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## 1. “Coup de pousse” Chaîne de l’espoir Nord-Sud

**Special, 2016**

### **Introduction**

In the present quadrennial report for the period 2016–2019, “Coup de pousse” Chaîne de l’espoir Nord-Sud (CDP-CENS) emphasizes the importance of taking a cross-cutting approach to human rights issues in order to ensure the peace, security and prosperity of children and women in Africa and in Togo specifically. A commitment to human rights is an essential condition for truly sustainable economic and social development for all. Respect for human rights helps to alleviate poverty, reduce the number of refugees and support the development of countries that are fragile, as is the case in Africa. As events regularly show, a State that does not respect women’s rights and children’s freedoms is acting against the interests of its people and represents a threat to them.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Purpose:

- CDP-CENS works to protect and assist poor children and promotes the empowerment of women and girls.
- To achieve this purpose, it provides them with school enrolment support through a sponsorship system and gives them the opportunity to flourish through tourist, sociocultural and artistic activities and intercultural exchange between the global North and South.

CDP-CENS has the following aims:

- To support and initiate measures to improve the well-being of children and women and girls.
- To provide school enrolment support to disadvantaged children through a sponsorship system.
- To promote and organize sociocultural, tourist and artistic activities.
- To spur entrepreneurship in the areas of tourism, culture and the arts.
- To support intercultural exchange between the global North and South.
- To offer training (capacity-building and career placement support).
- To promote and support the empowerment of poor girls and women.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In the context of its activities contributing to the work of the United Nations, CDP-CENS has focused on the root causes of violations of women’s and children’s rights in recent years. Whenever our organization participates in an international meeting hosted by the United Nations or the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), it puts forward proposals aimed at eliminating income, wealth and resource inequalities and illegal raw material development. It considers these destabilizing forces to constitute fundamental obstacles to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. In some African countries, these distortions are the result of poor governance, corruption, the absence of the rule of law, or weak or

biased institutions. They are also caused by violations of economic, social and cultural rights. Our ambition is to help the United Nations to create and maintain a positive dynamic so that civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights complement each other.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- On 9 March 2016, as part of the International Film Festival and Forum on Human Rights in Geneva, CDP-CENS participated in a debate on the theme “Business and human rights defenders: what common ground?”.
- During the world climate summit held in Marrakesh, Morocco, CDP-CENS participated in a high-level panel on the theme “Women leaders and global transformation” at the Palmeraie Golf Palace Hotel on 16 November 2016.
- CDP-CENS organized a panel on freedom of expression, which was held on 13 March 2017 in Room XXIII at the Palais des Nations.
- Since January 2018, CDP-CENS has participated in the various activities of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, including in connection with the universal periodic review process.
- The sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women was held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018.
- Together with the non-governmental organization (NGO) Coup de pousse, we organized a panel on human rights in Africa, which was held on 20 September 2018.
- On 11 March 2019, CDP-CENS participated in a panel on freedom of expression organized by the International Committee for the Respect and Application of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights.
- On 29 May 2019, at the Palais des Nations, CDP-CENS participated in a panel on freedom of expression in Pakistan.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

CDP-CENS maintains ongoing and fruitful cooperation with some United Nations bodies. This cooperation concerns mainly human rights violations related to curbs on democratic freedoms and human rights violations in areas affected by armed conflict.

In addition, CDP-CENS has an ongoing relationship with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and prepares reports and participates in meetings on cases of human rights violations in the Sahel in North Africa. With its partner, Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs, CDP-CENS often speaks out against the violence perpetrated against women by armed groups in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

CDP-CENS also cooperates with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to speak up for the Sahrawi refugees held against their will in the Tindouf camp in Algeria and calls for the reintegration of Mauritians who were formerly refugees in Senegal into their own country. Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs also cooperates with UNHCR on the situation of refugees in North Africa, in particular by standing up for refugees and asylum seekers who have been unjustly expelled from Algeria because they are black Africans considered to be carrying transmissible infections, in particular HIV.

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

CDP-CENS is firmly committed to promoting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals on several fronts, including through its membership of a platform of African NGOs known as Diaspora africaine pour la société de l'information. This platform is a member of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Telecommunication Development Sector, which seeks to combat the North-South digital divide in Internet governance. Projects are being carried out to train women and young people in new information and communications technologies.

Aim of the project:

To create a space where innovative and stimulating ideas can be put forward to pave the way for African women to advance, become leaders and play their full part in running public and private enterprises in accordance with ethical norms and in the interests of economic and social progress.

## **2. Association pour le développement humain en Mauritanie**

**Special, 2016**

### **Introduction**

The Association pour le développement humain en Mauritanie is a development NGO established in Mauritania in 2001 by a group of Mauritanian leaders concerned about their country's development.

The Association's work is based on national and universal moral and ethical values; its activities are anchored in a social framework defined by human solidarity, tolerance and a commitment to combating social problems in their various forms through a process of dialogue and consultation that respects human rights and allows vulnerable groups to thrive.

The Association has legal personality. It has no political or trade union goals. It is required to operate in accordance with the law. Its motto is "faith, solidarity, participation". Its logo depicts a map of Mauritania inside which are two hands crossed in a sign of solidarity.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

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The Association has the following aims:

Its main aims are:

- To involve communities in any activities that might help them to flourish and develop.
- To cultivate civic awareness by letting citizens know about their rights and duties towards the nation so that they can behave appropriately.

- To provide financial assistance to vulnerable groups, as identified by the Association through in-depth technical studies.
- To propose income-generating projects for specific social groups.
- To organize specialist-led round tables and cultural weeks.
- To raise awareness of various social issues.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

During its participation in the sessions of the Human Rights Council, the Association delivered statements orally and submitted others in writing.

