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1. International Association for Advancement of Space Safety

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

International Association for Advancement of Space Safety (IAASS) is a non-profit organization legally established 16 April 2004 and is dedicated to furthering international cooperation and scientific advancement in the field of space safety. The IAASS involves members from all parts of the world who together shape the technical and legal vision of the Association. UN General Assembly, at its sixty-fifth session, granted to IAASS the status of a permanent observer of the UN COPUOS.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Aims of IAASS included all areas of space safety: safety of people involved in the operations, public safety related to launch and re-entry, space traffic management, prevention of pollution on-orbit and on ground. IAASS has constituted Technical Committees to create and maintain a strong link between professionals from agencies, industry and academic institutions and to conduct study and research of space safety issues. IAASS organizes every eighteen months conferences bringing together world safety experts in all the field of space safety. IAASS regularly publishes references books and two periodicals; i.e. Space Safety Magazine and Journal of Space Safety Engineering.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Long term sustainability of space activities (UN COPUOS STSC Work Group):
 - Evolution of space debris population and consequences of new large satellites constellations
 - Space debris impact reentry risk for aviation and people on ground
- Space traffic Management:
 - Definition and Delimitation of Outer Space (UN COPUOS LSC Work Group)
 - International space governance -Regulation of “Near space activities

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

• IAASS representatives attended and made 7 technical presentations during the following sessions of the UN COPUOS Scientific and Technical Subcommittee, Vienna, Austria:

- Fiftieth session (11 - 22 February 2013)
- Fifty-first session (10-21 February 2014)
- Fifty-second session (2-13 February 2015)
- Fifty-third session (15-26 February 2016)

• IAASS representatives attended and made 2 technical presentations during the following sessions of the UN COPUOS Legal Subcommittee, Vienna, Austria:

- Fifty-fifth session (4 -15 April 2016)
- Fifty-fourth session (13-24 April 2015)

• IAASS representatives attended ICAO / UNOOSA AeroSPACE Symposium in Montreal, Canada, (18-20 Mars 2015) and to Space Safety and Space Traffic Management IISL-ECSL Symposium (Vienna 13 April 2015).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As well the results of studies presented to and listed at paragraph 4 IAASS has contribute to UNCOPUOS «Questions on suborbital flights for scientific missions and/or for human transportation» Replies received from IAASS have been published on 19 December 2016 under reference A/AC.105/1039/Add.7.

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

No activities were specified.

2. International Association of Applied Psychology

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

International Association of Applied Psychology (IAAP) is the oldest worldwide association of scholars/practitioners of the discipline of psychology.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Establish contact between those who work in this field/advance scientific/social development, through publications/conferences.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

New York, United States of America:

2013-2016: Met with United Nations missions/agencies to insure inclusion of mental health and well-being in 2030 agenda. 15-18 March 2015: Advocated about psychosocial resilience at United Nations Office of Disaster Risk Reduction Conference for Sendai Framework. IAAP Bulletin United Nations team section.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

New York:

7 September 2016, Participants, General Assembly Side Event, “Mental health and well-being at the heart of the Sustainable Development Goals: Concrete Means of Implementation” – sponsors, Canada and Palau Missions.

6-15 February 2013, Commission for Social Development – statement, “The Importance of Psychosocial Empowerment in Achieving Poverty Eradication, Social Integration, and Full Employment in Decent Work.”

4-15 March 2013, Commission on the Status of Women – statement, “Psychological Perspectives on the Elimination and Prevention of All Forms of Violence Against Women

and Girls” (with Psychology Coalition).

2013-2016: Participants, International Day of Older Persons; Psychology Day at the United Nations; Psychology Coalition of NGOs Accredited at the United Nations; United Nations Committees, e.g., Mental Health, Ageing, Family, Sustainable Development; Narcotics (Vienna, Austria); United Nations Office at Geneva presentations, NGO Briefings and other meetings on trade, development, labour and health (Geneva, Switzerland).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

17 December 2014: Participants, “Eradicating the Ebola Epidemic: Psychosocial Initiatives to Combat Stigma, Promote Well-being, Mental Health and Resilience, and Policies/Practices to Protect the Global Community;” sponsors: Liberia, Guinea, Uganda Missions (NYC).

26 January 2016: Book launch, United Nations Office at Geneva, with Europe/Central Asia Regional Office (Geneva).

2013-2016:

NYC: Participants, Psychology Day at the United Nations; sponsors: El Salvador, Palau.

Board Members, Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CoNGO).

