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1. Action communautaire femme et enfant

Special, 2016

Introduction

The non-profit organization called Action communautaire femme et enfant (ACFE), hereinafter the Association, was founded in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Association operates in all regions of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the Association is to promote social, philanthropic and humanitarian projects in aid of rural women and children.

- Building the capacities of women market gardeners through training in farming and animal husbandry techniques
- Empowering rural women through literacy and the management of income-generating activities
- Promoting access to education and primary health care for children who neither work nor study
- Helping to improve the health of the rural population, with a focus on psychosocial support for people living with HIV/AIDS and environmental sanitation
- Combating global warming by raising public awareness of relevant practices and techniques
- Promoting the participation of the rural population in local governance through civic education

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We collect and verify information and then disseminate it through our website and Facebook page, with a view to informing people about particular causes and potentially mobilizing their support.

We have worked with women and children in rural areas, specifically Maluku in Kinshasa Province, to improve their literacy. This programme was financed from our own funds. As a member of the federation of development organizations, we are contributing to the efforts being made to achieve the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2017: Representatives attended the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in America.

2018: Representatives attended the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in America.

2019: Representatives attended the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in America.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

- Ending poverty: In order to help eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, we set up a programme to increase the productive capacity of 100 women market gardeners.

The women were trained and provided with equipment and inputs and are now producing more than before. As a result of the programme, they have increased their income from market gardening activities by an average of 30 per cent.

- Ending hunger: The organization works to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture activities on the part of women and children in rural areas.
- Access to health: In order to reduce the mortality of children under 5 years of age, the organization uses its own funds to facilitate access to consultations at local health centres.
- Access to quality education: The organization works to ensure that all girls and boys complete free, equitable and quality education leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes, by promoting their attendance at a literacy programme that was launched last year.

It also works to ensure that all girls and boys have access to quality early childhood development, care and pre-primary education so that they are ready for primary education and to eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations.

- Gender equality: The organization works to achieve gender equality by empowering women and girls through cooperatives and micro-projects.

2. Action pour la protection des droits de l'homme en Mauritanie

Special, 2016

Introduction

Action pour la protection des droits de l'homme en Mauritanie (APDHM) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that aims to promote and protect human rights in Mauritania. It works to improve the human rights situation in Mauritania, in accordance with the relevant international conventions and principles of the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of APDHM is to protect and defend human rights in Mauritania without distinction as to race, colour, sex, religion, language, political opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

It aims to fight for the equality of all human beings in rights and dignity, to combat social inequalities and human rights violations in Mauritania and around the world, and to combat torture and other inhuman and degrading treatment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

1. Contribution through an oral statement to the Human Rights Council in June 2017;
2. Contribution to the report of the Human Rights Council on its seventy-ninth session, held in Geneva in 2018;
3. Contribution during the Forum on Minority Issues on 28 and 29 November 2019, on the subject of the Mauritanian education system.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

1. Participation in the thirtieth session of the Human Rights Council on 10 March 2016;
2. Participation in the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council on 18 June 2016;
3. Participation in the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva on 26 February and 23 March 2019;
4. Participation in the sixty-second session of the Committee against Torture from 6 November to 6 December 2017;
5. Participation in the Social Forum in Geneva on 1 and 2 October 2019;
6. Participation in the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration on 10 October 2018 in Marrakech, Morocco.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Collaboration with the United Nations country office in Nouakchott. Sharing of NGO activity reports. At the invitation of the office, participation in meetings with United Nations special rapporteurs during their visits to Mauritania and in training workshops organized by the office on the submission of alternative reports by civil society in the framework of periodic reviews.
- Celebration of human rights days in general.
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the American Embassy (sharing of activity reports).

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

- In 2016: Launch of a project for the social reintegration of 60 prisoners, financed through the European Union project on the rule of law.
- From 2016 to 2018: Construction of a workshop shed in Aleg prison, financed by the same partner.
- Delivery of training in building work (10 participants) and brickmaking (10 participants), in partnership with the Directorate of Penal Affairs in Nouakchott.

3. Action pour le développement humain au Congo

Special, 2016

Introduction

Action pour le développement humain au Congo (ADHC) was founded in 2012. Its aim is to promote rural development and to improve the living conditions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo as a whole and in Kasai Oriental Province in particular. The organization is already very active in Kinshasa and Kasai Oriental. Its work is focused on social and economic issues, vocational support for adults, socioeducational support, protection of the rights of women and girls, agropastoral practices and combating violence against women and girls. ADHC is undertaking an increasing number of initiatives in cooperation with local people in the villages where it works. The organization has chosen to devote its efforts to supporting economic initiatives of this kind and to meeting the needs of local people through support that is tailored to their needs. ADHC continues to work to support vulnerable people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization focuses primarily on sustainable development. Its aim is to reduce poverty, combat violence against women and promote the ideals and principles of the United Nations.

