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1. ABC Tamil Oli

Special, 2017

Introduction

Since 1998, ABC Tamil Oli has been working to promote awareness and dissemination of the Tamil language and culture and to spread information about the Tamil nation and people through radio broadcasts and any other suitable medium, in order to connect with the Tamil community around the world. ABC Tamil Oli also strives to advance cultural, intellectual and scientific understanding of the Tamil language and culture.

Since obtaining consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, the association has endeavoured to promote the application of international human rights norms, declarations and principles. ABC Tamil Oli seeks to support and strengthen the advocacy capacity of human rights defenders and organizations, including by helping them to participate in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies and other United Nations meetings and conferences.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ABC Tamil Oli aims to conduct research and promote the preservation of the Tamil language in France and Europe. It is a non-governmental organization with an international dimension, thanks to its presence on a range of radio and television programmes.

As a non-governmental organization with special consultative status, ABC Tamil Oli acts as a coordinating body for national, subregional and continental councils of historical sites and monuments, with the President of the organization acting as the Chair of the Higher Council. ABC Tamil Oli is also committed to disseminating and promoting economic and social rights and to protecting journalists at risk.

ABC Tamil Oli seeks to strengthen and support justice for the Tamil people by:

- Strengthening the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession
- Promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in France and throughout the world
- Strengthening the judiciary in line with fair trial standards, in accordance with international covenants
- Promoting and disseminating human rights values
- Defining the principles of international legitimacy and criminal justice
- Educating the general public about the law through radio and television programmes

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's main contribution to the work of the United Nations is its submission to the human rights organs of information on human rights in relation to the situation of the Tamils and on thematic issues, including maternal health and

housing, water and sanitation, international justice, torture and ill-treatment, extrajudicial killings, freedom of expression and assembly, discrimination, the rights of refugees and migrants, and corporate responsibility. ABC Tamil Oli has participated in sessions of the Human Rights Council, delivering written and oral statements.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Over the last four years, ABC Tamil Oli has participated in 12 sessions of the Human Rights Council (from the thirty-fifth session to the forty-sixth session). The organization has also participated in four sessions of the Forum on Minority Issues. At each session, the organization had a delegation of up to 15 members present in Geneva, comprising young people, qualified individuals and victims of human rights violations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ABC Tamil Oli has worked with the Human Rights Council. The organization has attended, actively participated in and contributed to discussions in various United Nations forums, addressing such priorities as human rights in the Sustainable Development Goals, human rights in peacekeeping mandates, the global abolition of the death penalty, the human rights of women, the rights of the child, the rights of indigenous peoples, making the Human Rights Council more effective, strengthening the treaty bodies, and new special procedures.

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

In the past four years, ABC Tamil Oli has broadcast over 160 programmes explaining the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in various media outlets. The organization has also provided training on the Goals to journalists throughout the world. The organization strongly advocated the inclusion of human rights in the post-2015 agenda by organizing and taking part in side events.

2. Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs

Special, 2005

Introduction

Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs (AIPD-GL) is a non-governmental organization committed to promoting peace and containing multiple cycles of violence in the 14 States members of the International Conference on Peace, Security, Democracy and Development in the Great Lakes Region. In the area of democracy, human rights and development, AIPD-GL implements and supports the introduction in the Great Lakes region of national and regional policies based on democracy and good governance, with a view to consolidating the rule of law, strengthening leadership skills, improving the transparency of electoral processes, strengthening the effectiveness of the judiciary and the security forces, and promoting new information and communications technologies. In addition, since 2017, AIPD-GL has focused on migration, refugees and presidential term limits in Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

According to article 4 of its founding statutes, the mission of AIPD-GL is to seek ways and means to reconcile the imperatives of peace and development in order to improve the living conditions of the inhabitants of the Great Lakes region through socioeconomic activities in urban, pre-urban and rural areas.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In terms of its contribution to the work of the United Nations, over the past four years, AIPD-GL has focused on the root causes of human rights violations, migration, refugees, democracy and the Sustainable Development Goals. At every international meeting with the United Nations, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the International Organization of la Francophonie, AIPD-GL advocates for the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, whose activities include capacity-building, promoting human rights, carrying out monitoring and protection, and mainstreaming United Nations human rights with a view to promoting a culture of peace, tolerance and respect for human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Through the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, AIPD-GL has submitted proposals aimed at eliminating inequalities related to income, wealth, access to resources and the illegal exploitation of raw materials. AIPD-GL considers these destabilizing factors to be fundamental obstacles to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

In some African countries, these distortions are the result of poor governance, corruption, the absence of the rule of law, and weak or biased institutions. They are also caused by violations of economic, social and cultural rights.