Vienna: United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Geneva: Global Forum on Migration & Development; participants, 2016 CoNGO Board Meeting.

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

2014-2016: Advocated for inclusion of “mental health and well-being” in SDG 3 (NYC).

2012-2015: Conducted

Long-term post-disaster psychosocial support programme (Haiti/China/Japan).

African orphan workshops (Tanzania, South Africa).

Trainings for/with United Nations Children’s Education Fund for child Ebola survivors psychosocial support (Sierra Leone).

August 2013: Participants, “Promoting International Human Advocacy of Psychologists at the United Nations” – Invited Symposium, Society for Industrial/Organizational Psychology (Honolulu, HA, USA).

3. International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

The International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics (IAGG) has 82 national member societies in 70 countries worldwide with a combined membership of over 50,600 professionals: key opinion leaders in health & social services, housing & income support, research & education, public policy, administration & other areas, disciplines, and professions that impact older people and affect their quality of life.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of IAGG is to promote the highest levels of achievement of gerontological research and training worldwide, and to interact with other international, inter-governmental, and non-governmental organizations in the promotion of gerontological interests globally and on behalf of its member associations. The Association pursues these activities with a view of promoting the highest quality of life and wellbeing of all people as they experience ageing at individual and societal levels.

Significant changes in the organization

During 2013-2016, IAGG's geographical distribution expanded from 65 to 70 countries worldwide.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Throughout 2013-2016, IAGG actively contributed to advance achievement of UN ECOSOC Sustainable Development Agenda:

1. Highlighting urgent opportunities and challenges to Sustainable Development presented by Ageing of developing and developed societies worldwide;
2. Advocating for active inclusion, contribution, and participation of Older Persons in society, for their welfare, and for the rights of Older Persons, to truly realize “A Society for All Ages,” proclaimed as the theme of the International Year of Older Persons in 1999;
3. Assisting the Council in Second review and appraisal of 2002 Madrid International Plan of

Action on Ageing (MIPAA);

4. Calling for inclusion of language of Ageing, All Ages, and Older Persons in goals, targets, and indicators of SGDs, and related UN outcome documents;

5. Advancing concrete policy and research proposals: “Age-integrated Society,” “Life-long Learning,” “Health and Active Ageing,” and IAGG Database For International Research On Ageing.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Throughout 2013-2016, IAGG continually participated in meetings of UN ECOSOC and subsidiary bodies, through active participation of IAGG Representatives to UN in New York, Geneva, Switzerland, and Vienna, Austria, through submission of oral and written statements from IAGG, with policy recommendations from IAGG:

- 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, and 55th sessions of Commission for Social Development (CSocD) of UN ECOSOC, New York, USA, 6-15 February 2013, 11-21 February 2014, 4-13 February 2015, 3-12 February 2016, 1-10 February 2017;
- 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th sessions of UN General Assembly Open-ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA), New York, USA, 12-15 August 2013, 30 July - 1 August 2014, 14-16 July 2015, 12-15 December 2016; • 20th Anniversary of World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, Denmark, 1995, 53rd session of Commission for Social Development, New York, USA, 5 February 2015;
- Civil Society Forums of Commission for Social Development (CSocD), hosted by UNDESA-DSPD, NGO Committee for Social Development, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, annually 2013-2017;
- 24th Annual International Day of Older Persons (IDOP) Celebration: “Leave No One Behind: Promoting A Society of All Ages,” New York, USA, 9 October 2014;
- Regular meetings of UN- NGO Committee on Ageing, Executive Committee, and Sub-Committees.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IAGG meeting with United Nations Secretary-General Mr. BAN Ki-Moon, New York, USA, 12 December 2016, to present recommendations concerning ageing: (1) United Nations to

adopt an international convention on the human rights of older persons; and (2) United Nations to proclaim Third World Assembly on Ageing in 2022, hosted by South Korea on Asian continent, in follow up to 1982 First World Assembly on Ageing, Vienna, Austria, and 2002 Second World Assembly on Ageing, Madrid, Spain.

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

IAGG is founding member of United Nations Stakeholder Group on Ageing, and Global Alliance for Rights of Older People (GAROP).

IAGG convened 20th World Congress of Gerontology and Geriatrics, Seoul, South Korea, 23-27 June 2013, with theme “Digital Ageing: A New Horizon for Health and Active Ageing.” From 86 countries across the world, 4,289 participants presented 3,445 papers and 1,679 posters.