For the financing and implementation of its projects, ADHC relies not only on members' contributions but also on a partner organization, Action pour le développement humain, culturel et international (ADHCI), based in France, which builds relationships with donors, finds new donors and provides expertise to support the projects undertaken by ADHC.

Since 2016, ADHC has gained considerable experience in project management. Its development project management skills are strengthened by the fact that the target populations have confidence in the organization. Over the course of its projects, ADHC has established itself as a credible NGO that is an integral part of the community in Kasai Oriental. The staff of ADHC have forged strong links with the local population, including with women's groups and traditional leaders, with whom they work on a daily basis.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2016, the ADHC office team set up ADHCI, an international solidarity organization under the French law of 1901, to support the work of ADHC in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Both entities are headed by the founding president of ADHC.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Every project carried out by ADHC on the ground contributes to the work of the United Nations because its objectives are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

The organization contributes through its various activities in the two regions where it works. These activities include:

- Promoting the enrolment of children from the village of Bakwa-Tshilolo in Masaka school in the Bakwa-Sumba community

- Conducting a media campaign to raise awareness of the need to combat violence against women and girls
- Running the “Christmas for All” project for abandoned children
- Supporting small businesses run by women in Kasai Oriental and Kinshasa through microfinance (“Help for Mums” project, funded by ADHCI)
- Running a Model United Nations awareness-raising initiative

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ADHC has been unable to send representatives to attend meetings in person owing to a lack of resources, but it has made contributions using digital technology.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ADHC cooperates with United Nations bodies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through its awareness-raising programme (United Nations News).

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

Several initiatives have been undertaken:

- Establishment of ADHCI in France.
- Various programmes for raising awareness via the media.
- Drawing attention to cases of violence against women and girls in Kinshasa, the capital city, and providing support to victims through the television programme *15 Minutes*, and presenting decision makers with unbiased information about social issues with a view to finding solutions.
- Supporting women in the Bakwa-Sumba community through microfinance for small businesses.
- In partnership with ADHCI in France, ADHC is currently working on an agropastoral project involving the establishment of a community poultry farm in order to lastingly reduce poverty among the people of Bakwa-Sumba in Kasai Oriental.

4. Africa culture internationale

Special, 2012

Introduction

Africa culture internationale (ACI) was founded in Dakar in 1996, following a Senegalese and Indian creative arts workshop organized with the support of the UNESCO-Aschberg Bursaries for Artists programme. The organization is committed to promoting solidarity, international cooperation and sustainable development through its work to support vulnerable and disadvantaged children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACI has the following aims:

- Strive to protect the rights of women and children and the environment
- Use mobile teams to provide medical and social assistance to deprived persons and persons in situations of hardship

- Encourage cooperation between children and their parents and between parents and educational social workers on educational and social issues
- Provide children and their educational social workers with a range of activities and resources in order to ensure their cultural, intellectual, physical and social development
- Foster and promote solidarity between members of the association through exchanges aimed at strengthening international harmony in order to promote the development of peoples

Our actions to reduce poverty, vulnerability and juvenile delinquency include:

- Protection of human rights
- Education (orphans)
- Construction of nursery schools
- Helping young people to return to work
- Girls' education
- Literacy education for women in villages
- Nursery schools: children from 3 to 6 years old; French, English and Arabic
- Raising awareness of AIDS
- Family hygiene
- Environmental protection

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since the beginning of 2016, we have contributed significantly to the work of the United Nations.

We have celebrated various international days as follows:

1. Organization of an international forum on the rights of the child in La'youn, Morocco. Various awareness-raising campaigns in villages and schools to help children to understand their rights;
2. Universal Children's Day;
3. International Women's Day;
4. World Environment Day;
5. Day of the African Child;
6. Construction of a nursery school in a rural area (Missira, Senegal).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During 2019, our organization participated fully in the work of the United Nations. We took part in the various sessions of the Human Rights Council (March, June and September 2019) by participating in side events, making oral statements and observing the proceedings, including universal periodic review meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ACI has taken part in several United Nations conferences, meetings and forums since the submission of its last quadrennial report. These events include:

1. A meeting held by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) in New York in March 2017;
2. The Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration on 10 and 11 December 2019 in Marrakech, Morocco;
3. The grand opening of the World Investment Forum, which was held from 22 to 26 October 2018 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

In Geneva, we have a permanent office and we attend the conferences to which civil society actors are invited. In particular, our organization engages continually in the defence of human rights during the sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Our organization contributes actively to those sessions by:

1. Making speeches during the general debates on the problems that plague our people;
2. Participating actively in the universal periodic review process, for example;
3. Organizing side events.

