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1. Association des relais communautaires d'Oshwé

Special, 2017

Introduction

The Association des relais communautaires d'Oshwé is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that is duly registered in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The purpose of the Association is to promote inclusive development in rural areas by providing support in five domains: health and food security, environment and energy, education and employment, housing and infrastructure, and governance, gender and human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The overall aim of the Association is to ensure inclusive community development in rural areas through three specific objectives: alleviating poverty, promoting local economic activities and combating rural-urban migration. The Association designs and implements development projects in order to achieve those objectives.

Significant changes in the organization

- The Association is now a local project implementation body.
- It has been collaborating with the non-governmental organization Maison bâtie sur le rocher since January 2020.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Collection of ancient works of art for the construction of a museum dedicated to the Nkundo people
- Radio Télévision Bondeko programmes on the United Nations and the Economic and Social Council
- Broadcasts on steps taken by the World Health Organization to combat the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in the 2018 World Investment Forum, held from 22 to 26 October in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Efforts to organize events with the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) are still under way.

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

The organization contributed to the fulfilment of Sustainable Development Goals 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 16 in Oshwé and Kinshasa by:

- Holding on the margins of International Women's Day, on 19 March 2018, a lecture and discussion on new information and communications technologies and on violence in schools with pre-final-year students at the Lycée Sainte Germaine of N'djili.
- Initiating and implementing a market gardening project in the rural commune of Nsele in Kinshasa. Women market gardeners were encouraged to use green manure in their activities.

- Distributing kits of educational materials to the Vocational Technical Institute of Oshwé.
- Building and developing seven boreholes in villages in the Oshwé region, one in Yuki Ngolo and another in Yuki Onatra. Some boreholes were placed in schools in order to provide students with drinking water and combat the consumption of unsafe water, which causes waterborne illness.
- Providing four 100X-lens microscopes, three of them to the villages of Ntombalongo, Indolo and Ngele-Nkoko, in the Booli region, and the fourth to the village of Bukutu, in the Mbindjakamba region.
- Installing a rice huller in the city of Oshwé in order to reduce working hours for certain rice farmers.
- Implementing, in partnership with the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, through the Office of Agricultural Service Roads, a manual road-mending project, rehabilitating 106 km of road in the city of Oshwé.
- Initiating and implementing a project to provide training in agricultural production for farmers, in order to help them produce cassava, upland rice, corn and chilli on 10 hectares of land.
- Developing programmes broadcast by Radio Télévision Bondeko, a community radio and television station which it owns, on peaceful coexistence with indigenous peoples and former slaves known as Bantamba.
- Building a warehouse for agricultural and other products.

2. Association mouvement pour la défense de l'humanité et abolition de la torture

Special, 2013

Introduction

The Association mouvement pour la défense de l'humanité et abolition de la torture is a human rights organization that focuses on the medical and psychological rehabilitation of victims of torture and survivors of war, minorities, HIV/AIDS and the prevention of child abuse, in accordance with the Istanbul Protocol and other international protocols and treaties. The Association provides support for victims of armed conflict, survivors of war, refugees and persons who have been subjected to torture in prison.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main purpose of the Association is to provide rehabilitation services to survivors, covering all aspects of their lives, environment and society, and to promote human rights through activities with short-, medium- and long-term impact. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations on 10 December 1948, was the first international text to proclaim torture illegal; African human rights mechanisms followed that example. As stated in article 5 of the Declaration, "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

The aims of the Association are as follows:

- Preventing and combating torture
- Preventing and combating violence against women
- Preventing and combating the trafficking and exploitation of children
- Preventing violent extremism

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Promoting the Charter of the United Nations through our activities
- Supporting victims of torture through assistance, care and preventive measures, in accordance with the Charter and the Istanbul Protocol
- Promoting a gender perspective through awareness-raising initiatives for minority groups, in accordance with the Charter

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Because of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the Association was forced to limit its activities. It nevertheless contributed to a webinar, the dissemination of reports of United Nations rapporteurs, and calls for proposals.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We sent a request for cooperation to the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) in Cameroon and responded to calls for proposals issued by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