During 2013-2016, IAGG organized 19 international Congresses, research and training conferences, and Master Classes on Ageing worldwide. IAGG built Global Aging Research Network and Global Social Initiative on Aging.

4. International Association of University Presidents

(Special; 1993)

Introduction

The International Association of University Presidents (IAUP) is an association of university chief executives from higher education institutions around the world. Membership is limited to those individuals who serve as presidents, rectors or vice-chancellors at regionally accredited colleges or universities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IAUP was founded in 1964 and has continued to strive for excellence in the following:

- to increase the exchange of experiences, levels of collaboration and networking between university leaders.
- to provide a well-informed forum for university leaders throughout the world.
- to contribute to a worldwide vision of higher education.
- to strengthen the international mission of institutions throughout the world.
- to make every effort for the voice of educational leaders to be heard.
- to support sustainable development in a context of global competency.
- to promote peace and international understanding through education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Most recently, the IAUP has continued to be instrumental in the development of the United Nations Academic Impact program, an initiative of the Secretary General. Academic Impact is a global initiative that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations in actively supporting ten universal principles in the areas of human rights, literacy, sustainability and conflict resolution. The Academic Impact also asks each participating college or university to actively demonstrate support of at least one of those principles each year. IAUP leaders assisted and advised the UN in developing the ten principles and IAUP

became the first international higher education organization to endorse them. IAUP encourages its member institutions to participate actively in the Academic Impact program.

* In 2012, in partnership with the DPI-led United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI), it produced a new publication entitled “Pathways to Peace –Interviews with Three Nobel Peace Laureates.” The book is aimed at high school and university students focused on disarmament issues. The distribution of this work continued from June 2014 to the present day.

* During the reporting period, in April 2014, IAUP visited the UN Secretary General and committed to continue working with UNAI.

* In April 2014, IAUP was interviewed by UNAI Newsletter and a Q&A section was published in the Newsletter.

* In March 2016, a joint United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI)-IAUP conference was hosted in Mendoza, Argentina, by IAUP member National University of Cuyo, Argentina, celebrating the UN’s 70th Anniversary and the IAUP’s 50th Anniversary. There was direct participation by UNAI’s head and by the IAUP leadership.

* Fairleigh Dickinson University, an IAUP member institution, has maintained the Academic Impact’s membership website since the program’s inception.

* The Head of the UN Academic Impact program sits on the IAUP Council of Senior Advisors as a representative of the UN Secretary General. Additionally, IAUP partners with the UN through the IAUP/UN Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution, and Peace. The Commission was established in 1990 under the sponsorship of the International Association of University Presidents in conjunction with the United Nations Center for Disarmament Affairs. Its overall mission is based on three major objectives: to promote peace in our global society; to promote a more equal distribution of wealth and social conditions; and to promote tolerance, mutual understanding, and respect. Membership consists of representatives from colleges and universities spanning six continents. The IAUP/UN Commission works with the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA) and has received funding from UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization).

* In partnership with the Academic Impact program, IAUP continued its efforts on promoting activities around the theme the Changing Nature of War, including such topic at the Triennial Conference held in June 2014, in Yokohama, Japan.

* In May 2014, a Cross-Cultural conference including a UNAI charter workshop was organized by IAUP member institution University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria. This has now become basically a yearly event since.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2013: An IAUP representative attended the inaugural meeting of the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group for the President of ECOSOC, in New York City, United States, January 24.

2014: An IAUP representative, Secretary General-Elect of IAUP and Chair of Central Europe, participated in the Forum III Sozopol, Bulgaria event.

2015: The Head of United Nations Impact and the Secretary General of the IAUP participated in the March 25, 2015 International Symposium on Internationalization of Higher Education, with the topics “The UN at 70: From Global Organization to Global Citizenship” and “Internationalization of Higher Education and the Global Citizen Today.” 2014 and 2015: An IAUP member institution, Kyung-Hee University, South Korea, organized and hosted its yearly celebration of the International Day of Peace with participation from officers of the IAUP. 2013-2016: Secretary General-Emeritus of the IAUP has continued participating in meetings at the UN Headquarters in New York City, on behalf of the IAUP, regularly.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Individual IAUP Officers represent the organization in a variety of capacities:

* The IAUP President has been invited to participate in the Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group for the President of ECOSOC. When he has been unable to attend, an IAUP representative is requested to participate.

* The IAUP President, the immediate Past President, and the IAUP Secretary-General have met with SG Ban Ki-Moon to discuss the Academic Impact initiative and other matters.