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

We have undertaken several initiatives in the framework of our projects in support of the Millennium Development Goals:

Since 2016, ACI has launched several humanitarian projects to support disadvantaged communities (building nursery schools, promoting the enrolment of children in school, donating medical equipment, raising awareness of various issues and training young people).

It aims to reduce poverty, vulnerability, juvenile delinquency and begging by street children and to promote harmony, collective spirit, equal opportunities for women, especially mothers, and gender equality, through fruitful and sustainable community projects.

To this end, ACI continues to pursue its humanitarian ambitions of sustainable development through concrete action in collaboration with its partners. Your contribution is our strength!

5. Agence de développement économique et culturel Nord-Sud

Special, 2008

Introduction

Agence de développement économique et culturel Nord-Sud (ADEC-NS) contributes to the work of the United Nations in the fields of economics, education and sustainable development and more broadly in the framework of international cooperation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ADEC-NS contributes to social progress and economic and cultural development in the countries where it works by offering various actors the

opportunity to collaborate. It works with more than 82 ambassadors, who help to inform the public on a monthly basis about collaboration opportunities in their respective countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ADEC-NS organizes events and meetings in order to promote and raise awareness of certain issues and bring actors together. As a result of its numerous partnerships, ADEC-NS is able to participate in many international gatherings and brainstorming sessions. ADEC-NS actively promotes sustainable development, including as a member of Global Compact France.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ADEC-NS representatives did not attend any United Nations meetings between 2016 and 2019.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2016, ADEC-NS collaborated with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on an economic assignment involving the study of innovative and environmentally friendly farming processes, during a meeting with three companies that are partners of ADEC-NS at the FAO premises in Rome. On 7 June 2016, representatives of ADEC-NS met with the Vice-President of Global Compact France to discuss the opportunities arising from the Paris Agreement adopted at the Paris Climate Change Conference (COP 21) in 2015.

In addition, after taking part in the International Conference on Sustainable Development at Harvard University, ADEC-NS is exploring the possibility of a research partnership with the Institute for Water, Environment and Health. Every year, ADEC-NS attends the annual general meeting of Global Compact France in order to promote social responsibility among its member companies.

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

ADEC-NS has contributed to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals by organizing numerous dinner-debates and events, including:

- Sustainable Development Goals 9 and 17: Dinner-debate with staff from the Paris office of the European Investment Bank to encourage the provision of financial aid and participation in economic development in the field of agriculture.
- Sustainable Development Goals 7 and 17: Dinner-debate on 7 June 2016 on climate issues, including carbon reduction methods and areas of action, and on commitments with respect to sustainable development.
- Sustainable Development Goals 3, 8, 9 and 10: Multisectoral event in Andorra on 6 and 7 March 2017, involving more than 20 business leaders in the fields of renewable energy, health and culture.
- Sustainable Development Goal 4: Every year since 2016, with the support of the European Parliament and in collaboration with the Ministry of the Armed Forces and the Ministry of Education, ADEC-NS has helped to organize the Citizens'

Rally, where secondary school students take part in workshops on various themes, such as history and citizenship.

- Sustainable Development Goal 6: Dinner-debate on 6 July 2017, in the presence of representatives of SUEZ Eau France, on the issue of water and value creation at the regional level. Discussion of disparities in water allocation around the world and development projects in the region.
- Sustainable Development Goals 9, 10 and 17: Dinner-debate on 22 March 2018 on opportunities in Tunisia, in the presence of the Tunisian Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, the aim being to create opportunities for exchanges with universities.
- Sustainable Development Goals 2, 4, 8, 9 and 17: Dinner-debate with a delegation from Azerbaijan on 23 May 2019, on economic opportunities in agriculture, and medical equipment. A partnership with a university was established in order to foster exchanges between the two countries.
- Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 17: Drafting of a research paper on the current challenges relating to food and agriculture, which was selected from more than 700 international studies. The article was subsequently presented at the International Conference on Sustainable Development held by Ontario International Development Agency at Harvard University on 10 and 11 December 2019, where ADEC-NS represented France.

6. Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo

Special, 2012

Introduction

Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo (ADIC) is a development NGO and non-profit organization that was established in Lubumbashi, capital of Haut-Katanga Province in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, on 6 March 2003, for an indefinite period. It has had legal personality since 2008. ADIC was set up to address major issues such as poverty and health threats, including pandemics. In accordance with Act No. 004/2001 of 20 July 2001 on non-profit organizations, ADIC was granted legal personality by Ministerial Order No. 147/CAB/MIN/J&DH/2008 of 29 September 2008 of the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main aim is to reduce poverty, to combat the spread of AIDS and other diseases within the Democratic Republic of the Congo and to support people who are vulnerable because of an illness or disability. Its work contributes to the efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals and the current response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Its fundamental objectives are as follows:

1. To support people who are vulnerable because of an illness or disability;
2. To contribute to integrated rural and urban development initiatives;
3. To contribute actively to development through social, economic, technological and environmental programmes.

ADIC can work with the Government and with both national and international NGOs.

It gets involved in local initiatives and runs its own programmes in order to achieve the following goals:

1. Improving living conditions in rural and urban areas by reducing poverty through agrifood, housing, education, and other programmes;
2. Providing social support for women in difficult circumstances and children in need of special protection measures through social assistance, education and vocational training programmes;
3. Promoting ecosystem conservation and environmental enhancement through anti-erosion, pollution control, reforestation and environmental sanitation programmes (waste disposal, waste treatment, wastewater reuse and so on);
4. Helping members to carry out their own activities to promote development and combat hunger, malnutrition and poverty;
5. Helping to provide guidance to young people who neither work nor study and to finance cooperative associations through development projects;
6. Helping to provide training on water management, agriculture, livestock farming, fish farming and food safety;
7. Helping with the maintenance of farm access roads, the construction of buildings and bridges, civil engineering projects and so on;
8. Sharing experiences during visits, seminars and symposiums relating to its fields of activity in Lubumbashi and at the national and international levels.

Significant changes in the organization

Amendment of the statutes and the internal regulations to include branches established outside the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council through meetings of the commission on the rights of women (2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019)
- Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council through meetings of the commission on development (2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019)
- Participation in the work of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (2017 and 2018)
- Participation in the General Assembly of the United Nations (2017)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council from 2016 to 2019.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

- Providing assistance to war victims in the village of Kamwena Sampu in Kasai Province
- Supporting the education of vulnerable children in Lubumbashi

- Providing support to women on International Women’s Day in 2018
- Distributing scientific literature to Likasi University, Lubumbashi University, the higher institutes in Lubumbashi and Catholic churches in the Provinces of Haut-Katanga and Lualaba

7. Arab Commission for Human Rights

Special, 2004

Introduction

The Arab Commission for Human Rights (ACHR) is an NGO that was founded in 1996 to promote human rights in the Arab world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACHR aims to represent the views of Arab civil society and to make sure those views are heard within United Nations bodies and by the Governments of Arab States.

Significant changes in the organization

One major change to be reported is the drop in the number of volunteers available to manage the organization. Some volunteers have taken up political appointments and are therefore unable to continue performing a role within the organization, according to the ACHR statutes. In addition, the organization’s representative in Geneva has been dismissed for ethical reasons and it has not been possible to replace him, owing to the lack of volunteers. The organization is also facing a lack of funding, which has led to a number of activities being put on hold until suitable replacements have been appointed and a durable solution has been found.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACHR has participated in the work of the Human Rights Council on a regular basis and has played an active role in regular sessions of the Council, universal periodic review sessions, sessions of the Committee against Torture and the annual meeting of the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies. It has also participated in various seminars on topics such as disappeared persons, freedom of expression and freedom of belief under articles 19 and 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, regional arrangements for the protection of human rights, and the prevention of genocide, and in other events organized by the Council and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Over the last few years, the organization’s contribution to the work of the United Nations has been greatly affected by the changes mentioned above. Nevertheless, the president of the organization has taken part in two events:

1. During a meeting of the Committee against Torture held at the Palais Wilson on 25 July 2016, she made a statement on the case involving the so-called Abdali cell in Kuwait and provided evidence that the prisoners concerned had been subjected to torture. The case had been monitored by the organization, including through attendance at two trial hearings;

2. During a meeting held in room 27 of the Palais des Nations on 13 September 2016, she made a statement on the management of the refugee crisis, the role of civil society and the ways in which to keep displaced persons in their respective regions and help refugees to return to their countries of origin rather than

settling in host countries, at the risk of aggravating their problems and those of their countries of origin and host countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Owing to the lack of funds available to our organization and for the reasons given above, our participation in international meetings has been limited to a few brief visits to United Nations Headquarters and participation in the two events mentioned above. However, we have focused on activities away from Headquarters, including activities relating to the changes that have taken place in Tunisia. These have included close monitoring of the transitional justice process on the ground and participation in seminars organized in Tunisia by the United Nations in recent years and in other related activities.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As mentioned above, ACHR cooperated with the Committee against Torture in 2016 by providing evidence and a file on a case involving Kuwait during the periodic review of the situation in that country.