The Association works to develop networks of NGOs with common aims. We also work to bring peoples together for lasting peace, without which there can be no development.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Association has participated in sessions of the Human Rights Council (the forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions). At both sessions, our representatives delivered oral statements and submitted others in writing.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- We regularly participate in OHCHR meetings and activities in Mauritania.
- We also work with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to promote respect for the rights of children and women in Mauritania. Our cooperation with UNICEF has given us a great deal of experience in children's rights advocacy.
- We also attend United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) meetings on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

- The Association's work is geared towards the promotion of women's rights and the advancement of women and children in Mauritania, especially in the poor areas of Nouakchott.
- We have organized campaigns on violence against women and children.
- We have also organized campaigns to raise awareness of the rights of children in conflict with the law.
- We are working on the situation of women victims of rape and provide career placement support to women who belong to groups affected by slavery.
- We have also organized campaigns on citizenship and civic rights.
- We have helped over 200 families to obtain civil status documents with the support of the Caritas Mauritanie urban project.

### **3. Association Saemaul Undong Burundi**

#### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

Since 2014, the Association Saemaul Undong Burundi has been carrying out various activities to support development in Burundi, using a community development approach known as Saemaul Undong, which means “new community movement”. The Saemaul Undong approach has been endorsed by the United Nations specifically to steer the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (the post-2015 development agenda) in developing countries.

Saemaul Undong is guided by a volunteer spirit, thereby serving as a means of developing community leadership in Burundi. Through this approach, partnerships between various local and international actors have been formed to consolidate their various efforts, where they are complementary, and to develop cooperation.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The goals of the Association Saemaul Undong Burundi can be summed up in two points:

- To build a community better able to identify and respond to community development challenges.
- To increase rural production and thus national economic growth.

The organization has the following aims:

- To promote the Saemaul Undong approach in community development programmes.
- To improve the living conditions of the population through development projects.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

Significant changes have taken place in the organization over the quadrennial reporting period. These changes include cooperation with national and international partners and an expansion of the organization’s activities on the ground. The organization is currently active in nine of the country’s provinces.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization helps to develop local partnerships within the framework of the activities of United Nations bodies.

The year 2019 was the first year in which the Association’s 2019–2021 strategic plan was evaluated. The Association is pleased with the results achieved and is confident that further progress will be made during the second year of the plan’s implementation. The plan has four strategic objectives:

- To ensure that there are individuals in the community who are able to pass on the Saemaul Undong approach and to participate voluntarily in community development activities.
- To develop, at the community level, professional Samaul Undong entities that are recognized by local government.

- To develop an integrated sustainable development model and support community initiatives.
- To integrate the Saemaul Undong approach into local development programmes through partnerships.

The main focus of the organization's work over the last four years has been to equip volunteers with the technical skills needed to participate in local development activities, on the one hand, and to support community initiatives with a view to launching an integrated and sustainable development model, on the other.

The Association's ambition is that, by 2021, each province where the Saemaul Undong approach has already been implemented will have at least one designated *colline*/village to further local development activities and ensure that the model village evaluation criteria are met.

Also in 2019, the Korea Saemaul Undong Center carried out an evaluation visit to the pilot villages receiving support in four of the provinces of Burundi.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Association Saemaul Undong Burundi regularly participates in meetings organized in Burundi by the following United Nations bodies: the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the World Food Programme (WFP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and UN-Women.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization works closely with United Nations bodies.

It partnered with UN-Women to work on conflict prevention and women's empowerment and with WFP and FAO to help combat food insecurity. In addition, the organization is a member of the Food Security and Livelihoods Sector led by FAO and WFP.

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

The following initiatives have been undertaken to support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals:

- Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 8: The Association continues to focus on empowering Burundian communities, in particular to raise household incomes through income-generating activities.
- Sustainable Development Goal 13: In 2019, the Association piloted its rural energy approach alongside environmental protection measures for the benefit of rural women in particular.
- Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 16: Since 2018, the Association has been working to promote the status and position of women in the context of conflict prevention and peacebuilding.
- Sustainable Development Goal 17: Development of public-private partnerships for sustainable and inclusive community development.



## **4. Center for Family Studies**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

The Center for Family Studies and Research on Values and Law is an independent non-profit research organization established in Casablanca, Morocco.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Center for Family Studies and Research on Values and Laws has the following aims:

- To put the family at the centre of studies and research in the social sciences.
- To develop an Islamic sociology of the family based on a new approach to science and values.
- To draw up a Moroccan family charter.
- To fund research on the family through thematic studies and publishing ventures.
- To provide methodological and theoretical training for researchers working in the areas of the family, values and laws.
- To draft proposals on family issues on the basis of scientific data from relevant parties.
- To contribute to the production of ideas and the development of universal legislative instruments through relevant national and international organizations.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

In 2018, chapter 3 of the Center's statute, which concerns its administrative structure, was amended. The Center's general assembly took the unanimous decision to strip the board of directors of its decision-making powers.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

At the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018, which was organized around the theme "Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls", the Center's members made an important contribution in the form of a workshop held on Tuesday, 3 March 2018, entitled "The specific situation of Arab women in conflict areas: the case of Palestinian, Syrian and Sahrawi women".

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The Center attended a workshop organized by the High Authority for Audiovisual Communication on the issue of equality between men and women with regard to freedom of expression, which focused on the efforts made in Morocco to improve the representation of women in the media.

The Center also attended a workshop organized by Tunisia on the introduction of the country's Act on the Elimination of Violence against Women. At that workshop,

experts from Canada and the European Union discussed the context in which the Act had been adopted and its content.

The Center also participated in a workshop organized by the Arab Women Organization, within the framework of its cooperation with UNDP, at which a guide to mainstreaming gender in development policies was presented.

In addition, the Legal and Social Advice Centre, in partnership with the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine to the United Nations, organized a workshop on the impact of Israeli occupation on the lives of Palestinian women in Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Lastly, the Center participated in a workshop entitled “Cracking the code: empowering rural girls and women through digital skills”, which was organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in partnership with German Cooperation.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- Participated in the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York.
- Participated in the sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

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

- Organized specialized conferences and national and international meetings on the sociology of the family and on educational and family sciences.
- Publishes a focused report every four years on the situation of the family in Morocco.
- Publishes a specialized periodical with a view to ultimately publishing a scholarly journal.
- Formed partnerships to carry out joint research projects with national and international scientific institutions.