* The UN Secretary General received the inaugural J. Michael Adams Award at the IAUP Triennial Conference held in June 2014 in Yokohama, Japan. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon sent a video with his recorded message and his representative, the Under-Secretary was present at the event.

* The UN/IAUP Commission on Disarmament Education, Conflict Resolution and Peace continues to engage branches of the UN concerned with these issues.

* IAUP maintains formal consultation rights with UNESCO, and executive committee members represent IAUP at UNESCO HQ in Paris, France, and on the Geneva Portion for UNESCO.

* At least one former member of the Board of Directors of the IAUP served on the Board of Trustees for United Nations University and one of them served as president of UNU.

* IAUP also is registered as a non-governmental organization with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI).

* The IAUP Secretary-General serves on the executive board of the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations (CONGO) in Consultative Relations with the United Nations.

* IAUP actively supports the UN Alliance of Civilizations program and representatives of IAUP are frequent speakers at AOC meetings and conferences.

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

Most of the work of IAUP concerns building capacity within the higher education sector and engaging the higher education sector in the work of the United Nations. In particular, the development of the Academic Impact initiative is a major step in the direction of deploying the energies of HE institutions on behalf of the UN agenda. Our view is that increased engagement with the HE sector will magnify the effectiveness of the United Nations in supporting all of the MDGs.

* Along with UNESCO and several other leading educational organizations, IAUP served as an academic partner for the WISE Summit, a major cross-sector conference on innovation in education convened by the Qatar Foundation in Doha, Qatar, each year.

* The WISE Education Leadership Program, developed by IAUP in partnership with the Institute for International Education with the sponsorship of the Qatar Foundation, is designed to help newly appointed university leaders in developing countries with the skills needed to lead their institutions.

5. International Commission of Jurists

(Special; 1957)

Introduction

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) promotes the rule of law and human rights, globally and at the regional and national level in all regions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Composed of judges and lawyers from around the world, the ICJ aims for progressive development and effective implementation of international human rights and international humanitarian law; strengthening national and international justice systems; the realization of civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights; safeguarding the separation of powers; and guaranteeing independence of the judiciary and legal profession.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In addition to the meetings and cooperation described below, ICJ headquarters and regional and national offices carried out activities that promoted implementation of UN standards, particularly concerning: independence and accountability of judges; independence of lawyers; human rights in the administration of justice; women's human rights; business and human rights; legal guarantees and remedies for economic, social and cultural rights; non-discrimination including on grounds of sexual orientation and gender identity; protection of human rights defenders; and ensuring effective accountability, legal remedies and reparation for human rights violations and violations of international humanitarian law. During the period in question, the ICJ published and disseminated practitioners guides on the following topics: Adjudicating Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at national level; Updated Guide on Migration and International Human Rights Law; International Law and the Fight against Impunity; Investigation and Sanction of Enforced Disappearances and Extrajudicial Executions; Refugee Status Claims Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity;

Women's Access to Justice for Gender-Based Violence; Accountability of Judges for corruption and human rights violations; and The Rights of Family Members in relation to Enforced Disappearances and Extrajudicial Executions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The ICJ participated in numerous regular and special sessions of the Human Rights Council, including through oral and written statements and side events. The ICJ participated in meetings of the Treaty Bodies as described in the following section. The ICJ participated in the annual Forum on Business and Human Rights, as well as sessions of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the elaboration of an international legally binding instrument on business and human rights, and other intersessional and informal meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The ICJ provided written and oral submissions on general comments and on country reviews by Treaty Bodies. These included particularly: the Human Rights Committee; the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; the Committee against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women; and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The ICJ provided legal submissions and factual information to thematic Special Procedures, and organised events at the United Nations and elsewhere with Special Procedures. The ICJ made written submissions to the Universal Periodic Review process. The ICJ produced, jointly with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), a Guide to Obligations and Actions on Children's Rights and Business. Other UN agencies whose representatives have participated in ICJ activities during the reporting period, including for instance the ICJ's annual Geneva Forum of Judges and Lawyers as well as activities at the national and regional level, include the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, and the United Nations Development Programme.

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

ICJ activities, particularly regarding economic, social and cultural rights, women's human

rights, and business and human rights, indirectly supported the Millennium Development Goals. Most if not all ICJ activities support Sustainable Development Goal 16 on access to justice.

6. International Confederation of Christian Family Movements

(Special; 1989)

Introduction

The International Confederation of Christian Family Movements is focused on the care and promotion of families in 43 countries currently located on the five different continents.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Promote, encourage and help their confederates to continue growing in love for God and neighbor with prayer and service to other families, as proclaimed by the Gospel and the magisterium of the Catholic Church. It supports the expansion in countries where they are already established and strives to establish it where it doesn't exist.