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

Many activities have been carried out in various countries. These activities have included observing elections (Tunisia and Morocco), monitoring trials (Tunisia and Kuwait), visiting prisons and having prisoners released (Tunisia), monitoring the transitional justice process in Tunisia and making statements to the President of the Republic of Tunisia on 14 August 2018, the President of the Lebanese Republic on 1 October 2019 and the president of the parliament of Kuwait on 10 March 2019 on the transitional process and the monitoring of prisoners.

ACHR continues to maintain its website as a means of raising awareness of various issues that concern the Arab world and sharing information about its activities. Representatives of ACHR have also had articles published in various newspapers and online, have made several television appearances and have issued statements on a range of subjects relating to all human rights in the Arab world.

8. Association Bharathi centre culturel franco-tamoul

Special, 2016

Introduction

Association Bharathi centre culturel franco-tamoul is a French organization that works in France and other countries of the European Union to provide assistance to members of the Tamil people.

Its activities are many and multiform and are designed to give as broad and varied an overview as possible of both the cultural life and the social and political reality in Tamil-speaking countries. To that end, the organization provides literature on all aspects of Tamil society.

The organization intends to serve as an outreach service and a Franco-Tamil meeting place, and it is open to both French and Tamil people.

It has a strong presence at the United Nations Office at Geneva and has hosted more than 45 young people in the last four years.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Association Bharathi centre culturel franco-tamoul aims to:

- Develop people's cultural, intellectual and scientific knowledge of the Tamil language and culture
- Promote more in-depth study and a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Tamil culture, language and civilization in France
- Promote the French language and culture among emigrants at the regional level
- Strengthen cultural exchanges, cooperation and communication between France, India, Sri Lanka and other countries where Tamil is spoken
- Promote the ideas of solidarity, tolerance and freedom

We participate actively in the work of the Human Rights Council by hosting interns and human rights defenders.

We also take part in various national and international meetings on the Tamil language.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We have contributed to various meetings at the United Nations Office at Geneva through written and oral statements.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We have taken part in over 45 meetings and conferences at the United Nations Office at Geneva. We spend more than 110 days per year in Geneva, dealing primarily with issues relating to human rights and refugees.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Participation in sessions of the Human Rights Council and treaty body meetings in Geneva.

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

Our organization is working towards several of the Sustainable Development Goals, namely:

Sustainable Development Goal 1. Ending poverty: We provide training on the solidarity economy to young people.

Sustainable Development Goal 2. Combating hunger: We provide emergency aid to families in need.

Sustainable Development Goal 4. Access to quality education: We sponsor tutoring programmes for young people.

Sustainable Development Goal 5. Gender equality: We provide training for women on the right to development.

Sustainable Development Goal 13. Combating climate change: We provide training for young people on the need to protect the Earth and renewable energy.

Sustainable Development Goal 16. Justice and peace: We provide training for young people on human rights mechanisms and we help young people and victims to gain access to those mechanisms.

9. Association Dunenyo

Special, 2012

Introduction

Association Dunenyo is a non-profit NGO that was founded in Togo on 14 March 2000. It does all that it can to promote sustainable development and environmental protection and to improve the living conditions of children in order to motivate them to work in the fields of health, education, human rights and the environment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- Carrying out sustainable development programmes
- Ensuring the right to a healthy living environment for all
- Promoting nature and culture as the basis for equitable global social development
- Combating desertification
- Combating environmental pollution
- Combating trafficking in children and exploitation of orphans and the poor
- Providing aid to the poorest populations
- Raising awareness of sexually transmitted diseases such as HIV/AIDS among the general public
- Organizing national and international conferences, round-table discussions and awareness-raising activities on ecotourism

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Distribution of food to orphans
- Distribution of notebooks to primary school students

An impact assessment was carried out in the village to determine who the orphans were, how many of them there were, what their needs were and what level of education they had reached and to identify the actors involved in looking after them and monitoring their situation.

The gifts were handed over directly to the orphans and children.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Our representatives to the United Nations in Geneva participate in conferences and meetings.

Sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 14 to 24 March 2016.

Sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 13 to 24 March 2017.

Sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018.

Sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Partnerships: Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

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

Renovation of school buildings and public libraries.

10. Association Elmostakbell pour le développement

Special, 2016

Introduction

Association Elmostakbell pour le développement is an NGO that has adopted a multipronged approach in order to further the political, economic and social development of Mauritania, Africa and the world as a whole. This quadrennial report focuses on the organization's contribution to the work of the United Nations and in support of the Sustainable Development Goals and the development goals set by the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union. It also serves as an opportunity for the organization to inform the national authorities about its activities as a development partner.