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

The initiatives taken by the Association have focused mainly on working with community groups in order to:

- Promote peace and reconciliation
- Promote a healthy environment through health measures
- Reduce hunger among migrants and refugees
- Improve the health of prisoners and refugees

3. Association pour l'action sociale et le développement

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Association pour l'action sociale et le développement is a non-profit organization that helps people living in difficult conditions who do not have access to support. We promote public education and awareness concerning social development, as well as access to health insurance for the poor.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Association are as follows:

- Enhancing the visibility and development of women, as well as their participation in civic and social life, mutual support and solidarity, and building a sense of community
- Promoting the social development of urban and local populations through education, training, culture, sports, support for young orphans, persons with disabilities and underprivileged children, social integration, cultural mediation, and medical and humanitarian aid

- Advancing sustainable development by encouraging the funding of micro-projects, informal sector activities, the participation of women and youth in the development of their village, town and country, and environmental protection, and by combating crime, exclusion, violence, illiteracy, AIDS, hunger, sexually transmitted infections and other scourges

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:

- Activities conducted in observance of the thirty-fifth annual International Women’s Day under the theme “Promoting equality and protecting the human rights of women by 2020”, including an assessment of the progress of Cameroon 25 years after the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, together with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)
- *National human development report 2019: inclusive growth, inequality and exclusion*, together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- *The Least Developed Countries Report 2018*, together with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
- *2018 Africa Sustainable Development Report*, together with the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the African Union and UNDP

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in the following meetings:

- Sixty-sixth executive session of the Trade and Development Board, held from 5 to 7 February 2018 in Geneva
- ECA Regional Trade Forum for West and Central Africa, held from 24 to 25 June 2019 in Dakar
- United Nations-ECA Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, held from 17 to 19 May 2017 in Addis Ababa

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association served as an advisory body to UNDP Cameroon on the following matters:

- Increasing agricultural productivity and providing Cameroonian farmers with information on designing, implementing and organizing an inventory management system tailored to community needs
- Improving the supply of agricultural equipment
- Reorganizing units in accordance with procurement directives, taking into account community policies
- Redistributing tasks on the basis of the new system established for implementing, planning, organizing, evaluating and managing production activities
- Establishing a working partnership with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) in Cameroon in order to carry out a project related to education, training and the professional integration of youth

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

Initiatives taken by the Association include:

- Project to provide drinking water for all and support for community activities in the Littoral region in order to help the population to manage and maintain water facilities independently in rural areas
- Projects to assist displaced persons from the English-speaking regions, providing them with legal aid and nutritional and medical support, and promoting the enrolment of children and adolescents in schools

4. Association pour l'éducation et la santé de la femme et de l'enfant

Special, 2017

Introduction

The purpose of the Association pour l'éducation et la santé de la femme et de l'enfant is to seek, mobilize and manage aid, donations, bequests and assistance of any kind, from any source, in order to protect the environment, combat poverty and support the development of harmonious and sustainable populations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Overall aim:

- Promoting human rights

Specific aims:

- (a) Contributing to the well-being of children;
- (b) Protecting children's rights;
- (c) Promoting children's health and education;
- (d) Supporting street children and integrating them into the workforce;
- (e) Combating the exploitation of children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association is a non-governmental organization that protects the rights of women and children and participates in related activities organized by the United Nations system. For example, it often participates in the meetings of the Human Rights Council in Geneva and in other meetings on matters related to women and children.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the forty-first and forty-second sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. We also participated in the sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and in the most recent session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, held in a virtual format.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association submits periodic reports to the various United Nations bodies in which it participates. We have also followed all the virtual meetings to which we have been invited since the advent of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

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

The organization has developed, inter alia:

- An introduction to the study of the basic principles of international law and human rights law.
- Techniques for writing reports for treaty bodies, the Human Rights Council and regional bodies, including on the status of accession of Mauritania to international human rights instruments and the harmonization of national legislation with such instruments, and for submitting reports and recommendations for treaty bodies, the universal periodic review and special rapporteurs on Mauritania.