Significant changes in the organization

The Executive Headquarters Team moved to Queretaro, Mexico in 2013.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

1. Training programs for families, youth and adolescents.
2. Congresses and local, national, and international assemblies for the family.
3. Immediate preparation for marriage and marriage encounters.
4. Psychological counseling to marriages in conflict.
5. Courses of natural family planning and responsible parenting.
6. Service to non-Christian families.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICCFM participated in the Congress of Religious Freedom, April 28th to 30th, 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States, promoted by CitizenGo with the support of the Vatican delegation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Permanent participation of ICCFM, confederation delegates and council members at Vienna

NGO Committee on the Family.

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

Work has been done on the goals 4, 5 and 16.

SDG 4. Quality Education: We work hard in formation in Human and Christian Values with 120,000 nuclear families, 5,000 single-parent families, 30,000 youth and adolescents. Graduating approximately 60,000 every 4 years.

SDG 5. Gender Equality: We are working on Women's Empowerment by integrating a formation program for single-parent families where women are head of the household, to date we have 5,000 families.

SDG 16. Peace, Justice and Strong institutions: The objectives of the formation itineraries for families, young people and adolescents of the movements in their formative content, promote the experience of peace, justice, respect and equality.

7. International Council For Caring Communities, Inc.

(Special; 2001)

Introduction

International Council for Caring Communities (ICCC) has focused on issues of older persons and the creation of a Society for All Ages, having held worldwide student architecture competitions at UN Headquarters over many years. ICCC has also held many events in support of the Millennium Development Goals and now the SDG agenda.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICCC's mission has been to stimulate and showcase innovative concepts dealing with global longevity challenges and opportunities. ICCC believes that private enterprises can help society improve communities and social public enterprises.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization held, between 2013 and the end of 2016, 14 consultations, ranging from The Future of Cities, with UN Habitat, and Windsor Consultation Dialogues on Digital Innovation and e-Health. Cities of Tomorrow was held in close cooperation with UN Habitat. World Habitat Day was commemorated with a working lunch at UN Headquarters in close cooperation with UN Habitat.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The representatives of ICCC attended annual sessions of the Commission on Social Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the annual session of the Commission on Population and Development, informal conversations with civil society and Member States in the 9AM to 10AM period during the consultations of the Open Working Group that led to the adoption of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The representatives of the organization also attended commemorations of annual

days listed in the UN Calendar of Observances, such as the Intl. Day of Women, World Water Day, World Wildlife Day, the Intl. Day of Older Persons and World Environment Day.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ICCC has enjoyed close cooperation with the UN Programme on Human Settlements and with the UN Programme on Aging and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

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

In 2013, ICCC held a consultation "Imagine the Possible: Global Health to 2030, Innovation Technology and Entrepreneurship. The 2014 student architecture competition was also launched with a luncheon held in UN Headquarters.

In 2014, ICCC held a Windsor Dialogue: Digital Innovation in Support of the MDGs, along with a luncheon at UN Headquarters. In 2015, ICCC participated in the 7th China Senior Industry and Senior Real Estate Leadership Summit held in Beijing, China. In 2016, A Windsor Consultation was held, 11-13 April entitled Digital Innovations, Community Health and Rehabilitation" at Windsor Castle.

8. International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment

(Special; 1989)

Introduction

The International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) is a membership organisation with a mission to promote access to inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all people with visual impairment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The broad goals of the organisation are as follows:

1. Promoting access to quality education for people with visual impairment including those with blindness, partial sight, deaf blindness and additional disabilities.
2. Influencing governments' and relevant stakeholders' implementation of the SDGs and UNCRPD in the area of education of people with visual impairment
3. Improving networking, information sharing and collaboration at national, regional and global levels.

Currently, more than 4000 individuals and organizations in over 180 countries are actively involved in ICEVI.