Association Elmostakbell pour le développement was established as a non-profit organization on 2 August 2005 (registration certificate No. 0128). It is a non-political, non-union, non-profit NGO that carries out humanitarian work in the field of economic and social development.

Its aim is to help build a better world that is free from poverty and underdevelopment, while promoting respect for human dignity. Its motto is "Fraternity, education, development".

Its values are efficiency, integrity, honesty and respect for others.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to facilitate sustainable and equitable development by helping people to make considerable progress in their lives through a holistic approach that promotes mutual aid, participation and self-sufficiency among the most vulnerable sectors of the population.

Its strategy is focused on the following areas:

- Launching and developing civic education programmes based on a culture of peace and progress
- Building and creating local capacities to support the promotion and implementation of development and environmental protection initiatives

- Making use of the available intellectual and material resources to support development activities and promote good governance and democracy
- Advocating for and contributing to the promotion, defence and protection of human rights, including in relation to gender
- Establishing links and coordinating with public authorities, sister NGOs and other local, regional and international partners active in the organization's areas of focus

Its work also covers a number of vital areas, including access to basic services such as general education, literacy education and health care; water and food; the environment; income-generating activities; and the promotion of democracy and human rights.

Its activities are carried out by its members and supporters on a voluntary basis, with the participation of experts. The organization is run by a committed and receptive multidisciplinary team of people who share a similar background and have extensive experience in humanitarian and development work.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has carried out several projects in various fields, namely education and literacy, health, the promotion of democracy, awareness-raising and civic education, human rights and income-generating activities.

In addition, experts from the organization have participated in some meetings of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in Banjul.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Experts from the organization have participated in some United Nations meetings on human rights held in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization has undertaken initiatives in support of the Millennium Development Goals, particularly in the fields of education and health.

It has also participated in several election observation missions in Africa and in several voter education and awareness missions. It has helped to encourage the participation of young people, women and marginalized groups in political life.

11. Association Genèse

Special, 2016

Introduction

Association Genèse is an organization made up of three bodies:

- The writers' collective

- The publishing house
- The creative writing training institute (which runs various training courses on literature and the arts)

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's work focuses on the education of children and young people, the provision of assistance and guidance to disadvantaged groups and the diversification of activities relating to the arts, publishing, information technology and vocational training.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has tried to publicize an awareness-raising project aimed at children and young people by presenting and distributing free of charge a book on the problem of street children in Africa.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation because of the difficulty of obtaining visas, which is a real challenge for members of NGOs and other organizations working in the field of development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization has held training courses and seminars and has implemented the first part of a project involving the training and financing of 100 young entrepreneurs.

12. Association internationale de la libre pensée

Special, 2016

Introduction

Association internationale de la libre pensée (AILP), an organization founded in Oslo on 10 August 2011, aims to coordinate the activities of its member organizations and to represent the free thought movement as a whole in international institutions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization launches campaigns, which are run by its members, and issues press releases. It liaises with authorities at all levels and with partners. However, it does not carry out "projects" in the way that operational NGOs do.

The only activities for which it is responsible are the international congresses and other conferences that it organizes; all other activities are organized and managed by its member organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2017: During the thirty-fourth session in March 2017, the AILP delegation participated in the working group on the institutional role of religion, chaired by the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief, Mr. Ahmed Shaheed.

During the thirty-fifth session in June 2017, the delegation attended the day of discussion on the rights of women on 13 June and heard the statements made by the Special Rapporteur, Ms. Šimonović, and the United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Ms. Gilmore.

On 16 June 2017, AILP made an oral statement at the Forum on Business and Human Rights.

On 19 June 2018, during the thirty-eighth session, AILP submitted a contribution following the special report on the right to peaceful assembly and freedom of association. On 28 June 2018, AILP made an oral statement on human rights and freedom of conscience in the corporate world. On 1 July 2019, during the forty-first session, AILP made a statement on national policies and human rights, under agenda item 3.

On 3 July 2019, the delegation addressed a key issue – the International Labour Organization – during the Forum on Business and Human Rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

A side event was held by PEN International on 21 June 2018, in the presence of the Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. There was a discussion on the assassination of Gauri Lankesh, a rationalist journalist who had opposed the caste system. AILP expressed its views on this subject.