## **5. Cercle de recherche sur les droits et les devoirs de la personne humaine**

### **Special, 2008**

#### **Introduction**

The Cercle de recherche sur les droits et les devoirs de la personne humaine (CRED) is a non-profit humanitarian organization that does not pursue political goals.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

CRED is a group of intellectuals and researchers who aim to raise international public awareness of the meaning and importance of human rights and duties and related international instruments. Through research, advocacy, programmes, teaching, awareness-raising and information-sharing, its members aim to propose innovative solutions to current issues related to democracy, discrimination, governance, terrorism, international migration, climate change and suicide.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

As part of the efforts made to implement the National Anti-Discrimination Programme of Cameroon, CRED has carried out advocacy work to strengthen the funding of the treaty bodies. For example, 3,523.40 Swiss francs was raised for the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination at a charity gala held at the InterContinental Hotel on 3 December 2016.

CRED advocates the establishment of a foundation to finance the treaty bodies.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- On 26 July 2017, CRED submitted a report to the Human Rights Committee in connection with the consideration of the fifth periodic report of Cameroon.
- On 15 August 2017, CRED submitted a report to the Committee against Torture in connection with the consideration of the fifth periodic report of Cameroon.
- On 15 January 2018, CRED submitted a report on State terrorism in Cameroon to the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee in connection with the consultations held on the negative effects of terrorism on the effective enjoyment of human rights.
- The same report on coercive measures to combat State terrorism under Paul Biya was submitted in connection with the review of Cameroon under the universal periodic review process, at the thirtieth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (April–May 2018).
- A written statement on the same issue – terrorism perpetrated by Paul Biya – was submitted at the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

As mentioned in the section on participation, the Center has cooperated with the following United Nations bodies:

- The Human Rights Council.
- The Committee against Torture.
- The Human Rights Committee.
- The Human Rights Council Advisory Board.
- The Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

CRED believes that compliance with treaties is fundamental to the development of peoples and that the United Nations must therefore set aside greater resources to finance treaties. All stakeholders should also contribute to the ongoing discussions regarding a treaty foundation.

## **6. Comité/Club UNESCO universitaire pour la lutte contre la drogue et les autres pandémies**

**Special, 2016**

### **Introduction**

The Comité/Club UNESCO universitaire pour la lutte contre la drogue et les autres pandémies (CLUCOD) was established on 3 June 2003 at the University of Cocody in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. CLUCOD leads efforts to combat drugs.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Since its establishment, CLUCOD has been carrying out awareness-raising activities, providing training, undertaking advocacy work with decision makers and monitoring the tobacco industry in a bid to help reduce the consumption of tobacco and illicit drugs in Côte d'Ivoire.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

CLUCOD strengthened its technical and organizational capacities and those of the stakeholders with whom it works with a view to helping advance the tobacco control programme in Côte d'Ivoire through improved governance and professionalism. These efforts enabled Côte d'Ivoire to ratify the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products in 2016 and to adopt the Tobacco Control Act (No. 2019-676) of 23 July 2019 in accordance with the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). CLUCOD is contributing to the implementation of the FCTC in Côte d'Ivoire. In 2003, the United Nations, acting through the World Health Assembly, adopted FCTC, an international treaty for the implementation of effective tobacco control policies worldwide. Drugs in general and tobacco use in particular hinder social and economic development. Half of smokers die from tobacco-related diseases. Half of these deaths occur among people of working age in midlife (35–69 years). The ratification of FCTC in August 2010 and of the Protocol thereto in 2016 and the adoption of the Tobacco Control Act (No. 2019-676) of 23 July 2019 have bolstered tobacco control efforts and thus the implementation of this important instrument for the United Nations.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

CLUCOD participated in three international meetings organized by the FCTC secretariat: the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to FCTC in India in November 2016; the eighth session in Switzerland in October 2018; and, as a civil society observer alongside the Framework Convention Alliance on Tobacco Control, the first session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products in Switzerland in 2018.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

CLUCOD has no direct cooperation with United Nations bodies other than the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). However, CLUCOD has fostered cooperation with the WHO country office and the programme office of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime Regional Office for West and Central Africa

through their technical assistance and/or participation in activities. This collaboration has had a strong impact on the organization's role as a development actor.

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

The work undertaken by CLUCOD includes two projects funded by the African Capacity-Building Foundation in Harare, Zimbabwe, which are both aimed at achieving Millennium Development Goal 6: an advocacy project on the adoption of a tobacco control law in accordance with FCTC and a capacity-building project on the prevention of tobacco consumption in Côte d'Ivoire. Smoking is without question a major obstacle to the fight against the "major diseases that afflict humanity". Tobacco use also hampers progress towards the achievement of some of the other Millennium Development Goals, including those relating to gender equality and the health of mothers and children. Once implemented, the various instruments mentioned above will doubtless produce results that demonstrate our contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals.

CLUCOD has gained considerable experience from its cooperation with United Nations bodies. Its special consultative status has greatly enhanced its credibility with technical and financial partners.

## **7. Corps de réflexion et de planification pour l'utilité sociale**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

The Corps de réflexion et de planification pour l'utilité sociale (CORPUS) is a people-centred organization that has been running campaigns to raise awareness of discrimination and racism in Switzerland for the past seven years and supports sustainable development projects in Africa, particularly projects to promote schooling for poor children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and projects in Benin that are mainly concerned with environmental protection. This approach is fully in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

On the strength of its advocacy work and the expertise of its members, CORPUS is also called upon to address issues related to the protection and integration of migrants. It has thus worked closely with institutions such as the Office for the Integration of Migrants and the Fight against Racism of the canton of Fribourg, Switzerland, and, through the "kontakt-citoyenneté" programme, with the Federal Commission on Migration of Switzerland and the Migros Culture Percentage.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

As a civil society organization and actor, CORPUS supports and promotes the Sustainable Development Goals, which are the cornerstone of the United Nations agenda. The organization balances these efforts with supporting children's education and implementing projects for young people as best it can. This balancing act serves a just cause, namely, that of ensuring that essential teaching resources reach the countries of the global South from developed countries. The United Nations is also concerned with balancing the social, economic and environmental dimensions of sustainable development with a view to eradicating, among other things, poverty and illiteracy.