One of the organization's main tasks and ambitions in terms of meeting the needs of the United Nations is to help it to create and maintain a positive dynamic so that civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural human rights complement one another and have the greatest positive impact.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2017:

The organization participated in United Nations activities relating to human rights and in the universal periodic review of Member States.

- Thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, meeting on the rights of the child; panel discussion entitled “Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and the General Assembly resolutions on combating racism”, organized by the World Against Racism Network, the International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the International Organization for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination and the Geneva International Centre for Justice.
- Thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, panel discussion entitled “Morocco's return to the African Union: what are the challenges?”, Palais des Nations, room XXIII.

2018:

- Observatoire mauritanien des droits de l’homme et de la démocratie, on the theme “Women and children under occupation”.
- AIPD-GL organized, together with the non-governmental organization “Coup de pousse” Chaîne de l’espoir Nord-Sud, a side event on freedom of expression.
- Side events: “How research leads to action”, commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee, Palais des Nations, room XXII, 19 September 2018.
- Holding of a panel discussion on the theme “Human rights in Africa: elections”, 9 March 2018.
- Human rights panel discussion on the theme “Changeover of political power and democracy”, 13 May 2018.
- Participation in the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, Marrakech, 5–11 December 2018.

2019:

- Fortieth session of the Human Rights Council, panel discussion on extremism and terrorism, Palais des Nations, room XV.
- Panel discussion organized by the International Committee for the Respect and Application of the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the theme “Freedom of expression”, 11 March 2019.

2020:

- 128th session of the Human Rights Committee, 2 March 2020.
- Commemoration of International Women’s Day, Palais des Nations, Geneva, 8 March 2020.
- Twenty-sixth session of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent.
- Working Group on the Right to Development, 4–8 May 2020.
- Panel discussion held by the Group of Independent Eminent Experts on the Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, 11–15 May 2020.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIPD-GL maintains ongoing and fruitful cooperation with several United Nations bodies. In view of the intensity and duration of the persistent political crisis raging in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the presence of a number of armed groups that commit human rights violations, including the rape of women, the murder of defenceless civilians and the recruitment of child soldiers, with mass graves discovered throughout the country, AIPD-GL is cooperating closely with OHCHR and the Director of the United Nations Joint Human Rights Office in the Democratic Republic of the Congo on the situation of human rights in the country. 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, AIPD-GL has an ongoing relationship with OHCHR and prepares reports and participates in meetings on cases of human rights violations in North Africa and the Sahel. The organization also cooperates with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to speak up for Sahrawi refugees

held against their will in the Tindouf camp in Algeria and calls for the reintegration into their own country of Mauritians who were formerly refugees in Senegal. AIPD-GL 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 addition, AIPD-GL works with the Government of Mauritania and with Tadamoun, the Mauritanian integration agency, to ensure the implementation of the tripartite agreement between Mauritania, Mali, Senegal and UNHCR. The aim of the agreement is to facilitate the return and integration of former Mauritanian refugees who had been living in Mali and Senegal.

AIPD-GL was a pioneer, participating in the first and second phases of the World Summit on the Information Society, held by the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in Geneva in 2003 and in Tunis in 2005. AIPD-GL belongs to Diaspora africaine pour la société de l'information, a platform of African non-governmental organizations that is a member of the ITU Development Committee. AIPD-GL has participated in the World Summit on the Information Society Forum every year since 2017.

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

AIPD-GL is firmly committed to promoting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals on several fronts, including through a recent project aimed at increasing the autonomy of young people and women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which may receive financial support from the International Organization of la Francophonie and which highlights the difficulties faced by young people in general and women in particular, including the difficulty of accessing education and consequently the low levels of participation, as a result of the economic crisis. AIPD-GL has also launched a project to promote equality between women and men in response to the current global health crisis caused by coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which has had a considerable impact on the population at large and on women in particular. The project is intended to promote the political, social and economic integration of women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through entrepreneurship and digital training.

The objectives of the project are 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.
- Raise funds in order to establish a planning unit and bakery for vulnerable women and open a women's entrepreneurship support and training centre.