Twelfth session of the Forum on Minority Issues, 28 and 29 November 2019, on the theme of education, language and the human rights of minorities. An AILP delegation attended the session in preparation for the AILP world congress on the theme of secular schools and the right to education, which will be held in Madrid in 2021.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council in March 2018, AILP organized a debate on the special report on freedom of religion and belief. Since Mr. Ahmed Shaheed had announced that he was planning to visit Tunisia, we sent him a letter inviting him to speak at the debate and to call for the protection of the Association des libres penseurs (Tunisian Association of Freethinkers), whose president had just been savagely attacked. A few weeks before the thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, the Human Rights Committee, in a decision of 10 August 2018, ruled in favour of Fatima Afif and found that France had violated articles 18 and 26 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights by violating the right to freedom of religion and practising discrimination on the basis of religion and gender. On 27 August 2018, the Fédération nationale de la libre pensée (National Free Thought Federation) issued a press release on this decision.

On 22 November 2018, on the seventieth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, AILP issued a public statement.

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

No initiatives were specified.

13. Association internationale pour l'égalité des femmes

Special, 2016

Introduction

Association internationale pour l'égalité des femmes (AIEF) was established in January 2007.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- Gather, store and disseminate information on respect for the rights and fundamental freedoms of women around the world.
- Cooperate with the international bodies, specialized agencies and United Nations mechanisms responsible for ensuring the recognition of human rights and related principles, in order to pursue the goals of equality, development and peace for all women worldwide.
- Cooperate with human rights NGOs, especially on the issue of violence against women.
- Undertake collective action to combat discriminatory practices and to promote gender equality, and hold meetings and seminars to raise awareness of the need to end violence against women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- During the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council in September 2017, AIEF issued a written statement on protecting gender equality gains ([A/HRC/36/NGO/126](#)).
- During the same session, AIEF made an oral statement during the general debate on agenda item 3 on 18 September 2017 and another on the rights of women in prisons on 19 September 2017.
- During the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council, AIEF contributed to the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence on 5 March 2018 by making an oral statement on the right to truth and justice of several generations of women whose relatives were victims of enforced disappearances and who are unable to find closure because the fate of those persons remains unresolved.
- AIEF made another oral statement on a related matter during the interactive dialogue with the High Commissioner for Human Rights on agenda item 2 on 8 March 2018.
- During the thirty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council, AIEF issued a written statement on combating forced marriage ([A/HRC/39/NGO/147](#)), in order to draw attention to the serious consequences of forced marriage for girls and adolescent girls.

- During the fortieth session of the Human Rights Council, AIEF studied the impact of environmental degradation on the rights of women and the remarkable role played by women in preserving their environment. After fruitful exchanges with other NGOs on this subject, AIEF issued a written statement on women and environmental protection ([A/HRC/40/NGO/176](#)). AIEF also made two oral statements during this session: one on 8 March, during the general debate on agenda item 3, on the mental shock suffered by children whose mothers are incarcerated and the way in which to rebuild relationships in such cases; and another on 12 March, during the general debate on agenda item 4, on forced marriage involving girls. These two statements were the result of collaboration with organizations that are not in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.
- During the forty-second session of the Human Rights Council, AIEF examined the role of women in politics. It issued a written statement on the role of women in national representative bodies around the world ([A/HRC/42/NGO/133](#)). AIEF also made two oral statements, one during the general debate on agenda item 3 on 13 September 2019 and the other during the general debate on agenda item 4 on 19 September 2019.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2017:

Seven members of AIEF participated in the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council on 9 March 2017.

High level of participation in the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council in September 2017 and in side meetings with States and NGOs.

2018:

High level of participation in the thirty-seventh and thirty-ninth sessions in March and September 2018. The organization made it a point of honour to encourage its youngest members to participate in these sessions.

2019:

Twelve members of AIEF participated in the fortieth session of the Human Rights Council in March 2019.

High level of participation in the forty-second session in September 2019.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIEF held a meeting with all its members at the Novotel hotel in Cergy-Pontoise, France, on 29 September 2019, on the subject of cooperation with United Nations bodies. The discussions were focused on how and in which areas to engage in cooperation.

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

As a relatively young organization, we have been expanding our United Nations-related activities every year thanks to the initiatives of our members, especially the younger ones.

14. Association malienne de savoir construire (AMSC)

Special, 2016

Introduction

Association malienne de savoir construire (AMSC) is an NGO that is registered with the Government of Mali (registration certificate No. 0966 MATCL-DNI).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's objectives are to contribute to the formation of community organizations that will work to promote sustainable development in the areas of health, the environment, food security, the advancement of children and women, the rights of persons with disabilities, microfinance and education with a view to the well-being of the Malian and French population.

Its aims include helping population groups to organize so that they can then determine their needs and propose their own solutions, combating violence against women and children, and fighting to create a world fit for all children in which their rights to education, health and protection are upheld.

