which educates abandoned children on democracy.
- The NGO launched an international capacity-building programme, which welcomes young volunteers all year round, to disseminate good practices and build communities of practice.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Non-exhaustive list of meetings:

- United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) European Regional Meeting, “European Habitat”, 16 to 18 March 2016, Prague; participated as a stakeholder, and contributed to round tables; submitted an official statement to be incorporated into the Prague Declaration, United Nations – Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – submitted written advisory opinions.
- Participated in consultations on the United Nations Human Rights Management Plan 2018–2021, United Nations Office in Geneva, 21 April 2017.
- Participated in the seventy-eighth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), in Geneva from 8 to 10 November 2017: advocacy/lobbying.
- CEREPOL organized a side event on equal access to sustainable housing at the ninth session of the World Urban Forum, in Kuala Lumpur from 7 to 13 February 2018.
- Economic Commission for Europe: Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE Region – Round tables on Sustainable Development Goal 11: Promote sustainable cities and human settlements, 1 and 2 March 2018; International Conference Center Geneva – stakeholder, participated in round tables, official statement.
- Participated in the seventy-ninth session of the Committee on Housing and Land Management of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe: advocated, presented opinion and participated in round tables.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Annual preparations for commemorative days: International Women’s Day (8 March) and Orange Day, an awareness-raising day (25 November) and event organization in France, Belgium and India.
- The NGO signed a partnership agreement with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research to support apprenticeships for young people through the “Public Service” programme in 2018.
- Establishment of an urban centre of excellence, in partnership with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the Economic and Social Council European committee for urban innovation, in Valence, France.
- Publication of a biannual magazine, *Toperspectives*, focused on spreading awareness regarding the Sustainable Development Goals (France).

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

No initiatives were specified.

10. Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement

Special, 2015

Introduction

The Centre international de droit comparé de l'environnement is an international scientific NGO that brings together environmental law organizations and experts on a global scale. In 2017, the organization acquired observer status with the United Nations Environment Assembly and its subsidiary bodies and, in 2018, it acquired consultative status with the International Organization of la Francophonie.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's primary objective is to conduct research and studies in comparative and international law relating to the environment and its protection. The organization acts as a constant legal watchdog; it organizes national and international scientific meetings, conferences and seminars; and brings together organizations that specialise in environmental law with a view to facilitating information-sharing and harmonising legal rules to strengthen environmental protection.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has expanded geographically as a result of its appointment of 63 national focal points from 63 different countries, and the joining of a number of new members from various countries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has conducted studies which have revealed certain gaps in international environmental law. On that basis, and by means of written communications and statements delivered at United Nations meetings, it has advocated the adoption of a number of texts:

- Adoption of the non-regression principle in relation to the environment
- Adoption of legal indicators for environmental law
- Adoption of a convention on environmental migrants
- Adoption of a third global covenant to codify human rights to the environment

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- In 2015, 20 experts from the organization participated in the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Paris from 30 November to 12 December. Four side events were organized, on the topics of future generations' rights, biodiversity and environmental migration.
- From 7 to 18 November 2016, 33 experts from the organization participated in the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties, held in Marrakech, Morocco. Six side events were organized, covering environmental migrants, human rights to the environment, environmental governance and climate justice.
- From 6 to 17 November 2017, 10 experts from the organization participated in the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties, held in Bonn, Germany. Three side events were organized on the subjects of climate governance, the Paris Agreement adopted under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and the green economy.

- From 4 to 6 December 2017, four experts from the organization participated in the third session of the United Nations Environment Assembly and its associated meetings, which took place at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi, Kenya. A side event was organized at the law faculty of the University of Nairobi with a view to raising public awareness of the challenges that the Assembly was working to address.
- From 9 to 18 July 2018, the organization participated in the high-level political forum on sustainable development in New York. It presented papers in coordination with the NGOs major group.
- From 5 to 7 September 2018, in New York, the organization participated in the organizational session of the ad hoc open-ended working group established in accordance with General Assembly resolution [72/277](#), entitled “Towards a Global Pact for the Environment”.
- From 12 to 14 September 2018, the organization participated in the Global Meeting of Montevideo focal points for the Fourth Programme on the Development and Period Review of Environmental Law (Montevideo Programme IV), in Geneva, by sending written communications and giving statements at the meeting on the need to adopt legal indicators for environmental law.
- From 2 to 14 December 2018, 10 experts from the organization participated in the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Katowice, Poland. Two side events were organized on various climate change-related issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In partnership with UNEP, the organization conducted a project to establish and promote legal indicators as a way to quantify the effectiveness of environmental law. This led to the organization attending a symposium on the effectiveness of environmental law in francophone Africa, from 5 to 9 February 2018 in Yaoundé, Cameroon, and publishing a report on the issue.

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

In 2015, the organization launched a project called “Young people and the climate: a youth climate pact”. The project was designed to foster the participation of young people, through the school system, in the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which took place in France. After the session of the Conference of the Parties, the organization continued to support this project by producing and circulating information on climate change at schools.