3. Action solidaire pour un développement entretenu à la base

Special, 2013

Introduction

Since 2017, Action solidaire pour un développement entretenu à la base (ASDEB) has worked to help people on the ground. While such work has not been without difficulties, it has been successful and has helped to strengthen the Sustainable Development Goals at the national level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ASDEB aims to contribute to the promotion of comprehensive and participatory development in local communities and urban areas. The aims of ASDEB are to:

- Protect and promote the rights of women and children
- Work on women's and children's health, HIV/AIDS prevention and general community health issues
- Conceive and promote development projects aimed at providing training, creating jobs and ensuring the socioeconomic integration of populations
- Promote women's cooperatives in order to support collective development and access to savings and credit
- Support social, humanitarian, development and agropastoral activities and implement environmental protection projects
- Strengthen South-South and North-South cooperation

Significant changes in the organization

In 2018, ASDEB became an accredited member of the International Organization of la Francophonie.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ASDEB has primarily cooperated with approximately 20 local organizations that work on the various Sustainable Development Goals. ASDEB has also played an important role in the work of other organizations in the subregion, such as Femmes solidaires pour la développement au Bénin, with a view to ensuring the inclusion of the Sustainable Development Goals in various projects involving such as issues as gender, the environment, health, poverty, human rights, the economy and education. At the national level, ASDEB has worked with various teams deployed by the United Nations Development Programme to support non-governmental organizations. The organization's participation takes the form of attending meetings and taking part in various collective projects. During the period under review, ASDEB and Univers de solidarité et de développement carried out a major study of elderly persons in Togo.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the period under review, ASDEB was unable to attend any meetings of the United Nations owing to lack of resources. ASDEB tried to register for the sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women but had great difficulty registering owing to connectivity problems.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ASDEB cooperates with the various United Nations bodies as needed. The organization is not systematic, but it maintains ongoing cooperation with the entities that work on health and HIV/AIDS, environmental protection and population activities.

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

ASDEB, in collaboration with national umbrella organizations, has publicized the various Sustainable Development Goals. Every project it implements incorporates one of the Goals, with a view to promoting the achievement of the Goals on the

ground. The beneficiary populations are always told which Goal a particular project is intended to promote, and are encouraged to take ownership of it.

4. African Artists for Development

Special, 2013

Introduction

Established in 2009 in response to the Sustainable Development Goals, the African Artists for Development endowment fund links development projects and contemporary African artists. The organization conceives, supports and finances development projects in sub-Saharan Africa, linking each project with contemporary African artists in order to form progressive alliances capable of generating sustainable economic, social and societal development, increasing well-being and improving living standards.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To support local development initiatives in Africa that have a sustainable economic, social and societal impact through artistic and cultural projects.
- To enable and give prominence to the creation of contemporary artistic works linked to the initiatives supported by the African Artists for Development endowment fund.
- Create development synergies through partnerships with international and cultural institutions.

Significant changes in the organization

The COVID-19 crisis forced us to adapt our projects as best we could to ensure the safety of all; certain activities requiring the physical presence of our partners in the field were suspended, while other activities were moved online.

In the light of this situation, the endowment fund was established in May 2020. It is targeted at South Africa, Benin and the Democratic Republic of the Congo and aims to provide food, education, health care and emergency assistance to populations hard hit by the pandemic.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The organization participated in the 2020 Social Forum of the Human Rights Council on 8 and 9 October 2020 (virtual).
- The organization attended a Department of Economic and Social Affairs global policy dialogue entitled “Advancing equitable livelihoods in food systems” on 16 December 2020 (virtual).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

African Artists for Development works with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the Refugees on the Move programme in five sub-Saharan African countries, as well as in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Chad.

In 2018, the endowment fund established the African Space Art Project, in partnership with the European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT), Arianespace, the African Union and the World Meteorological Organization. In 2021, an Ariane 5 launcher will put a new EUMETSAT geostationary meteorological satellite into orbit over Africa to monitor climate and weather changes on the continent. To highlight the strategic importance of such a launch for the peoples of Africa, the African Space Art Project will decorate the launcher with a piece of contemporary African art.

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

- The African Space Art Project, established in 2018, contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 13, “Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts”.
- The GrowBox Art Project, established in 2018, contributes to the achievement of Goal 2, “End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture”.
- The Belles Bibliothèques project contributes to the achievement of Goal 4, “Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”.
- The African Lights project contributes to the achievement of Goals 7, 12 and 13, on ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy, ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns, and taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.
- The Refugees on the Move programme contributes to the achievement of Goals 3 and 5, on ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being for all at all ages, and achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls.
- The Résistances 2020 programme contributes to the achievement of Goals 2, 3, 4 and 12, on ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture.
- The Township Orchestra programme contributes to the achievement of Goal 4, on ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all.