CORPUS thus plays a bridging role in young people's informal learning through outreach methodologies that enhance diversity by bringing together young people of

different genders and from different backgrounds. To this end, CORPUS is pursuing objectives in the following areas:

- Integration and social cohesion.
- Intergenerational policy.
- Combating injustice and racism.
- Promoting and protecting children's rights.
- Promoting and supporting the Sustainable Development Goals in general.
- Promoting and coordinating humanitarian and social activities.

Ever since it was founded, CORPUS has worked to promote and protect the rights of the child as enshrined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child of 20 November 1989, which entered into force for Switzerland on 26 March 1997. The young people of today are the decision makers of tomorrow. It is important to take steps to allow young people to flourish in a society built on tolerance.

The organization advocates harmonious and multicultural integration as a vehicle for promoting sustainable coexistence and ensuring a better society for future generations.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

Since the submission of its previous report, our organization has made significant changes to its strategy for implementing the Sustainable Development Goals. CORPUS has undergone a transformation, with an expansion of its activities in Africa, particularly in Benin and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Together with local organizations and government bodies in Benin and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, our organization implements environmental protection projects and capacity-building projects for social organizations working to protect children's rights.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, CORPUS has launched a project to support local organizations in Kinshasa and Lubumbashi through training workshops for leaders of organizations working to promote and protect children's rights. Launched in August 2018, this project is still operational, with seven organizations now trained. Each training course takes place over a three-month period with an average of 24 hours of classes and practical workshops. Teaching resources are also distributed. A certificate of accreditation is awarded on completion of the course.

CORPUS also offers legal advice to organizations and individuals, mostly migrants, in order to help them to identify the appropriate professionals and services in Switzerland. Over four years, CORPUS has held more than 380 advice sessions, which is an average of 2 per week. This amounts to considerable experience at the interface between the lives of migrants in general and the reality in Switzerland. In most cases, it is a matter of explaining the content of a simple letter or an administrative or judicial decision.

Our organization has followed the activities of United Nations bodies, in particular the General Assembly, the Security Council, ECOSOC and OHCHR, and their various mechanisms, with great interest. CORPUS has focused its activities on the implementation of sustainable development programmes in areas such as education, health and environmental protection in Africa. In addition, CORPUS has focused on awareness-raising campaigns relating to democracy and the prevention of

discrimination, working actively with the communal, cantonal and federal authorities of Switzerland and local organizations in the country.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

As part of its strategy for contributing to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, CORPUS has directly or indirectly participated in a number of activities and side events. CORPUS has participated in almost every session of the Human Rights Council and in the many side events held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

- Alongside other civil society organizations, our organization has helped to draft civil society statements at the sessions of the Human Rights Council and of the special procedures, in particular at the forty-second session of the Human Rights Council.
- For example, CORPUS prepared a memorandum for a coordinating committee of African States at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. The document touched on issues such as the eradication of child labour in mines and companies. CORPUS also raised the issue of the involvement of children in military or paramilitary organizations.
- At the thirty-first session of the Human Rights Council, the organization welcomed the statement by Dr. Denis Mukwege and his timely call for an end to violence against children and women. In a short, exclusive interview with Dr. Mukwege, the organization expressed its support for his continued work to protect human rights at the United Nations.
- In March 2018, a meeting was held with an activist from Lutte Pour Le Changement (LUCHA) and the Director of the Crisis and Conflict Division of Human Rights Watch, during the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council, with a view to emphasizing the importance of United Nations mechanisms as binding measures for ensuring respect of human rights.
- At the thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, the organization had a brief exchange with the Minister for Human Rights of the Democratic Republic of the Congo regarding the efforts already made, and those still to be made, to promote human rights in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- In addition, the organization extends invitations to individuals and partners who are not familiar with the work of the United Nations. It issues student interns and partners with temporary badges so that they can participate in sessions and side events, mainly at the Palais des Nations in Geneva. For example, a doctor from Kinshasa, who is knowledgeable about sickle cell diseases in young people, was able to take part in the thirty-ninth regular session of the Human Rights Council. By visiting the Palais des Nations, he was able to engage with mechanisms that could help to raise awareness of these diseases, which are a scourge on Congolese society but yet receive little attention.
- CORPUS actively participated in activities relating to the universal periodic review process at the thirty-sixth and fortieth sessions of the Human Rights Council.

CORPUS has also participated in several events and information activities organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva/UNAAS and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in different United Nations buildings.

Our organization has also analysed various reports prepared by the special rapporteurs and chairs of coordination groups for various themes, including a 2019 report on the situation of women human rights defenders (A/HRC/40/60).

Our members make use of the Library of the Palais des Nations whenever the need arises. We receive daily newsletters from the United Nations system through our email contact with the NGO Liaison Unit in Geneva.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

CORPUS has maintained good cooperation with United Nations bodies, in particular the bodies mandated to provide technical assistance to the Human Rights Council and all support services. Our organization is truly appreciative of the communication unit and, above all, the NGO Liaison Unit. We hope to see this cooperation increase further.

## **8. Droit à l'énergie SOS futur**

**Special, 2004**

### **Introduction**

Our organization, Droit à l'énergie SOS futur (DAE), fights for better access to sustainable energy for all, in all regions of the world. It is our belief that declaring a world day for access to sustainable energy for all and having the United Nations recognize the right to energy as a fundamental right would help to improve social and economic development across the globe.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims and means of action of DAE include:

- To have access to energy recognized as a basic need.
- To secure access to energy at the international level.
- To introduce a governance model for energy security.
- To provide information about sources of renewable energy.
- To create a development fund for energy access (infrastructure, training, census) as a means of launching structuring projects in developing countries, in constant partnership with civil society.
- To promote technology transfers to facilitate the organization of the energy sector (production means, operating system).
- To promote a research policy and secure funding for it in order to meet energy needs and to reduce the ecological footprint.
- To have the right to energy enshrined in the Constitution of each nation as a fundamental human right.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

In the last few years, there have been several changes within our governing body, including the organization's leadership. Our goals for the coming year are to continue to inform and to mobilize, to forge links with new organizations and to create content to give more visibility to this issue.



### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

We have not participated in many United Nations activities in recent years. However, we have been very active in Europe, particularly in France and within the European Right to Energy Coalition, in whose forum we recently participated. We are very active on social media, where we conduct research and share information. Our goal? To provide our members with information to keep them engaged.

We regularly update our web page.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

We participated in a webinar on ECOSOC.

### **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 work follows on from Sustainable Development Goal 7: “Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all”. In our view, ensuring access to energy is the starting point for progress on several other issues, such as access to education and economic growth.

Energy is not a given. In the world today, nearly one billion people do not have access to electricity, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. Moreover, for hundreds of millions of others, this access is insufficient or intermittent. The fact that energy is a basic necessity and is at the heart of human development is no longer in question. We need it to light and heat our homes, to keep cool, to move around, to feed ourselves and to gain access to the Internet. Urgent action must therefore be taken to correct this inequality, which is the cause of others.

Over the last four years, numerous international meetings on energy have taken place, including two World Energy Congresses: one in Istanbul in 2016 and one in Abu Dhabi in 2019. However, these events still do not pay enough attention to fuel poverty issues.

In this time of climate crisis, there are many risks, and we must take steps to adapt and protect ourselves from the associated consequences.

We are committed to continuing our work on this issue and to continuing to bring it to the attention of more and more people so that it becomes a priority for the relevant political and economic actors.

## **9. Environmental Development Action in the Third World**

### **General, 1996**

#### **Introduction**

Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA TM) is almost unique among those international NGOs that have a presence in several continents in that it was set up and subsequently expanded its activities in the global South. Although ENDA TM now operates and has expanded its activities in Latin America (Colombia, Dominican Republic), Asia (Viet Nam, India), East Africa (Ethiopia), the Indian Ocean (Madagascar), North Africa (Morocco, Tunisia), Central Africa (Cameroon), it is in Senegal and West Africa (Mali, Burkina Faso, Guinea Bissau,

Cabo Verde, etc.) that it carries out a significant number of its activities to assist the most vulnerable groups. The 23 member entities making up the network operate in 11 countries and implement projects in more than 40, addressing cross-cutting issues at the subregional, regional and international levels. Under the headquarters agreement that ENDA TM signed with the Government of Senegal, its executive secretariat (Headquarters) has been based in Dakar since 1978, from where it coordinates the network's cross-cutting activities across the globe.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

#### **Vision:**

ENDA TM aims to bring about a world that is united and peaceful, protective of the future of the planet and respectful of human rights and human dignity, social justice and cultural diversity, and where resources are distributed equitably and managed in a way that benefits present and future generations.

#### **Mission:**

- ENDA TM works to promote a society that is fair and equitable and diverse and inclusive by effecting cultural, environmental, political, economic and social change.
- ENDA TM works to build societies where everyone can fully assume their responsibilities and participate in collective regulation. In this vein, ENDA TM works to promote development and combats different forms of exclusion and poverty, and addresses their underlying causes.
- ENDA TM works to promote the autonomy, empowerment and leading role of communities and social movements. It promotes their meaningful and informed participation in socioeconomic processes and in defining public policies.
- ENDA TM works to promote respect for human rights, pluralism, cultural diversity and equality between men and women.
- ENDA TM also works to promote the decompartmentalization and coordination of knowledge and activities at the local, regional and global levels.

#### **Aims:**

- To work towards the convergence of its members' initiatives.
- To promote the development of cross-cutting activities and services to help to achieve the mission set out in article 6.
- To strengthen capacity for action, reflection and collective influence.

#### **Values:**

The values guiding the governance, activities and operation of ENDA TM are set out in the ENDA TM Charter: autonomy and convergence, responsibility and accountability, social equity and equality between men and women, transparency, respect for and valuing people, participatory democracy, subsidiarity, solidarity, efficiency and effectiveness, and innovation.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- ENDA TM organized a major national civil society campaign called "Act4SDGs" and participated in the preparations for and in the United Nations

Climate Action Summit/Sustainable Development Goals Summit held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, United States of America, in September 2019.

- On 25 September 2019, ENDA TM participated in the side event “Building Resilience in the Sahel” at the Climate Action Summit/Sustainable Development Goals Summit held at United Nations Headquarters, New York, United States of America, organized by ENDA Energie and the Overseas Development Institute under the auspices of the Building Resilience and Adaptation to Climate Extremes and Disasters (BRACED) Knowledge Manager consortium.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

A representative of ENDA TM in New York (Action ENDA-UE) took part in:

- “Families and Climate Action: Focus on Sustainable Development Goal 13” on 16 May 2019 at United Nations Headquarters.
- “Voices from the Mine: Exploring Sustainable Development Goal 8 and Decent Work in the Informal Mining Sector” on 18 June 2019 at United Nations Headquarters.
- The sixty-eight United Nations Civil Society Conference, which took place from 26 to 28 August 2019 in Salt Lake City, Utah, United States. The theme of the Conference was “Building Inclusive and Sustainable Cities and Communities”. This conference brought together people from all over the world. Our representative said that he met, and learned from, a lot of amazing and diverse individuals at the Conference. There were high levels of participation. It was an amazing feeling to see all of the hard work come together and to witness the success of the Conference.
- World Leaders Forum, held on 17 September 2019 at Colombia University, New York. Here, the United Nations Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth shared her experiences and her views on youth with the audience. Overall, this was a very thoughtful and inspiring event that showed the struggles of youth, their potential to positively change the world, and the need for their voices to be heard. It is really humbling for people to recognize youth as an important population.

### **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 country teams took part in the following initiatives:

1. ENDA-Ecopop in Africa helped to set up a system for collecting, analysing and monitoring data relating to Sustainable Development Goal 16.
2. ENDA-Madagascar participated in information and training activities on Sustainable Development Goals 4, 10, 16 and 17 for five groups of vulnerable young people from three regions (Analamanga, Atsinanana and Itasy).
3. In 2019, ENDA-Inter Arabe in Tunisia took part in a project called “Women and Society” aimed at strengthening women’s role in society with the aim of promoting gender equality (Sustainable Development Goal 5) and guaranteeing fundamental rights as a means of bringing about a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world where women will play a vital role in the inclusive development process.