5. Association pour la promotion de la lutte contre les violences faites aux femmes et la participation au développement de la femme africaine

Special, 2013

Introduction

The Association pour la promotion de la lutte contre les violences faites aux femmes et la participation au développement de la femme africaine continues to actively defend the rights of survivors of violence and to support them, whatever the circumstances of their suffering, through its assistance programme. With regard to prevention, an increasingly necessary aspect of our mission, we provide continuous training for our own personnel, regularly conduct awareness-raising campaigns and do collaborative work through the platforms of Cameroonian and other organizations. Working with the media has been a crucial aspect of our work in recent years.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The activities of the Association are aimed at reducing violence against defenceless women and girls and alleviating their suffering.

The Association supports survivors of violence by providing them with legal aid and health care, as well as economic support through its economic empowerment programme for vulnerable women. It also launched “Cleanliness Day”, an initiative to promote a clean environment and the recycling of non-biodegradable items in the Littoral region.

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 online discussion on the evolving relationship between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in 2018.

It also participated in the fifteenth Gender Café, under the theme “Women and public life”, hosted by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) in 2017 in Douala, Cameroon.

The Association is currently implementing a project entitled “Emergency access to care for vulnerable, at-risk women” in response to multiple deaths of women and their babies as a result of a lack of timely care at Laquintinie Hospital in Douala.

In addition, the Association was asked to participate in a Radio France Internationale telephone discussion on domestic violence and rape and on women’s economic participation. The Association also discussed its strategies to financially empower women in the French newspaper *La Croix*.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

In observance of International Women’s Day, the Association:

- Held discussions with 470 participants under the theme “The role and involvement of women in their own economic development” at Soboum Evangelical Church in Douala in the lead-up to International Women’s Day 2017
- Organized, at a bilingual high school in Brazzaville-Douala in 2018, an awareness-raising initiative for students on the use and proliferation of drugs and violence in schools
- Organized, at the Lycée de Koumassi Douala, an awareness-raising initiative on the illegal immigration of girls and its dangers
- Delivered televised statements on various topics related to International Women’s Day
- Contributed to public reports by Canal 2 International containing harrowing testimonies from survivors of violence receiving assistance from the Association

6. Association tunisienne de la santé de la reproduction

Special, 2017

Introduction

The Association tunisienne de la santé de la reproduction was established in 1968 and has been a member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation since 1969. The purpose of the Association is to put an end to maternal and infant mortality, unwanted pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections and HIV/AIDS in Tunisia by ensuring that everyone has access to the sexual and reproductive health information and services they need, without discrimination or stigma.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Aim: The Association promotes the right to sexual and reproductive health care through multisectoral partnerships. It provides and facilitates access to information and services related to sexual and reproductive health, particularly for youth and the most vulnerable and underserved populations.

Objectives:

- Strengthening the legislative, policy and procedural framework for sexual rights and sexual and reproductive health care, and ensuring that the Government and other decision makers are committed to implementing that framework and complying with international instruments
- Enhancing the access of youth to comprehensive sexuality education, and strengthening and expanding their engagement as agents of change
- Increasing awareness of sexual and reproductive health-care rights among the population, including vulnerable groups such as lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, sex workers and persons living with HIV/AIDS, by providing related education, information and guidance
- Providing and facilitating access to sexual and reproductive health-care services, particularly for rural women and vulnerable people

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2017 to 2020, the Association implemented a number of projects related to the sexual and reproductive health of vulnerable women, girls and youth, comprehensive sexuality education for youth, and sexual rights.

These projects were funded by various international donors, including international non-governmental organizations and United Nations organizations such as:

- United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (sexual rights advocacy, national Sustainable Development Goals indicators)
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (access to sexual and reproductive health services for migrants and refugees)
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (universal periodic review of Tunisia)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

At the international level, the Association participated in several United Nations events:

- Universal periodic review conducted in Geneva in 2017
- Discussions on and adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals in New York in 2017
- Discussion with the World Health Organization on universal access to health care, held in 2019

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

At the national level, the Association actively participated in meetings with UNFPA in order to develop strategies and implement projects. The Association is an official partner of UNFPA.

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

Since the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Association has been working to achieve the Goals at the national level.