5. African Development Assistance Consult

Special, 2017

Introduction

African Development Assistance Consult (ADAC) was established in Kinshasa in 2010. It provides training and mentoring, conducts activities for the advancement of women market gardeners, carries out awareness-raising on substance dependence (alcohol, drugs and tobacco) in schools in Kinshasa, and restores roads and sanitation systems in certain neighbourhoods.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of ADAC include:

- Promoting sustainable development in the following areas: agriculture, fisheries, livestock farming, the repair of agricultural access roads, the development of natural waterways, telecommunications and the environment.

- Promoting the establishment of small and medium-sized enterprises by young entrepreneurs.
- Promoting technical and vocational training for young people and women in areas such as agriculture, animal husbandry, fish farming, the environment, information technology, carpentry, sewing and adult literacy.
- Advancing primary health care by raising awareness of efforts to combat HIV/AIDS and substance abuse.
- Promoting schooling and support for abandoned children and orphans.
- Promoting training in human rights, good governance, democracy and elections by holding panel discussions and youth forums.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In July 2017, ADAC participated in a high-level meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development at the Headquarters of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Development cannot take place without ensuring the inclusion of the various sections of the population, because human beings are the first factor in development. ADAC lobbies for young Africans to be able to participate in meetings on sustainable development and help African associations and non-governmental organizations to reach their objectives, because most such organizations have good ideas but struggle to implement them because of a lack of resources.

6. Agence de développement économique et social

Special, 2017**Introduction**

The Agence de développement économique et social (ADES) is a development and humanitarian non-governmental organization founded in 1993 in Chad and recognized as a public charity. ADES works in the fields of development, emergency response, rehabilitation, conflict prevention and the promotion of a culture of peace. ADES currently has projects under way in Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, the Niger and Mali. ADES is also actively involved in international efforts to address current issues such as global warming.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To promote socioeconomic development by promoting, supporting and channelling local initiatives

- To participate actively in national development efforts by promoting education, health, agriculture, the environment, livestock farming, water management in villages and urban and rural areas, and the opening up of remote areas
- To contribute to local wealth creation by supporting income-generating activities
- To promote social peace and solidarity among refugees and rural producers
- To assist vulnerable persons and victims of war and put forward solutions to address natural disasters
- To ensure that a gender and youth dimension is incorporated into the majority of such actions
- To promote and contribute to efforts to combat climate change

Significant changes in the organization

The major change in the organization is the creation of a partnerships and cooperation board, tasked with developing new cooperative partnerships and strengthening existing ones.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ADES leads the Coalition des ONG Africaines and holds annual meetings, and has urged African women's non-governmental organizations to obtain consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. ADES regularly participates in the regional consultations held by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ADES regularly participates in the UNHCR annual consultations in Geneva. ADES has also been invited to participate in forums and sessions of the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, sharing its views and opinions on various topics. ADES is also a member of the humanitarian country team led by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As part of a development project carried out with the Global Environment Facility, ADES worked with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and conducted a joint assessment on land and energy degradation in Ennedi-Est and Wadi Fira, Chad, in August 2019. ADES has signed partnership agreements for projects and programmes in Chad, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, the Niger and Cameroon with various United Nations entities, including UNHCR, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-WOMEN).

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

ADES has implemented various initiatives to promote the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. These initiatives include a coordinated health and nutrition project for women and children in the health district of Moundou aimed at providing equitable access to high-quality health care and services, and a rural connectivity and mobility project aimed at preventing gender-based violence.

7. Agence internationale pour le développement

General, 2001

Introduction

No information provided.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Agence internationale pour le développement aims to assist destitute persons without distinction, combat all forms of discrimination, take action to promote respect for human rights and democracy, provide food and clothing for the needy, and participate in campaigns to combat poverty, racism and exclusion.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

22 June 2018: participated in the consultations of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations with organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

22–26 October 2018: participated in the World Investment Forum, held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

30 October 2018: meeting with the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

10 and 11 December 2018: participated in the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, held in Marrakech, Morocco.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

6 and 7 April 2017: participated in the International Labour Organization centenary symposium, held in Geneva.

19–23 March 2018: participated in the 2018 World Summit on the Information Society Forum, held in Geneva.

25–27 November 2019: participated in the Forum on Business and Human Rights, held in Geneva.

10 December 2019: participated in the Young Activists Summit, held in Geneva.

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

The Agence internationale pour le développement held a conference on human rights violations in the Tindouf camps in Algeria on 21 October 2017 in Paris, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on the Place de la République. With the help of INSER ASAF, the organization collected and distributed 2,350 tons of food and 584 tons of other items to people in need.