4. ENDA-Viet Nam was involved in a project called “Eradicating Plastic Debris in the Ocean – A Local Solution to Global Problems” in 2019.

5. In 2019, ENDA-Energie in Africa (regional initiative) participated in a project called “Support for African cities in sustainable energy and climate-sensitive planning (adaptation-

6. mitigation)”, in partnership with the Conference of Mayors of sub-Saharan Africa, for the purpose of developing and implementing an action plan for sustainable energy access and the climate (Sustainable Development Goal 13).

7. In 2019, ENDA-Pronat in Senegal took part in a project called “Creating a multi-actor partnership for scaling up the agroecological transition in Senegal” (Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 8, 12, 13 and 15).

## **10. Initiative féministe euroméditerranéenne**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

Initiative féministe euroméditerranéenne (IFE-EFI) is still active in promoting women’s rights. IFE-EFI seeks to deliver education and training for women, promote the equal participation of women in decision-making processes and continuously combat violence against women. The organization’s geographical coverage extends from Europe to the Middle East and North Africa.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims of IFE-EFI are to promote gender equality and the empowerment and safety of women. In that connection, the purposes of IFE-EFI are to develop and strengthen women’s participation in political, social and economic life on an equal footing, which is a determining factor for the establishment of democracy. To sensitize and mobilize women from different movements and countries so as to bring about the convergence of their actions. To promote the inclusion of gender equality in the agendas of all components of the democratic movement. To raise the awareness of civil society of the steps to be taken to combat violence against girls and women and structural violence in institutions.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

- A change in name: Initiative Féministe EuroMed.
- There has been a significant increase or change in the geographical distribution of our community of members and foundations. Previously, our organization and network were composed of independent organizations and professional persons (teachers, translators, lawyers and researchers) located in 15 European countries, but our network has since expanded to include the countries located in the south Mediterranean (North Africa and the Middle East).

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

No cooperation was specified.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

IFE-EFI representatives participated in the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters from 13 to 24 March 2017 on the theme of “Women’s economic empowerment in the changing world of

work”. Alongside this event, IFE-EFI, in cooperation with the Swedish Mission in New York, organized a side event on the Syrian Arab Republic on 24 March 2017.

#### **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.

## **11. Institut Jules-Destrée**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

Institut Destrée is a European think-and-do tank located in Wallonia. As both a non-governmental research centre and a pluralist and independent think tank, its approach is based on creative thinking.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

Research and development enhanced by continuing education, advice and field action. Institut Destrée carries out different types of research, which is generally inter-university in nature. These include basic research, applied research and involved research. As a think tank, its main focus is on innovation and operationalization, including continuing education.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The consolidation of skills through professional training: Institut Destrée pays the greatest attention to the new generations coming up. It wishes to help them to consolidate their skills in the areas of source analysis, pedagogical support, democratic governance, foresight and information technologies.

A permanent international presence: by promoting a more respectful and cohesive society, the foresight research process known as Millennia2015, “An action plan for women’s empowerment and gender equality”, has helped to secure Institut Destrée a more prominent position on the world stage. This position is strengthened by the fact that it shows how local and regional actors can have a real capacity to act at the global level.

Institut Destrée, in cooperation with the Millennia2025 Women and Innovation Foundation, submitted written contributions that were selected for inclusion in the official documents of the Commission on the Status of Women:

- 2019 – sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women  
Millennia2025 MAD-Skills: “Master, Apply and Dynamize your skills to learn, transmit and work: women’s empowerment through innovation”.
- 2018 – sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women: “Share and affirm your skills in innovation and the empowerment of women with the Millennia2025 Intelligence Platform”.

- 2017 – sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women “Together for equality and Millennia2025 She4Innovation for women’s economic leadership”.
- 2016 – sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women “Millennia2025 Solidarity-Women: Memorandum of decisions”.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

No participation was specified.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

A copy of the book “Together for Equality!” and the report “Foresight, International Networks and Concrete Actions for Women’s Empowerment and Gender Equality: Report 2007–2017 – Objective 2025” by Marie-Anne Delahaut, with a preface by the Director General of UNESCO, has been sent to ECOSOC by recorded delivery.

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

Institut Destrée and the Millennia2025 Women and Innovation Foundation link their activities to the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly those associated with the strategic priorities resulting from the international foresight exercise conducted by Millennia2025 from 2007 to 2012: (Millennia2025 = M2025, Strategic priority = SA)

- Health, Sustainable Development Goal 3 (M2025 AS-3): To develop innovative processes by which access to medical care can be realized by mobilizing new human, financial and technological resources.
- Education, Sustainable Development Goal 4 (M2025 AS-2): To maximize women’s individual and collective possibilities in the areas of freedom of movement, decision-making, quality of life, education, training and employment.
- Equality, Sustainable Development Goal 5 (M2025 AS-5): To accord girls the same rights as boys in education and training, to open up all fields of study to them and to involve them in common projects.
- Justice, Sustainable Development Goal 16 (M2025 AS-1): To better respect and protect women’s physical, moral and psychological integrity. To enhance women’s legal capacity and ensure that their aggressors do not go unpunished.
- Decent work and economic growth, Sustainable Development Goal 8 (M2025 AS-6): Economic leadership. The process that led us to combine the four strategic priorities/Sustainable Development Goals shows that economic leadership (Sustainable Development Goal 8 and AS-6) is the most innovative solution to be developed by women to secure the future of women and girls, namely, increasing women’s access to quality socioeconomic activities, which combine performance, efficiency, equity, sustainability and social responsibility.

## **12. Ordre des avocats à la Cour de Paris**

**Special, 2008**

### **Introduction**

The Paris Bar Association is a professional association that defends the general interests of the legal profession. It is made up of 30,000 lawyers and is administered by the Bar Council, which is composed of 42 members and chaired by the President of the Bar, elected by his or her peers. The Ordre des avocats employs 200 people.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The Ordre des avocats de Paris, under the leadership of the President of the Bar, deals with matters concerning the legal profession, its organization, its future and justice and its administration.