In collaboration with UNFPA, the Association created a tool and mechanism for monitoring the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Tunisia, and established national indicators related to sexual and reproductive health and sexual rights. To that end, it is collaborating with the Ministry of Development, which is responsible for monitoring the achievement of the Goals in Tunisia.

The Association is therefore working on a practical level to implement projects that contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals by helping to combat gender-based violence, promote sexual and reproductive health-care services for women and protect the sexual rights of vulnerable persons, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons, and migrants.

7. Benin Environment and Education Society**Special, 2013****Introduction**

The Benin Environment and Education Society is a non-governmental organization dedicated to ecology and sustainable development. It promotes biodiversity conservation in the departments of Plateau, Ouémé, Atlantique and Zou in Benin.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Benin Environment and Education Society is to take financially sustainable, ecologically and culturally responsible steps to restore and improve the quality of natural resources, in particular in wetlands, in order to ensure the well-being of local populations.

The overall objective of the Society is to promote sustainable development through the protection and conservation of biodiversity, specifically by:

- Ensuring the sustainable management of natural resources, in particular in aquatic, forest and other sensitive ecosystems
- Enhancing education, information and understanding through public awareness-raising initiatives, school activities and the dissemination of educational and other tools related to wetlands, in order to promote community-based conservation and use
- Promoting ecotourism as a means of nature conservation and an alternative to the overexploitation of natural resources
- Contributing to the economic and social development of local populations
- Mobilizing financial resources for the conduct of studies and activities in order to disseminate scientific knowledge of wetlands in Benin

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We participate in the statutory meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Convention

on Migratory Species), the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the United Nations Environment Assembly and the Conference of the Parties to the Convention for Cooperation in the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Atlantic Coast of the West, Central and Southern Africa Region (Abidjan Convention).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We participated in the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora held in Geneva, the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species held in India, the meetings of the United Nations Environment Assembly and the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Abidjan Convention held in Abidjan.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We work in partnership with the secretariats of the Abidjan Convention, the Convention on Migratory Species, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds and the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, as well as with Wetlands International.

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

All the projects implemented by the Society in the past four years are based on Millennium Development Goal 7 (Ensure environmental sustainability). The Society has also worked to reduce poverty (Millennium Development Goal 1) by providing communities with working capital for micro-projects. In addition, it has taken into account gender equality (Millennium Development Goal 3) in its work; women and men are well represented in its various committees and activities.

In recent years, the Society has taken a number of initiatives to support development objectives, including:

- Contributing to the Shared Resources, Joint Solutions programme
- Implementing a project to support the establishment of the Grand Nokoué intercommunity reserve
- Helping to preserve and promote the natural and cultural heritage of the sacred forests in the communes of Kétou and Adja-Ouère in Benin
- Facilitating social intermediation in the commune of Dangbo as part of the New Ouémé Valley project

8. Build Africa

Special, 2017

Introduction

The purpose of Build Africa is to promote the rights and cultural values of socially vulnerable people who are victims of marginalization, prejudice and discrimination. The organization operates in the southern and eastern regions of Cameroon, which are home to most of the country's estimated 70,000 Baka pygmies, and focuses on awareness-raising, training, advocacy and the promotion of the rights and cultural values of Baka pygmies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to pool efforts and resources in order to support Baka pygmies and reduce their marginalization. The strategies used to achieve this aim include building the pygmies' knowledge of and capacity to defend their rights, providing support for income-generating activities, promoting children's education, ensuring access to health care and producing official documents. The organization's action plan is based on three priority areas: self-advancement of young people, children's education and citizenship.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2019, Build Africa joined the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms, becoming responsible for promoting the rights and freedoms not only of the Baka pygmies, but also of the Bakola and Bagyéli pygmies.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted a communication on the topic "Minority rights: protecting Baka, Bakola and Bagyéli women from discrimination" for consideration at the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 12 to 23 March 2018.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 2017 to 2020, the organization participated in activities held in observance of International Day of Indigenous Peoples on 9 August each year, under the auspices of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Cameroon. In 2019, Build Africa delivered a presentation on the topic "Injustice and discrimination against pygmy women in Cameroon, and how to combat the inequalities that cause such acts".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2020, the organization collaborated with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Cameroon on the development of a specific action plan to promote the education of indigenous children with disabilities.