8. Alliance des avocats pour les droits de l'homme

Special, 2017

Introduction

Founded in 2009, the Alliance des avocats pour les droits de l'homme (AADH) is an organization that connects national and international associations working in the fields of human rights and environmental protection with committed, high-quality lawyers who provide those associations with customized legal support on a pro bono basis. Today, 180 associations (non-governmental organizations, social and solidarity economy companies, and institutions), as well as victims of fundamental rights violations, benefit from this support. More than 26,000 lawyers from major French and international law firms offer AADH their services in the form of consultations with a view to responding to the full range of legal issues that those associations and individuals face.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AADH aims to strengthen the defence of human and children's rights by making its members' legal expertise available free of charge to member associations and victims of fundamental rights violations. AADH also contributes to the professionalization and structuring of associations, providing advice to members on matters related to their structure, operation and management (through legal assistance and training). Since 2016, AADH has also been developing its own programmes to protect vulnerable populations (see below).

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2017, the Alliance's activities have expanded significantly. The following six new programmes have been launched:

1. "Zero childhood vulnerability", aimed at strengthening the rights of migrant children and young adults;
2. "Plural identities", focused on raising awareness of the rights of transgender children;
3. "Women who have been raped, women who have rights", to fight against rape as a weapon of war and impunity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
4. "MIMO", aimed at better identifying and guiding unaccompanied minor asylum seekers;
5. "Female Forces", which promotes access to legal assistance for exiled women who have suffered violence;
6. "Clear-Rights", for better legal assistance for minors in conflict with the law (present in five European countries).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Contribution to the report on the situation of sexual minorities in the Congo for the universal periodic review (2018); referral to seven rapporteurs on the rights of persons living on the streets during the COVID-19 period (2020); and referral to the Committee on the Rights of the Child on the situation of unaccompanied minors in France (2020).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2021, the Alliance entered into a partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to identify challenges in the protection of unaccompanied children and to formulate proposals to address their needs. AADH will provide support by conducting research and UNHCR will participate by providing training to AADH partners.

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

By providing free legal assistance to associations and people in vulnerable situations, the work of AADH and all of its programmes are aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 16. The “Zero childhood vulnerability” and “MIMO” programmes are also relevant to Goals 3, 4 and 10. By accompanying young migrants through complex administrative and legal procedures, AADH provides them with greater legal access, makes their situation more secure, enhances their well-being and education and reduces inequalities. The “Women who have been raped, women who have rights” programme contributes to the achievement of Goal 5 through its work in combating sexual violence and impunity in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. A study on compensation and reparations for such violence, conducted by the legal clinic of Aix-Marseille University in the framework of the programme, was used by the Dr. Denis Mukwege Foundation before the International Criminal Court. The “Female Forces” programme, under which legal aid clinics have been set up for patients at Avicenne Hospital who have experienced violence, complementing the psychological and medical support provided by hospital staff, also falls within the scope of Goals 3 and 5. Lastly, the “Plural identities” programme, aimed at raising awareness of the rights of transgender children, is aligned with Goal 5.

9. Alliance pour la solidarité et le partage en Afrique – Jeunesse pour intégration culturelle et sociale

Special, 2017

Introduction

Alliance pour la solidarité et le partage en Afrique – Jeunesse pour intégration culturelle et sociale is a non-partisan and secular non-governmental organizations that was created in Lomé on 27 April 1990. It has had consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since July 2017.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to address extreme poverty, governance, justice, biodiversity, gender equality, energy, employment, transparency and human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supports the implementation of activities undertaken by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the World Health Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Children's Fund. For example, it organizes commemorative activities for Menstrual Hygiene Day.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in several meetings organized by the Human Rights Council in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During an international charity event held on 5 September 2020, the organization gave a presentation on the theme "United Nations and Women's Rights". The activity was organized by a partner non-governmental organization, Vision Citoyenne (RCI), and the Swiss and Togolese offices of Alliance pour la solidarité et le partage en Afrique to assess the United Nations' contribution to development in various countries.

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

No initiatives were specified.

10. AMFORHT

Special, 2017

Introduction

The World Association for Hospitality and Tourism Education and Training (AMFORHT) is a non-profit association under the French law of 1901. Created in 1969, on the initiative of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), AMFORHT currently has a presence in 77 countries, with nearly 700 individual and institutional members. It is the only association in the world that brings together hospitality schools, colleges and universities offering programmes in tourism, hospitality and culinary arts, as well as professional organizations and public institutions, including ministries.