The Ordre des avocats de Paris supports the exercise of fundamental freedoms, human rights defenders and lawyers under threat throughout the world (by means of legal support and/or direct, practical assistance, such as paying for protection measures in the form of medical care for imprisoned colleagues or even for them to leave the country). The Paris Bar Association carries out a large number of judicial observation and support missions for colleagues in danger throughout the world. To this end, it set up an international observatory for lawyers in danger.

The Ordre des avocats de Paris works to promote access to justice for the most vulnerable people and provides several thousand free consultations in various locations, online or by telephone. Each year, the Ordre also provides financial support to several dozen associations concerned with promoting access to justice for vulnerable or at-risk groups.

The Ordre des avocats de Paris, which is a founding member of the World Coalition Against the Death Penalty, is very active in the fight against the death penalty and in international criminal justice.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The Paris Bar Association is active in defending human rights and in protecting human rights defenders. It also works to promote democracy and the rule of law.

The Paris Bar Association is also active in promoting social integration and, each year, steps up its efforts to ensure that the most vulnerable groups have access to their rights. The Paris Bar Association, which is engaged in combating inequality and all forms of violence, and in working to secure recognition of everyone's rights, has taken a series of measures tailored to the needs of women, whatever the type of violence they are suffering, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex persons, older persons, minors, foreigners, persons with disabilities and persons with psychiatric disorders, in order to encourage those groups to claim their rights.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- The Ordre des avocats à la Cour de Paris participated in the sixty-sixth session of the Committee against Torture following the submission of a shadow report on the Democratic Republic of the Congo and death row.

- The Ordre des avocats à la Cour de Paris took part in the campaign for a United Nations General Assembly resolution for a moratorium on the use of the death penalty.
- The Ordre des avocats à la Cour de Paris participated in activities and events organized for the World Day against the Death Penalty, International Women's Day, the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, World Refugee Day, World Children's Day and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The Ordre des avocats de Paris submitted several shadow reports in connection with the review of Turkey, Honduras, Egypt and the Islamic Republic of Iran during the universal periodic review process. It also provided input on the issue of the application of the death penalty, on behalf of the World Coalition against the Death Penalty, to the stakeholder reports for many countries during the universal periodic review process. It has also submitted a report on the situation of unaccompanied foreign minors to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in the context of the review of France.

The Paris Bar Association has, on several occasions, submitted complaints to United Nations human rights protection bodies, including the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, the Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, and the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions.

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

The Paris Bar Association defends those who defend human rights around the world. It works to promote gender equality so that the principle of parity between men and women is effectively applied in distributing responsibilities and in remuneration, and, to that end, has set up a parity observatory. The Paris Bar Association supports the most vulnerable and poorest people in claiming their rights.

## **13. Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Coopération Économique Internationale**

### **Special, 2008**

#### **Introduction**

The Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Coopération Économique Internationale – OCAPROCE Internationale, was established in Geneva on 28 February 2003.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

These include: children's rights; the economic, social and cultural rights of women; international economic cooperation and fundraising; promoting communication and information communications technology for development; creating partnerships between the producers of agricultural raw materials in African countries and buyers, with a view to marketing their products on the international market; and trade and development.



### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Over the period 2016–2019, OCAPROCE organized various panels and round tables on the following themes: “The Skills Forum of the Cameroonian Diaspora DAVOC 2015” and “Human Rights and Development: A Priority”. It also organized solidarity and fundraising days for street children, and Central African refugees, in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Its annual general meeting, which had on its agenda the adoption of its quadrennial activity report for the period 2016–2020, the adoption of its financial report for the period 2016–2020 and the adoption of its action plan for the period 2016–2020, as well as the organization of the governance structure of OCAPROCE representations abroad. “Building sustainable peace through the effective implementation of women’s and girls’ rights”. The situation of human rights in Tunisia, with a focus on the role of women in transitional justice and on State responsibility for women, children and persons with disabilities. An event on the challenges encountered by women and girls in Africa in accessing information and communications technology: identifying the causes of inequality and proposing concrete solutions to involve women and girls in information and communications technology education and training by 2030, hosted by ITU. “Human rights violations in Pakistan, the case of Kashmir”. Panel on the rights of the child in conflict areas under the auspices of the Human Rights Council. The case of Yemen. “Women’s empowerment for information and communications technology and sustainable development”. OCAPROCE has organized the International NGO Forum on the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Women every year since 2009.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

From 2016 to 2019, OCAPROCE provided oral and written statements at the following United Nations conferences related to women’s and children’s rights:

- 13 September 2016: thirty-third session of the Human Rights Council.
- 2 June 2017: Global Solutions Summit.
- 19 November 2017: Peace Week.
- UNCTAD eCommerce Week 2018. Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-Commerce and the Digital Economy.
- March 2018: delivered oral statements on agenda items 3 and 8 at the Human Rights Council.
- 24 September 2019: forty-second session of the Human Rights Council.
- 18 December 2019: Press conference in cooperation with the Ligue du Sahara pour la démocratie et les droits de l’Homme on the human rights situation in the Tindouf camp.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In addition to its active participation in several UNCTAD conferences, where OCAPROCE contributed in writing and orally, from 2016 to 2019, OCAPROCE launched a training and information project for women producers of agricultural raw materials (cocoa, coffee), which is already progressing in Ntui in Cameroon with the Mbam and Kim Rural Women’s Association. This project is being carried out in partnership with UNCTAD. OCAPROCE made a written contribution to UNCTAD XIV, which took place from 17 to 22 July 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya. Over the period

2016–2019, OCAPROCE played an active role in the World Summit on the Information Society Forum.

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

Sustainable Development Goal 1: OCAPROCE made donations as part of its fourth day of solidarity with street children and orphans at the city hall of the fifth district of Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Sustainable Development Goal 4: The pilot project to educate, train and reintegrate marginalized children in the rural commune of Kongso (Bafoussam), Cameroon, is in its final phase; computer equipment and other donations will soon be provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Institut Le Rosey in Rolle, Canton of Vaud, Switzerland. We are looking for donors to transport this equipment to its final destination.