Significant changes in the organization

The ICEVI had a productive Quadrennium 2013-16. The Global Campaign on Education For All Children with Visual Impairment (EFA-VI), a flagship program of the ICEVI being implemented in partnership with the World Blind Union (WBU) could facilitate enrolment of over 110,000 children with visual impairment until 2016 and capacity building programmes for over 60,000 teachers and parents were organised. The campaign was re-launched by Mr. Gordon Brown, Special Envoy for Education to the UN through a video message at the IDP Africa Forum held in Kampala, Uganda, in October 2015. Another flagship program of ICEVI – The Higher Education project has expanded higher education opportunities to 2,142 students with visual impairment and also facilitated employment for 117 among them.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICEVI has been strengthening its advocacy in the area of visual impairment by working with global bodies such as the United Nations, UNESCO, UNICEF, International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC), Accessibility Books Consortium (ABC) and the Global Campaign for Education (GCE).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The key UN related meetings attended by ICEVI include the 1) High level meeting of the UN, New York (September 2013), Global Programme for Children with Disabilities (GPCwD) Meet, New York, United States, (September 2013), General Discussion on Article 24 of the UNCRPD, Geneva (April 2015), International Disability Development Consortium (IDDC) side event at the UN General Assembly, New York (October 2016) and Regional conference on ICT for Persons with Disabilities, Costa Rica (November 2016).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNESCO, UNICEF, UN-ESCAP, UN-ECOSOC

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

ICEVI is also committed to contribute towards the realization of SDGs with focus on the education and empowerment of persons with visual impairment.

9. International Council for the Day of Vesak (ICDV)

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The International Council for the Day of Vesak (ICDV) is a global network that mobilizes Buddhist and faith communities worldwide to address sustainable development challenges, focused on climate change, peace building and education. Goals include addressing climate change, contributing to a culture of peace and promoting peace and global citizenship education.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to contribute to the sustainable development agenda through participation in and sponsorship of conferences and programs in its focus areas and through advocacy and education. The organization participates in interfaith and climate action initiatives, participates in peace-building symposiums and engages in advocacy work for the sustainable development goals (SDG's).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICDV supports the work of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and co-sponsored side-events in Paris, France 30 November to 11 December 2015 and in Marrakech, Morocco, 7-18 November 2016. The organization engages in the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) and participates in the thematic Peace Cluster of the NGO Major Group in New York, United States. ICDV co-organized and co-sponsored annual Vesak Day observances bringing thousands of Buddhists and thought leaders together from around the globe to address sustainable development challenges through symposiums and recommendations. Themes included: Education and Global Citizenship; Achieving the Millennium Development Goals, Climate Change, Peace Building; and Environmental Degradation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following meetings:

- The United Nations High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace, General Assembly, New York, United States of America, 9 September 2014
- High Level-Stocktaking Event on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, General Assembly, New York, United States, 11-12 September 2014
- World Interfaith Harmony: Multi-Religious Partnership for Sustainable Development, General Assembly, New York, United States, 6 February 2015
- Paris Agreement Signing Ceremony, General Assembly, New York, United States, 22 April 2016
- High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, New York, United States, 11-20 July 2016
- High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace, General Assembly, New York, United States, 1 September 2016

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In consultation with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), ICDV holds events at the United Nations in Bangkok, Thailand to commemorate The International Recognition of the Day of Vesak at United Nations Headquarters and other United Nations Offices per General Assembly resolution A/RES/54/115 and leverages this platform to address the SDG's.

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

ICDV engaged in advocacy to promote the Millennium Development Goals and actively promotes the SDGs.

10. International Council of Management Consulting Institutes, Inc.

(Special; 2001)

Introduction

The International Council of Management Consulting Institutes (ICMCI) represents the global management consulting profession, with member institutes in 48 countries representing 80% of world GDP. All members are assessed triennially for compliance with ICMCI's standards for competence, professionalism and ethics.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICMCI aims to be a leader in the development of management consulting as a global profession that drives social and economic success. In partnership with member institutes, we build the profile, recognition and influence of the profession and its practitioners. We oversee the global Certified Management Consultant (CMC) standard and we support, enhance and grow the capability of our members by facilitating information sharing, networking and reciprocity.

Significant changes in the organization

New bylaws were approved in 2015, which created a Board of Directors to replace the previous Executive Committee. Directors are elected for a three-year term with one-third replaced annually.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2014 the Secretary of ICMCI submitted a report "The Use of Professional Management Consultants to enable attainment of MDGs".

We initiated and managed a project from 2013 to 2016 to design an international standard for Management Consultancy Services. This standard (ISO 20700) will be available in 2017 for the United Nations to use in managing its many consultancy projects.

We have strengthened links with Education by creating a global panel of Academic Fellows, with 44 representatives from 20 countries.