11. Chant du guépard dans le désert

Special, 2015

Introduction

The Chant du guépard dans le désert institute is an NGO based in the Islamic Republic of Iran, which has been operating since 2010. Since acquiring consultative status in 2015, the institute has worked to educate the public and raise awareness on issues relating to biodiversity, sustainable development and climate change.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The institute contributes to evaluating, promoting respect for and building awareness of knowledge related to the values of biodiversity and the environment. It also focuses on public education, training and awareness-raising in order to:

- Contribute to the fight against climate change and desertification, and mitigate the effects of drought in Iran.
- Support, more specifically, projects for the conservation of animal and plant species that are in danger of extinction in Iran.
- To the extent possible, protect human rights linked to environmental degradation resulting from armed conflicts.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- In support of the development plans of the Economic and Social Council and the United Nations more broadly, over the past four years the institute has focused on issues such as human rights and the environment; the impacts of armed conflict on the terrestrial environment; climate change and human rights violations; and water scarcity and food insecurity exacerbated by armed conflict.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Over the last four years the Chant du guépard dans le désert institute has participated in five sessions of the Human Rights Council by presenting written reports and oral statements on the issues mentioned in the section on the organization's contribution to the work of the United Nations, above.
 - o Two oral statements and a written report at the thirty-first session of the Human Rights Council.
 - o One oral statement at the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council.
 - o One oral statement and one written report at the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council.
 - o Two oral statements at the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council.
 - o Two oral statements and a written report at the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council.
- The institute took part in the forum on sustainable development held under the auspices of the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, from 7 to 18 November 2016 in Morocco.
- The institute participated as an observer NGO in the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties, which took place from 2 to 14 December 2018 in Katowice, Poland. At this session of the Conference of the Parties, the institute organized a meeting (on 12 December) and an exhibition (from 3 to 7 December), as well as presenting three reports on: sustainable development in Iran, climate change in Iran and the impact of sanctions on the environment and

climate in Iran. The institute also showed, on the closed-circuit television of the Conference, a short video on climate change and a documentary on deforestation in Iran.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Through its consultative status, the Chant du guépard dans le désert institute has worked with the Economic and Social Council; and, having acquired observer status to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in 2018, the institute attended the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties.

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

The institute has contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in Iran through education and awareness-building aimed at the general public. It has used the most efficient Internet and social media techniques at its disposal, depending on the local culture in different regions. The institute also observed World Environment Day, as it does every year, on 5 June. In 2017, it commemorated World Environment Day by holding various training workshops on desertification in the town of Tabas, Iran, in which approximately 10 of its members took part. The event was broadcast via social media.

12. Comité français pour l'Afrique du Sud

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Comité français pour l'Afrique du Sud was established in 1997 to advise on institutional, economic and social developments in South Africa since the election of Nelson Mandela in 1994. To that end, it organizes regular conferences on the premises of the parliamentary assemblies or in universities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Knowledge of the innovations that have taken place since 1994 in South Africa to bring about a democratic transition is one of the Committee's main goals.

During the conferences and debates organized, the theme of truth and reconciliation is frequently presented as it is in line with the objectives of the United Nations since its establishment in 1945.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Committee participates in initiatives to honour the memory of Dulcie September, representative of ANC in France, a liberation organization recognized by the United Nations, who was assassinated in Paris on 29 March 1988. Furthermore, the Committee is of the view that the fight against racism can be conducted by studying the human origin. A French-South African symposium was held in Paris on 7 February 2015, on the theme "South Africa: the cradle of humankind". Lastly, the Committee contributed to the themes of freedom of expression, transparency and intercontinental migration in cooperation with the Legal Resources Centre of South Africa.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

On 16 November 2016, at a photo exhibition held during the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development, the Committee presented a photograph showing the commitment of South African youth to water preservation in rural areas.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

In 2018, our Committee prepared a symposium on the theme “Nelson Mandela: legacy and the present”. The aim was to discuss with high-school students the Nelson Mandela’s ideals, which are reflected in the Millennium Development Goals.

13. Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l’homme

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Commission africaine des promoteurs de la santé et des droits de l’homme is an NGO established by health professionals in Brazzaville in April 1989. It is working towards sustainable development in Africa, with a focus on poverty reduction, environmental management and preservation, and good governance.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- The fight against pandemic diseases and political violence with a view to restoring peace.
- The NGO works on the ground using a holistic and global approach.

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

- 1 to 13 June 2015: 104th session of the International Labour Conference. Meeting on the implementation of conventions and recommendations.
- 30 May to 11 June 2016: 105th session of the International Labour Conference. Meeting on decent work for peace and security.
- 5 to 11 June 2017: 106th session of the International Labour Conference. Session on labour migration.
- 28 May to 8 June 2018: 107th session of the International Labour Conference. Session on violence and harassment against women in the world of work.
- Thirtieth, thirty-second, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council.