Sustainable Development Goal 5: Every two years, OCAPROCE organizes an information and training workshop for women producers of agricultural raw materials (cocoa, coffee) in Ntui, Cameroon, on “the quality and conservation of products”. There are plans to build a training and information centre in this area.

In 2017, a draft resolution on “persistent inequalities in women’s economic, social and cultural rights and means of implementation” was prepared by the Forum, but, unfortunately, has not yet been tabled at the Human Rights Council due to lack of sponsorship.

OCAPROCE also organized an interactive round table on the theme “women’s empowerment for the economy and development”.

## **14. Plateforme pour le développement durable des Caraïbes Special, 2008**

### **Introduction**

The Plateforme pour le Développement Durable des Caraïbes (PLAC 21) focuses on humanitarian action and development aid. The aim of its activities is to improve social conditions by encouraging all components of civil society to contribute actively to the global effort for sustainable development and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

- To promote and encourage the sharing of experience and information by all possible means.
- To organize conferences, seminars, symposiums and meetings, and to publish and/or disseminate articles, magazines, books, audiovisual materials and newsletters to promote sustainable development, human rights, local Agenda 21 programmes and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.
- To assist disadvantaged persons without distinction and to combat all forms of discrimination.
- To carry out studies and to devise, implement and perpetuate sustainable development activities to revitalize the economic and social fabric.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

PLAC 21 participated in the following United Nations conferences:

- June 2017: CAO followed proceedings at the tenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held from 13 to 15 June 2017 at United Nations Headquarters, New York.
- July 2017: CAO participated, together with the NGO Association Internationale Soufie Alawiyya, in the launch of the “Plan of Action for Religious Leaders and Actors to Prevent Incitement to Violence that Could Lead to Atrocity Crimes”, organized by the United Nations Office. This plan is also called the “Fez Plan of Action”.

Organized international days declared by the General Assembly of the United Nations:

- International Youth Day, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the International Day of Older Persons, the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction and the International Day of la Francophonie.
- Organized an annual event to mark the International Day of Indigenous Peoples.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- December 2017: Attended, alongside the Algerian diplomatic mission to the United Nations, the General Assembly of the United Nations in New York, for the declaration of the International Day of Living Together in Peace. The day was unanimously approved by 193 countries in the General Assembly on 8 December 2017 by resolution A/72/L26.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- May 2017: Workshop on living together in peace in cooperation with UNESCO in Paris, attended by the Director General of UNESCO.

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

- Sustainable Development Goals 16 and 17: May 2016: Partnership with the NGO Association Internationale Soufie Alawiyya, leader of the “International Day of Living Together in Peace” project.
- Sustainable Development Goals 4, 11 and 17: January 2017: Workshop in Hanoi (Viet Nam): “The alliance between territories, cultures and young people to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals”.
- Sustainable Development Goals 4, 11, 16 and 17: May 2018: Active participant in the sixth edition of the Grands Prix Mosaïque, which was organized around the theme “Living Together in Peace and Sustainable Development”, in Quebec, Canada. The event took place at the Théâtre St-James and was attended by many guests and dignitaries who had come to attend the sixth Gala de la Diversité, which was attended by the Minister of International Relations and La Francophonie of Quebec.

- Sustainable Development Goals 16 and 17: May 2018: Celebration of the International Day of Living Together in Peace at UNESCO in Paris, in partnership with the NGO Association Internationale Soufie Alawiyya, which is in special consultative status with ECOSOC.
- Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 16: May 2019: Art exhibition for peace “Women, Heart of Peace”, in Tunisia.

## **15. RESO-Femmes**

### **General, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

RESO-Femmes is a network whose purpose is to engage with and support women’s organizations. Thanks to our association with IAGPlanet and our core team, we have been able to expand our activities and advocacy work to other regions and to countries where women are vulnerable, suffer violence and live in precarious conditions. Our general statutes and registered experts, together with our achievements in Mali and Burkina Faso, have allowed us to step up our activities, advocacy work and accomplishments in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Syrian Arab Republic, Madagascar and the Niger.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The goal of RESO-Femmes and its aims are: The scientific and concrete achievements made in Mali and Burkina Faso have allowed us to expand our activities to other regions, particularly the most precarious and fragile areas. We continue to bring together local associations in a network of 20 such entities. Our experts train these associations using our own home-made tools and programmes, which can be brought to bear in those countries where we have local connections. RESO-Femmes mobilizes and trains young people and plays an intermediary role in training women in new irrigation techniques using technologies and training provided by IAGPlanet. We are in the process of mobilizing funds to repeat these activities and to expand them to the most fragile regions. Africa has many young people. By mobilizing private, national, European and international funds, we intend to lend new visibility to the women and young people we train so that they do not leave their country.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

We have devised several programmes and projects related to gender and women’s empowerment. We have undertaken several advocacy actions, including an oral presentation in New York for the 2017 climate conference. Advocacy actions and the effective conduct of activities on the ground with municipalities, villages and suburban communities, involving groups of young people (female and male) in those actions and activities and ensuring that they tie in with the Sustainable Development Goals gives visibility and a means to carry out more specific advocacy actions at international conferences and in respect of foundations. On the ground, we train women and young people to be more aware of their autonomy and to develop their agriculture and local businesses, as we did in Mali and Burkina Faso.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The president and members of the team have participated in conferences at the International Labour Office, having undertaken advocacy actions and produced publications on the right to development. Our team has also contributed to the work of bodies in Geneva and New York: UNCTAD, OHCHR, UNDP, UNESCO in Paris, WHO, the World Trade Organization (WTO), UN-Women and the United Nations Department of Safety and Security.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The president has been invited on several occasions to give presentations in Morocco, Brazil, Brussels, Geneva, Paris and Costa Rica at events organized by United Nations bodies in connection with the Sustainable Development Goals and the link with the precarious situation of women on the ground and those who lack training.

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

We have taken steps to mobilize more funds from sources other than Swiss municipalities by making presentations to foundations such as Rothschild, Ford, Schmidheiny and ODDS.

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