It also seeks to contribute to efforts to combat the exclusion of the most underprivileged groups, combat desertification and the extinction of animal and plant species; improve the health of the population of Mali, improve economic conditions at the community level and support the emergence of a strong civil society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association contributed to the work of the United Nations during the preparations for the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission for Social Development by submitting statements bearing the symbols [E/CN.5/2017/NGO/21](#) and [E/CN.5/2018/NGO/15](#). Those statements were circulated in accordance with paragraphs 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 1 to 10 February 2017, on follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: strategies for the eradication of poverty to achieve sustainable development for all.

Representatives also attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 31 January to 7 February 2018, on follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, whose priority theme was "strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association has sought to form technical and financial partnerships with various United Nations agencies in Mali, including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP), UNDP and FAO, in connection

with a number of projects (school enrolment for displaced children from central Mali, a nutrition project based on locally sourced food, the placement of children with disabilities in regular classes at school and their vocational reintegration, and the promotion of sports for peace in Mali). To date, our organization has not signed any formal partnership agreement or arrangement with a United Nations agency, but the requests to that effect are being processed.

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

The Association observed World AIDS Day in Mali, as it has every year, on 1 December.

It has contributed to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 in Mali by providing nutrition care (nutritional support based on locally sourced foods for the prevention and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition) to 4,500 children and prenatal monitoring to 8,590 pregnant women over the past four years.

Some of the Association's work is focused on supporting the more general development programme through awareness-raising, mobilization and promotion efforts rather than on achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

15. Association togolaise “Femmes et SIDA”

Special, 2016

Introduction

Areas of work: Health, women's empowerment, girls' education, combating poverty, gender equality, women's rights.

Target groups: Women and children (national coverage).

Aims: Reduce the spread of HIV among women, reinforce women's position in society and promote their autonomy, promote girls' education, support the elimination of violence against women and combat the stigmatization of women and discrimination against them.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Take steps to curb the spread of HIV among women; combat gender-based inequalities; help women become independent and gain a sense of fulfilment while exercising their rights; help to ensure that girls are enrolled in school so that they can contribute to the country's future development; and mitigate the negative impact of stigmatization.

Aims: A healthy population living in a healthful social and economic environment whose members are able to avail themselves of their rights, attain a sense of fulfilment and contribute to the country's development.

Methods: Information, education and communication with a view to changes in behaviour.

Activities: Awareness-raising, training, support measures.

Significant changes in the organization

Association togolaise femmes et sida (ATFS) has expanded the scope of its activities and has modified its aims, objectives and purposes as set forth in its articles of association accordingly.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Project: Economic Empowerment of Women and Girls Living with HIV and Anti-Stigmatization Campaigns in the Canton of Agoè.

Activities: Training of 30 women in the start-up and management of income-generating ventures, and extension of microloans to help these women to finance those ventures.

Project: Support for girls' school enrolment. Activities: Donation of school kits to 58 students and of instructional materials for primary school teachers.

Celebration of World AIDS Day in 2018: Several different activities were heavily attended.

Celebration of World AIDS Day in 2019: A day of discussion with a number of community organizations on the World AIDS Day theme "Communities make the difference".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ATFS did not have the opportunity to take part in United Nations conferences or forums during the period covered by the present report owing to the lack of assistance in covering the associated expenses.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ATFS participated in consultations held by the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations with NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, took part in the celebration of the International Day of Peace on 21 September 2016 in Lomé and worked with the United Nations Information Centre, which provided it with documentary support in 2016–2017.

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

ATFS contributed to Millennium Development Goals 1, 2, 3 and 6 and Sustainable Development Goals 1, 3, 4 and 5 by providing training to 30 seropositive women in Agoè Nyivé Prefecture and Bassar Prefecture in the management of income-generating ventures and by furnishing them with microloans. The Association commemorated World AIDS Day 2018 in Lomé and Bassar: Free voluntary screening of 300 people, two radio broadcasts on the importance of HIV screening (to an audience of thousands of persons), heavily attended awareness-raising events in various locations, distribution of 8,590 condoms, 1,200 pamphlets, 225 posters, 200 T-shirts and 500 red ribbons. ATFS also took part in marking World AIDS Day 2019 in Bassar by participating in a seminar on the theme "Communities make the difference" and speaking with local elected officials to emphasize the importance of providing support for community organizations (over 500 participants). A radio broadcast was also conducted.

ATFS efforts to combat stigmatization and violence directed at people in connection with HIV/AIDS included the production of a public service announcement in four languages, 1,000 posters and 1,000 leaflets. In addition, 25 members of ATFS engaged in capacity-building exercises on gender equality and violence against women. Information on the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women was disseminated.

In 2016, members of ATFS spoke to families in two districts of Bassar about the importance of enrolling girls in school and about the problem of child trafficking. ATFS donated school kits to 58 students and instructional materials to teachers.