- Participation in side events held in Marrakech on 8 and 9 December 2018 linked to the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, held on 10 and 11 December 2018.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

No initiatives were specified.

14. Conseil de jeunesse pluriculturelle

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Conseil de jeunesse pluriculturelle (COJEP), with headquarters in Strasbourg and offices in 14 European countries, is a non-governmental organization that focuses on themes related to human rights, democracy, racism and the fight against discrimination, as well as intercultural relations, community life and citizenship.

Aims and purposes of the organization

COJEP represents a popular movement that organizes activities related to democratic participation, citizenship, participation of immigrants in Congress meetings and participation in local government activities. Our organization has forged partnerships and collaboration with European institutions including the Council of Europe, the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. COJEP actively participates in events held by those institutions and has organized conferences, exhibitions and other side projects with the same ambitions and objectives. The crises that shook our societies in 2018 have revived the debate on access to rights, equality and justice.

Significant changes in the organization

In January 2018, COJEP was registered in the transparency register, also known as the lobbies register or the lobbyists' register. The European Parliament and the European Commission are committed to transparency with regard to the groups and organizations with which they interact.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our NGO organizes conferences at the European institutions on the subject of multiculturalism and living together in Europe. Participants are recognized professionals and activists. We organized a panel at UNESCO on 14 May 2018. Our conferences are broadcast live on social media.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- COJEP International participated in the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council. On Tuesday, 20 March 2018, at noon, COJEP International participated in the general debate to strongly denounce human rights violations in Palestine. At 5.30 p.m., COJEP decided to make an oral intervention to expose

and denounce racism and xenophobia and the rise of Islamophobic acts against veiled women.

- For COJEP, migration management is an urgent and serious challenge, and international cooperation between Governments plays a crucial role that we are closely monitoring. COJEP organized a conference in Marrakech from 8 to 13 December 2018 on respect for human rights in European migration regulations during the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.
- During the thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 10 to 28 September 2018, COJEP took the floor to denounce human rights violations in Palestine and Yemen.
- COJEP participated in the sixty-seventh United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Conference. The conference, held in New York, brought together 2,000 people from NGOs around the world. This was a unique opportunity to find new partners for our projects.
- The thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 26 February to 23 March 2018, on the consequences of terrorism on the stability of European countries.
- The thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 10 to 28 September 2018, on multiculturalism and living together in Europe.
- Organization of a side event on the economic potential of Africa during the fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development in New York in February 2018.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Our NGO has made a commitment to the association of the villages of Toulele in the Republic of Guinea to set up ecological wells and sanitary facilities in villages located more than 500 km from the capital. We are currently at the prospecting and reflection stage. Aware that access to rights and dignity requires access to basic infrastructure, we wish to make a contribution towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 6 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

15. Coordination Immigrés du Sud du Monde

Special, 1999

Introduction

Coordination des Immigrés du Sud du Monde (CISM-Veneto) is an NGO working to protect immigrants from Africa, Asia and Latin America who are living in Italy, mainly in the Veneto region. Members of the association also include immigrants from Eastern Europe, other minorities, and Italians and other Europeans who wish to act positively against discriminatory policies and all other acts and trends pushing for institutional, racial and social exclusion and discrimination.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CISM-Veneto is a non-violent, democratic, autonomous, multicultural and multi-ethnic association, committed to raising awareness throughout Italy of the theme of world peace, in collaboration with schools, institutes, universities and other organizations working towards the same goals. The mission of CISM is to facilitate the integration of immigrants into the political, social and economic life of Italy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The “Laurent Gabaroum Affair” is an unprecedented case of racial discrimination that occurred in France and which is receiving support from CISM-Veneto. On 8 December 2018, during the celebrations of the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the General Assembly on 10 December 1948, and in the run-up to Christmas, Laurent Gabaroum decided to embark on an unprecedented peaceful action by initiating a hunger strike at St. Peter’s Square, in the Vatican City, to create a global shock wave and force the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Alliance, which had been sanctioned by the United Nations for conducting racist practices, to immediately implement the decision of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution [60/147](#) of 16 December 2005. CISM-Veneto, with the assistance of its President and members, have, at Laurent Gabaroum’s request, provided powerful and active support by accompanying him in his efforts to publicize his struggle and to ensure compliance with the decision of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Our NGO participated in the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth sessions of the Human Rights Council, held from 2 to 25 March 2015 and from 15 June to 3 July 2015 respectively.
- CISM-Veneto representatives participated in the thirty-second and thirty-third sessions of the Human Rights Council, held from 13 June to 1 July 2016 and from 13 to 30 September 2016 respectively.
- CISM-Veneto representatives attended the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth ordinary sessions of the Human Rights Council, held from 26 February 2018 to 23 March 2018 and from 18 June 2018 to 6 July 2018 respectively.
- The list of CISM-Veneto’s participation is not exhaustive.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

CISM-Veneto focused its work on safeguarding the rights of immigrants in the Veneto region during the period 2015–2018.