AMFORHT is run democratically: half the Board is renewed every two years and a President is elected every four years. AMFORHT is non-political and secular.

To become a member of AMFORHT, applicants are required to fill in a membership form and return it to the general secretariat of the association, enclosing a presentation brochure or indicating the website of their organization. The membership application is then submitted to the association's admissions committee, which examines it, makes its decision and then has it ratified by the association's admissions assembly, which also examines it, makes its decision and has it ratified by the general assembly. The budget of AMFORHT is financed solely by the contributions of its members through an annual subscription. The President volunteers his or her services free of charge.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim and purpose of AMFORHT is to bring together hotel and tourism training institutes and professional organizations from around the world with a view to creating joint academic projects and promoting the highest humanist values for a world of peace, culture and fellowship.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals are a major focus of our communication and development plan. In addition, each member organization signs the UNWTO Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, as well as the Credo of the Peaceful Traveller of the International Institute for Peace through Tourism.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The global pandemic has prevented AMFORHT from being present at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York in 2020 and 2021. The association is in the process of finalizing arrangements for the next AMFORHT Annual World Forum, to be held in Geneva in October 2022, which will include a general assembly at the Palais des Nations. In addition, the association has been closely monitoring remote conferences during the pandemic, and is promoting some of those events within its network.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AMFORHT maintains close links with UNWTO, and collaborates with about 20 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. With regard to partnerships, AMFORHT has signed a protocol of understanding with the European Commission's Erasmus+ student mobility programme with the aim of expanding the programme beyond Europe's borders, including to developing countries. AMFORHT has also undertaken to sign protocols of understanding with the main NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council working in the fields of tourism and education around the world, and in particular in developing countries.

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

The association is actively committed to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, including through the promotion of sustainable development solutions for the hotel and tourism sector, with some 20 initiatives launched, supported or conducted in that field, as well as through collaboration with AMFORHT members on the publication of technical notes and guides.

11. Amis des étrangers au Togo**Special, 2013****Introduction**

This report outlines the activities undertaken, those that have not been undertaken, the difficulties encountered and recommendations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of Amis des étrangers au Togo (ADET) is to promote social development, economic development, environmental development and gender and human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2017:

- Participated in the Group of 20 Summit process through the Civil 20 summit held in February 2017, as a prelude to participation in the Group of 20 Summit held in Hamburg, Germany, in July 2017.
- ADET was selected as one of the 149 NGOs major groups working on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Participated in international conferences on migration and trafficking held in Vienna in September, in Geneva in October and in Mexico in December 2017.

2018:

- In February 2018, ADET participated in negotiations on international migration at the United Nations.

2019:

- In April and May 2019, ADET participated in anti-corruption training organized by the United Nations System Staff College.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- At the high-level political forum held in July 2020, ADET was invited to analyse the voluntary report of Burkina Faso and raise appropriate questions.
- ADET, along with two individuals, was selected by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to participate in the Sustainable Development Goals Summit with Heads of State and Government at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York on 24 and 25 September 2019.

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

- In January 2020, ADET received an invitation from the Economic Commission for Africa to participate in the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development and Agenda 2063 of the African Union, which was scheduled to be held in Zimbabwe in February 2020.
- On 1 April 2020, ADET was appointed by the United Nations system as an advisor in charge of partnerships in a project on digital finance and blockchain technology in Africa.
- In September 2020, ADET participated in a United Nations summit on climate and the Sustainable Development Goals in New York. The organization also

mobilized eight civil society organizations and one school complex to plant 15,200 trees, including 5,000 mangroves, from September to November.

- In addition, ADET worked to counter misinformation about COVID-19 and the anti-vaccine movement.

12. Archbishop E. Kataliko Actions for Africa “KAF”

Special, 2013

Introduction

Archbishop E. Kataliko Actions for Africa “KAF” is a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2013. The headquarters of KAF is located at Avenue Matungulu, 25, town of Kamituga, Province of South Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the KAF foundation is to contribute to combating torture, HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and other serious diseases; protect the environment and human rights; and promote democracy and human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

During the period under review, KAF built and inaugurated a maternity ward that includes a rehabilitation centre for victims of torture and sexual violence in the town of Kamituga, in the Congolese province of South Kivu.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Participation in sessions of the Human Rights Council and other special procedures, including the following ordinary sessions: forty-second session, from 9 to 27 September 2019; forty-first session, from 24 June to 12 July 2019; thirty-eighth session, from 18 June to 6 July 2018; thirty-sixth session, from 11 to 29 September 2017; and thirty-fifth session, from 6 June to 23 June 2017.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Since obtaining consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, KAF has been very active within the United Nations. It has been permanently represented at the United Nations offices at Geneva and Vienna and at Headquarters in New York since 2013.