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

From 2018 to 2020, Build Africa contributed to Sustainable Development Goal 2 by providing 950 100-kg bags of improved corn and ground-nut seeds, as well as technical supervision to over 1,500 Baka households.

In 2019, 520 Baka youth received 2,080 small ruminants under the youth self-advancement programme.

In 2020, pursuant to Sustainable Development Goal 4, the organization provided 5,600 school supplies to 318 Baka children in 15 schools.

It recruited 15 Baka youth to lead activities in three community preschool centres.

From 2017 to 2020, Build Africa supported the Baka people's participation in the observance of International Day of Indigenous Peoples each year on 9 August.

In 2020, the organization contributed to Sustainable Development Goal 3 by signing a contract with the Bon Secours health centre of Djoum, in southern Cameroon, for the provision of services to the 35 Baka children housed at the Petits Samaritains orphanage.

9. Bureau d'informations, formations, échanges et recherches pour le développement

Special, 2017

Introduction

The Bureau d'informations, formations, échanges et recherches pour le développement is a Congolese national organization founded in 2004 that helps to protect the rights of vulnerable and poor people, particularly those displaced by conflict or affected by epidemics, orphaned children and poor women. Our activities from 2017 to 2020 were focused on water, hygiene and sanitation, education, child protection, food security and nutrition, and the promotion of humanitarian standards.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the Bureau is to:

1. Improve the living conditions of people affected by crises and catastrophes, including armed conflict, war and natural disasters
2. Advocate, through the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, conferences, national and international forums, the interests of people affected by crises by exerting influence at the local, national, regional and international levels
3. Promote peace, peaceful coexistence and resilience in communities affected by conflict, war and other disasters

Significant changes in the organization

The Bureau is a member of international networks such as Sphere (Geneva), the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (United Kingdom), the International Network for Education in Emergencies (United States of America), Sanitation and Water for All, the Global Resilience Partnership and the Core Humanitarian Standard Alliance.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We contribute to the United Nations by:

- Participating in protection cluster meetings under the leadership of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Participating in the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for All Cluster under the auspices of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Supporting the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs by sharing humanitarian alerts
- Implementing activities for the promotion of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Participating in the planning process for the humanitarian response strategy of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Engaging in several in-country initiatives with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We were unable to attend United Nations meetings in New York and Geneva owing to visa problems.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Bureau cooperated with United Nations bodies through partnerships with UNICEF, the World Food Programme (WFP) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). It also took an active part in a number of initiatives implemented by MONUSCO in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in particular the establishment of a violence prevention team with the support of MONUSCO.

In collaboration with United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the Bureau helped to promote a number of campaigns relating to humanitarian issues in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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

The partners that supported our activities were IOM, the Norwegian Refugee Council, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Save the Children Sweden, Arigatou International, the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, UNICEF, WFP, Trócaire, the Health Cluster (World Health Organization) and WaterAid.

The main activities carried out over the past four years are as follows:

- Construction of 20 rainwater collection tanks for 20 medical facilities through funding from UNICEF and the Norwegian Refugee Council
- Provision of emergency education assistance for 4,200 vulnerable children through support from the Norwegian Refugee Council
- Provision of assistance to 300 families affected by malnutrition through funding from Arigatou International
- Payment of school fees for 150 vulnerable children through funding from Arigatou International
- Strengthening of conflict prevention and local governance through funding from IOM
- Promotion of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) prevention awareness
- Provision of nutrition and food security support for 10,500 people through funding from WFP
- Administration of surveys on the impact of the activities of CARE International through funding from the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute
- Holding of training sessions on quality and accountability standards for international non-governmental organizations and United Nations agencies in neighbouring provinces (South Kivu and Ituri)
- Participation in international conferences in Brazil, Italy, Kenya, Senegal, Thailand, Togo and Uruguay

10. Carré géo et environnement

Special, 2013

Introduction

Carré géo et environnement, established in Cameroon in 2004, is an association that works for the protection of the environment and the implementation of sustainable development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

More specifically, the association carries out activities at the local, national and international levels with the aim of contributing to having climate change taken better into account in the definition of and response to development issues.