Our new website was launched in 2016 with interactive platforms for members and working

committees. A global annual conference was instituted in Vilnius in 2013. This event has successfully been repeated each year, hosted in turn by Korea, the Netherlands and Canada. The 2016 conference in Canada attracted +150 participants from 22 countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Working with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to support capacity building in less developed countries including Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia. Organizing a regional meeting in Myanmar in 2014.

11. International Development Enterprises (India)

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

International Development Enterprises (India)- IDEI is working with the goal to provide long term solutions to poverty, hunger and deprivation. IDEI specifically works with poor farmers across different states in India. Over the years, IDEI has reached out to over 1.3 Million small holder farm families, thereby impacting more than 7 Million people. Making small-plot agriculture more remunerative remains IDEI's guiding philosophy. IDEI's technology is designed to be one-fifth the cost of its competitors, scaled down to fit one-tenth hectare plots, and is able to generate sales at an unsubsidised market price.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IDEI works with the aim to get each user smallholder farmer household to generate US\$400 as net additional annual income. With disposable income at hand the farmer fights the shackles of poverty for good. In addition, IDEI aims to provide affordable, gender and environment friendly agricultural solutions to the poor farmers. IDEI promoted small plot irrigation technologies can harvest three crops per year, instead of just one rain-fed crop during the monsoon. The extra income they earn can be used for other farming inputs that increase productivity; investments in livestock, children's education and healthcare. IDEI's technologies are manufactured and distributed by commercial players, while IDEI takes care of product development, quality control and demand generation. Through its small plot low cost irrigation technologies, over one million small farmer households grow two additional crops per year leading to increased incomes by over US\$ seven billion. IDEI's work in India has not only generated seven billion dollar plus wealth in the hands of smallholder farm families, but has also led to diesel saving of 680 million liters, carbon emission reduction of 2.6 million tCO₂eq, electricity savings 880 Million kWh and water Savings of 6 Billion Cu meters. IDEI's program has also generated more than 642 million work days on-farm, manufacturing and supply chain level leading to wealth generation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IDEI is promoting affordable irrigation technologies amongst the smallholder farmers in India. Using these technologies the user farmers are able to build food security and generate additional income which is in turn put to multiple use. Through its work IDEI is empowering the poorest farmers to fight poverty. This is in sync with United Nations' goal.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period IDEI was partnering with International Fund for Agriculture Development (IFAD) which is the key United Nations body/specialised agency. IFAD in partnership with IDEI completed the implementation of the promotion of small plot low cost irrigation technologies as well as productivity enhancing farm input systems in selected districts of Orissa, in India. IDEI also provided technical and capacity building support to IFAD in the implementation of the programme in Madagascar and Nicaragua.

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

Goal 1- Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: (i) Number of small farm holder families, living under US\$2 who have benefited by use of IDEI promoted technologies = 1.3 Million Households; (ii) Net additional income earned by poor small holder farm families by using IDEI promoted technologies, thereby emerging out of income poverty & having access to better health and nutrition = US\$ 7 Billion (@PPP); (iii) Employment generated for landless farmers = 646 million workdays. Goal 7- Ensure environmental sustainability: (i) Contribution to reduction in carbon emissions = 2.62 Million tCO₂eq; (ii) Contribution to saving electricity = 880 Million kWh; (iii) Contribution to saving fossil fuels = 681.7 Million litres; (iv) Increasing Water use productivity = 6.6 Billion Cu. meters.

12. International Federation of Building and Wood Workers

(Special; 1997)

Introduction

BWI is the leading Global Union Federation of building, construction, wood and forestry and allied sector trade unions. Based in Geneva, Switzerland, the BWI has offices in South Africa, Panama, Malaysia, Burkina Faso, India, Lebanon, Philippines, Kenya, Russia, Peru, and Brazil. 351 free and democratic trade unions in more than 128 countries are affiliated to us.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the BWI remains promoting and defending workers' rights and improving working conditions in its sectors through sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

BWI organized awareness raising campaigns and trainings encouraging young women to join unions and helped unions implement plans of action accordingly. We pushed for laws on the issue of breaking the mental image of women's role in society. Also, BWI held its first global young women's leadership training to build women workers' power for its Congress in December 2017. BWI raised awareness on Gender-based-violence and extended gender to our campaigns and agreements. BWI is now implementing a 30% women quota for its congress. BWI continued its work on global migration by promoting rights and establishing networks. Our first global conference focused on migrants in Qatar and established a BWI Global Migration Network for unions. The BWI also developed ties between European and North African affiliates; and Brazil and Haiti. BWI signed MoUs with several Asian governments to inform migrant workers about their rights in the country of destination. BWI also created a Qatar App - a platform to report violations. BWI SMS help-line in Malaysia gathered more than 300 cases.