In addition to the regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, KAF has participated in the following meetings:

- 121st session of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (16 October to 10 November 2017).
- Meeting in March 2020 with Ms. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, on the code of conduct developed by the United Nations system to prevent harassment, including sexual harassment, at United Nations system events.
- Global Leadership for the 21st Century event, held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 15 and 16 December 2020.
- Open forum of action track 4 of the United Nations Food Systems Summit, on 30 November 2020.

- United Nations and Civic Space: Strengthening Participation, Protection and Promotion virtual round table, held on Friday, 4 December 2020 via Zoom.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

KAF also participated in the following meetings:

- A special session of a briefing at the United Nations Office at Geneva, co-organized by the SDG Lab, with Mr. Bruce Jenks, Senior Adviser of the Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation.
- Meeting with the Executive Coordinator of the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office, Palais des Nations.
- Meeting with Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, June 2019.
- Meeting with the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva for the fourth edition of the “So What?” series on promoting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, held in June 2018.
- Meeting between Mr. Michael Møller, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, and representatives of non-governmental organizations to inform us of the Office’s activities, current priorities and challenges, held on 10 October 2017.

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

KAF has undertaken various initiatives to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, including field activities focused on rehabilitating victims of war crimes and torture, managing a maternity ward and building a new hospital, educating the population (young people between 16 and 25 years of age and women) on the Sustainable Development Goals, assisting in the medical treatment of prisoners and victims of torture, reforestation and others. The hospital has an impact on issues related to the employment of nurses and male workers, health (prevention and access to primary health and reproductive health care), sustainable development (use of green building materials), vocational training, the environment (hospital waste management) and the planting of trees around the hospital. KAF has treated more than 10,000 people at the facility, including over 3,000 pregnant women and 3,000 children. By implementing these activities, KAF has contributed to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 13 and 15.

13. Association AMOR

Special, 2017

Introduction

Association AMOR is a social humanitarian non-governmental organization founded by Mr. Tigori Aka in Geneva on 7 January 1999. It is also present in Senegal, Tunisia and Côte d’Ivoire.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association is committed to the welfare and development of orphans, but also helps street children, persons living with HIV and people in need.

Significant changes in the organization

In addition to helping to ensure the well-being of orphans, the non-governmental organization (NGO) seeks to promote their education by providing access to IT tools, which has led to the creation of the “HiTech4Orphans” project, a digital education initiative to help students in rural areas. A gala was held in Geneva on 8 November 2019 to raise funds to support the project.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In addition to that project, the organization has set up a festival called FestiAmor, which is aimed at rewarding the best students in Côte d’Ivoire.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization is committed to supporting the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 4, on quality education; Goal 5, on gender equality; Goal 11, on sustainable cities and communities; and Goal 17, on partnerships for achieving the Goals. The organization has launched several initiatives to ensure that children have access to quality education.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the third edition of FestiAmor, Mr. Pierre Michel Wolf, sponsor of the SIMKOOLSWISS Excellence Award, focused his sponsorship on supporting and promoting quality education for children, and specifically for girls because he believes that they are the future of humanity. Computers have been distributed to the best students, and facilities have been built, including a canteen.

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

Representatives of the organization participated in the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 11 to 29 September 2017 and from 26 February to 23 March 2018 respectively, during which they made a plea in favour of children’s rights to quality education and established partnerships with other NGOs working towards the achievement of Goals 4, 5, 11 and 17.

14. Association Adala-Justice**Special, 2017****Introduction**

Association Adala-Justice is a non-governmental organization, created in 2005, that is working to advance judicial system reform, protect due process, improve the quality of judicial decisions and ensure legal and judicial certainty.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- Reform the justice system, including laws, structures and administrative management
- Guarantee judicial independence and ensure transparency
- Ensure legal security by aligning national laws with the human rights system

- Facilitate the right of access to justice and the implementation of fair trial standards
- Improve the quality of judicial decisions and ensure judicial certainty

Significant changes in the organization

With the support of many institutional partners, we have established a strategic plan for 2020–2024 focused on:

- Improving and optimizing the governance system
- Strengthening management and leadership in project mode
- Strengthening organizational performance and human resources management
- Further developing internal and external communication
- Developing constructive partnerships