Significant changes in the organization

Establishment of a branch in France.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

November 2017: Contributed to the work of the twenty-third Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by holding a parallel conference, on 8 November 2017, on the harmful impact of the degradation of arable land on populations. This activity was aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 13 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, under which all United Nations system stakeholders are called upon to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

December 2018: Contributed to the work of the twenty-fourth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by holding a parallel conference, on 8 December 2018, on the implementation of article 8 of the Paris Agreement and decision 49/CP.21. This activity was aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 13, under which all United Nations system stakeholders are called upon to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

December 2019: Contributed to the work of the twenty-fifth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change by holding a parallel conference, on 2 December 2019, on political issues related to environmental migration. This activity was aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 13, under which all United Nations system stakeholders are called upon to take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

6–17 November 2017, Bonn, Germany: twenty-third Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

3–14 December 2018, Katowice, Poland: twenty-fourth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

2–13 December 2019, Madrid, Spain: twenty-fifth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

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

In support of Sustainable Development Goal 13, Carré géo et environnement contributed, in November 2019, to a publication comprising a compilation of reflections on environmental and climate migration, as part of our advocacy for the adoption of a legally binding instrument for the benefit of persons displaced by environmental changes and climate change.

In April 2020, we launched an initiative to monitor population movements caused by climate change and environmental degradation, with a view to producing a report on the effects of geographical displacement.

11. Centre africain de recherche industrielle**Special, 2001****Introduction**

The Centre africain de recherche industrielle (CARI) focuses on quality of life issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are to:

- Conduct scientific and technical research for publication in scientific journals
- Disseminate the results of its research
- Use science and technology to achieve development goals on the ground

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CARI has contributed to the work of the United Nations through the following:

- Written communication submitted to the high-level political forum on sustainable development held in 2018 under the theme “Accelerated action and transformative pathways: realizing the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development”
- Written communication submitted to the fifty-first session of the Commission on Population and Development, held from 9 to 13 April 2018 under the theme “Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration”
- Written communication submitted to the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 12 to 23 March 2018 under the theme “Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls”
- Written communication submitted to the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 11 to 22 March 2019 under the theme “Beijing+25: review and appraisal of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action”
- Communication submitted to the seventeenth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, held from 23 to 27 April 2018 under the

theme “Readying public institutions for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”

- Written communication submitted to the eighteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, held from 8 to 12 April 2019 under the theme “Building strong institutions for equal and inclusive societies”
- Communication submitted to the nineteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, held from 13 to 28 May 2020 under the theme “Promoting effective governance and institutional reform to accelerate delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals”

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- CARI participated in the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018.
- CARI participated in the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019 under the theme “Social protection systems, access to public services and sustainable infrastructure for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CARI submitted a variety of contributions to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and its various mechanisms and experts.

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

To help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, CARI established the Centre culturel du millénaire in Cogumelos.

12. Centre d’action pour le développement rural

Special, 2017

Introduction

The Centre d’action pour le développement rural (CADR) works to help reduce rural poverty in Togo by advancing sustainable agriculture, strengthening the organization and functioning of community organizations, protecting the environment, promoting education for all, providing access to drinking water and bolstering entrepreneurship, among other things.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Specific objectives:

- Promoting social, economic and cultural rights in rural areas
- Supporting individual and collective initiatives in rural communities, in particular those involving local entrepreneurship and income-generating activities for women and the marketing of the products of such activities
- Promoting better health in village communities and contributing to the fight against sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS
- Combating child labour, child trafficking and violence against children and women
- Promoting education, literacy and vocational training

- Promoting the sponsorship of schoolchildren in need and the educational and social reintegration of young people who are out of school
- Protecting the environment through individual village and inter-village management of the resources of wildlands, pastureland, drainage basins and areas with shared services (equipment, transportation and so on), and combating unhealthy conditions in rural areas, deforestation and the illegal felling of trees
- Providing support to small farmers and their organizations
- Promoting ecological agriculture and animal husbandry
- Promoting tourism in rural areas
- Promoting South-South and South-North exchanges by setting up a framework for international volunteering