In this context, we have been able to:

- Develop financial management tools (a procedures manual has been drafted) and communication tools (training to improve internal communication via project management tools and training to improve the digital skills of teams).
- Focus our efforts on programmes rather than projects, thanks to the partnerships we have forged with international and regional institutions and organizations.
- Create key positions to develop our skills capital.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Contributed to the third universal periodic review process with a midterm report in 2020 assessing the progress of Morocco in the implementation of recommendations presented to the country, as well as its compliance with international commitments in areas such as the right to freedom of expression, the right of access to information, freedom of association and peaceful assembly.
- Contributed to a shadow report by civil society organizations in Morocco in the context of the 2017 universal periodic review.
- During the 2017 universal periodic review, delivered an oral statement on 23 September 2019 on the promotion of children’s rights to survival, protection, development and participation.
- Delivered another oral statement on human rights violations regarding the right to protest, to association and to freedom of expression at the forty-first session of the Human Rights Council, in June 2019.
- Made an oral statement at the forty-third session of the Council as part of the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to privacy.
- On the margins of the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the non-governmental organization was a signatory to the statement made by Moroccan associations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Universal periodic review pre-session in Geneva from 2 to 6 April 2017
- Twenty-seventh session of the universal periodic review in Geneva from 1 to 12 May 2017

- Sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018
- High-level segment of the Economic and Social Council in New York from 16 to 19 July 2019
- Forty-first session of the Human Rights Council from 24 June to 12 July 2019
- Economic and Social Council forum on financing for development follow-up from 15 to 19 April 2019 in New York
- Sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women from 11 to 22 March 2019
- Forty-third session of the Human Rights Council from 24 February to 20 March 2020

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

- Creation of an observatory on economic, social, cultural and environmental rights in the south-east with the aim of conducting investigations and preparing alternative reports.
- Organization of a conference on strategic environmental litigation during the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- In partnership with the ministerial delegation in charge of human rights in Morocco, we carried out a project on empowerment and the protection of fundamental economic and social rights at work. In that context, we conducted a survey, developed a guide and a report and organized capacity-building training for stakeholders.

15. Association culturelle des Tamouls en France

Special, 2017

Introduction

Association culturelle des Tamouls en France (ACTF) is a French association, made up of volunteers, that was created in 1998 to promote and share the culture of the Tamil people in France and to assist in their socioeconomic integration.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association aims to develop cultural, intellectual and scientific knowledge of the Tamil language and culture; develop and deepen in France the study, knowledge and understanding of the Tamil culture, language and civilization; promote the French language and culture among emigrant populations at the regional level; strengthen cultural exchange, cooperation and communication among France, India, Sri Lanka and other countries where the Tamil language is spoken; and promote the concepts of solidarity, tolerance and freedom. It does so by organizing French lessons for adults, Tamil lessons and a variety of events (seminars, conferences, performances, screenings, exhibitions, visits, competitions, trips, parties, galas, sporting activities, publications, etc.).

Significant changes in the organization

For the past four years, we have been very active, working with members from all over the world. We have representatives in seven countries in the European Union.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACTF has been involved in preventing and combating corruption, raising public awareness and promoting cooperation between law enforcement and relevant private entities in accordance with the United Nations Convention against Corruption. It has also supported the work of the Human Rights Council through courses, seminars and projects on topics including women's rights; effective measures for combating crimes against humanity and human rights violations; trafficking in human beings; speedy and effective criminal trials; protection of victims of crime; and proper treatment of offenders.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, ACTF attended all sessions of the Human Rights Council and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, all sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and many side events. ACTF has also participated in the regular sessions of the United Nations General Assembly and the meetings of its Second, Third and Sixth Committees; the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons; and the high-level thematic debate of the General Assembly on integrating crime prevention and criminal justice in the post-2015 development agenda.

ACTF has participated in the substantive and organizational sessions of the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions, such as the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on the Status of Women. In addition, ACTF has participated in sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We have sought to promote concerted action-oriented research and information exchange for more effective crime prevention and criminal justice policies and practices, as well as mutual cooperation in accordance with United Nations standards and guidelines.

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

ACTF conducted advocacy campaigns and organized exhibitions to raise awareness of and interest in the Millennium Development Goals, as well as in the implementation of the new 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Initiatives included a conference on responsible business and international investments; activities on cooperation for development; round tables on the effects of the economic crisis for the implementation of human rights; and efforts to raise awareness among young people of human rights mechanisms in the context of Sustainable Development Goal 16.