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CADR contributes to the work of the United Nations through its various projects and programmes, which include a project to revitalize the social fabric in the canton of Kouma, with a view to promoting responsible land management (2017–2019), a project to promote basic education in Kouma (2012–2020), a project to strengthen and support socioeconomic development in the municipality of Kloto (2020–2022) and a project to raise tilapia fingerlings at the CADR agroecology site.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CADR participated in the universal periodic review process in 2018 and 2019.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

- Strengthening access to education for all in rural communities
- Organizing reforestation campaigns
- Promoting sustainable agriculture and agroecology
- Strengthening women's empowerment through support for income-generating initiatives

13. Centre d'études diplomatiques et stratégiques

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Centre d'études diplomatiques et stratégiques is a training centre for diplomats and decision makers. It also conducts research and has practical expertise on international political issues. It aims to contribute to the development of countries in Africa, South Asia and Latin America. The Centre is a place for research and reflection on the international system (including the United Nations) and development aid.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre's activities are aimed at improving knowledge and understanding of the United Nations system.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Centre held seminars and conferences at the École de Guerre in February 2017. Conferences were also held at the Centre every year during the reporting period. In 2018 and 2019, a section on the life of the United Nations was included in the Centre's journal, *Enjeux diplomatiques et stratégiques*. The Centre has also undertaken research on peacekeeping operations and United Nations reform.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre attended the annual sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during the reporting period (2017–2020). It also attended meetings of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

The Centre participated in the seventh-fifth annual meeting of the high-level panel of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in July 2020.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In July 2020, following the seventh-fifth annual meeting of the high-level panel of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, the Centre published a communication on improving the quality of education and higher education.

In July 2018, the Centre entered into a partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on establishing a culture of peace, and in July 2018 it held an international conference on promoting a culture of peace in Africa. It has also established programmes dedicated to the study of peace and conflict resolution as part of this partnership.

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

From 2017 to 2020, the Centre contributed to the achievement of two Sustainable Development Goals: Goal 16 (on promoting peace and justice) and Goal 4 (on ensuring quality education). It held three training sessions dedicated entirely to peacebuilding and the mobilization of experts in diplomacy and strategy, and six of its other sessions included some training on those topics. The agreement with UNESCO and the joint activities described above contributed to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16. The Centre contributed to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4 through its participation in seminars and meetings organized by the Economic and Social Council and its support for the School Climate Committee.

14. Centre d'information et de promotion de l'image d'une nouvelle Afrique

Special, 2017

Introduction

The Centre d'information et de promotion de l'image d'une nouvelle Afrique (CIPINA) is a "think-and-do tank" concerned with integration, development and cooperation. Its aim is to promote a positive image of African populations in Switzerland. The Centre's work in that regard is focused mainly on coexistence among communities and combating all forms of stigmatization and intolerance, including against African communities. Its ultimate goal is to participate in conflict resolution and promote peace and sustainable connections between Africans and the rest of the world, and between Africans themselves.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of CIPINA are to:

- Promote a positive image of the New Africa in Switzerland and abroad
- Provide support to safeguard the interests of Africa abroad
- Facilitate the integration of Africans in Switzerland, through languages, civic culture, citizenship and respect for values
- Contribute to increasing understanding of the realities and specificities of Africa among populations that are not familiar with them
- Combat discrimination against Africans and work for peace and coexistence between communities
- Support African and European public authorities in their decision-making concerning Africa
- Promote exchanges and cooperation between the global North and Africa
- Promote human rights in Africa
- Highlight the diversity and attractiveness of Africa

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

1. CIPINA organized the commemoration of International Women's Day in March 2017 in Geneva, in collaboration with UNESU, AFIP and AIODD.
2. In September 2019, on the margins of the forty-second session of the Human Rights Council, the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates in Geneva and CIPINA held a high-level international meeting on the theme "Media, terrorism and human rights", which CIPINA moderated.
3. In October 2019, CIPINA was invited by the Deputy Director-General for Field Operations and Partnerships of the International Labour Organization, Moussa Oumarou, to discuss cooperation between CIPINA and the International Labour Organization on combating child labour in Africa.
4. In December 2020, CIPINA held a conference in Mauritania on combating corruption.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CIPINA participated in the following events during the reporting period:

- Observance of World Humanitarian Day at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 19 August 2020
- Observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 8 December 2020
- Round-table discussion with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to mark the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 28 November 2019
- Observance of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers at the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 29 May 2019
- Events to mark Human Rights Day and the seventieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Geneva on 13 December 2018
- Observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty in Geneva on 17 October 2018
- Observance of World Humanitarian Day in Geneva on 16 August 2018

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Following the death of George Floyd, CIPINA, in collaboration with the United Nations Office at Geneva, organized several demonstrations against anti-black racism in Switzerland, which were held on 30 June 2020. Several thousand people participated in those demonstrations.

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

CIPINA contributed to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Burkina Faso by providing reading glasses to 1,200 visually impaired children. CIPINA has used various media to raise awareness of the Sustainable Goals, mobilize action around them and promote them.

15. Combite pour la paix et le développement

Special, 2017

Introduction

Combite pour la paix et le développement is a human rights organization working in all 10 departments of Haiti. It is active in the fields of education and the environment and focuses particularly on fragile neighbourhoods in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area, with the aim of meeting the needs of the vulnerable population there.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to:

1. Promote peace in all the communities in which it works
2. Counsel young people on educational matters
3. Promote and defend human rights
4. Facilitate access to education through advocacy at the national and international levels

5. Establish a framework conducive to development in the areas of health, environmental conservation, culture and infrastructure
6. Make effective use of psychosocial and non-violent methods to eradicate violence
7. Improve the economic status of the population by facilitating the creation of temporary jobs and access to credit for petty traders
8. Ensure gender parity, meaning the participation of women, in the social life of the community
9. Care for children who are in domestic service or living in hardship
10. Help identify community problems that do not fall within the scope of its activities with the State
11. Build wider and stronger ties with international partners, international organizations and bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies
12. Establish solidarity and defend any of its members who are harassed or threatened on account of their activism. The organization is committed to ensuring that such persons are defended by a lawyer
13. Exchange information relating to the human rights situation in Haiti
14. Foster active partnership among the members of the organization, develop synergies in its activities and engage in active and regular consensus-building on matters relating to the defence of human rights

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes to the organization itself. However, its vision has changed to focus on respect and protection for everyone everywhere. It also has operational objectives centred around the following areas:

1. Human rights monitoring, protection, promotion and advocacy
2. Promotion of active citizenship and non-violence
3. Youth empowerment and combating poverty
4. Awareness-raising activities to combat trafficking and provide care for victims of trafficking

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization implemented several projects with entities of the United Nations system in Haiti, including the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) and the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti (MINUJUSTH). These included a project on human rights-friendly schools, financed by MINUSTAH in 2017, and the provision of logistical support to help local non-governmental organizations strengthen their human rights monitoring and advocacy capacities, financed by MINUJUSTH in 2018. Two projects were also implemented with financial support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). One involved advocacy to raise awareness of the universal periodic review recommendations, and the other was focused on preventing stigmatization of and discrimination against individuals affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19). They were conducted in 2019 and 2020.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Members of the organization represented it at two United Nations meetings. The Executive Director participated in the ninety-third session of the Committee on the

Elimination of Racial Discrimination in August 2017, and an advocate attended the sixty-eighth United Nations Civil Society Conference, under the theme of building inclusive and sustainable cities and communities, in Salt Lake City, United States, from 26 to 28 August 2019.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the period 2017–2020, the organization implemented several projects with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Haiti. Two projects were carried out in 2018. One involved training members of social organizations and supporting the Office for the Protection of Citizens in relation to human rights investigations and reports, and the other concerned capacity-building for monitoring human rights violations in Haiti. In 2019, two projects related to COVID-19 were implemented, through UNDP, in the West, South-East, North, North-East and Centre departments.

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

Education programme on citizenship and respect for equality. Promotion of actions to support the education of young people living in fragile neighbourhoods in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area.