FIFA, BWI, and Russian Construction Union signed a MoU to ensure decent working

conditions for 2018 FIFA World Cup Russia stadiums. For Sochi Olympics. BWI called for end to 2013 FIFA Law in Russian Federation, cancelling labour standards. BWI held actions against FIFA, lodged complaint under OECD Guidelines. BWI now part of FIFA independent advisory board on human rights. The Supreme Committee in Doha, Qatar, signed an MOU with us on joint inspections. BWI did the same for 2018 Winter Paralympics. Campaigning resolved 90% of back wages owed to construction workers in relation to the Pyeongchang Olympic Games.

There are now 20 child labour schools India, 5 Nepal and 2 Bangladesh. 200,000 workers joined unions. 17,000 children back to schools having health checks and awareness on women's rights. BWI agreement with GDF led to 100 households provided with solar home lights, 25 street lights and solar cookers (India). Affiliates pressured governments to sign ILO C.182 and 138. BWI ensured no child labour used in the extraction, processing and supply of stones.

BWI trained members for fast transition to renewable materials, sustainable forestry and becoming members of certification systems. BWI lobbied for green policies to improve working conditions. Unions in India lobbied for green jobs in the employment generation programme of the Government of India and all unions in South Asia explored partnership with government institutes. Unions promoted safety and health with the conservation of the environment or reduced gas emissions in the cement industry. BWI published a booklet to educate and train members.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

COP 21 Paris 2015

UN Habitat III Quito, Ecuador, 2016: Engaged in the Prep Coms, pushed for Decent Work agenda.

GFMD Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 2016: Underlined need to strongly address workers' rights in Global Supply Chains.

UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants New York, United States, September 2016: Pushed for Global Compact on Migration.

UN High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development New York, October 2013 Called for Stronger Role of ILO on Labour migration.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

BWI worked with the ILO on migration, on decent work in infrastructure and construction, on sports and labour rights and with World Bank to adopt a comprehensive labour rights safeguard on procurement. BWI mobilized for an ecological conversion, focusing on the creation of stable, quality jobs in order to combat unemployment and job insecurity. It continues to aim for the eradication of poverty and hunger and to ensure environmental sustainability according to the SDGs.

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

Observed globally:

- World Aids Day 1 December
- International Women's Day 8 March.
- World Day Against Child Labour 12 June.
- World Day for Decent Work 7 October.
- International Migrants' Day 18 December.
- BWI issued statements, news and/or videos.

13. International Federation of Journalists

(Special; 1953)

Introduction

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) is the world's largest organisation of journalists. Today the Federation represents around 600,000 members in 140 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The IFJ promotes international action to defend press freedom and social justice through strong, free and independent trade unions of journalists.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Over the last four years, the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) has conducted a number of activities and programmes which, while benefiting first and foremost journalists as our core constituents, also support, advance and promote the work of the UN. They included training in reporting human rights and combating hate speech in media. To this end, a one-day conference on hate speech was organised on 24 April 2014 and brought together academics, journalists and officials of European institutions and of the United Nations' Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to exchange on the best practices in combating hate speech in media.

The IFJ also launched a gender mainstreaming agenda to highlight its commitment to promoting gender equality in journalists' organisations, thus fighting against gender discrimination at the workplace. To this end, the IFJ has set up a Gender Council to advise on policies and strategies to ensure women journalists are empowered to compete for leadership positions within their organisations.

Furthermore, following the adoption of the United Nations' Day against impunity for crime targeting journalists in 2013, the IFJ event features in our annual campaign agenda and events are held to mark the Day on 2 November of each year. In addition, the IFJ has taken

initiative to promote the event in various fora and successfully engaged the XV Summit of l'Organisation de la Franchophonie held in Dakar, Senegal, in 2014 which included in its final Declaration a pledge to protect journalists and fight impunity for violence targeting them within its membership.

In 2016, the IFJ launched another initiative to mobilise support in the Middle East and the Arab World for the adoption of the Declaration on Media Freedom. The Declaration would lead to the setting up of a Special Rapporteur Mandate on Media Freedom in the region, on the same model as the Special Rapporteur of the African Commission for Human and People's Rights. The Declaration would cover principles such as freedom of expression, media law reform, self-regulation and journalists' safety. So, far, Tunisia and the State of Palestine have signed up to the Declaration and more states are expected to support the initiative, as well.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The International Federation of Journalists took part and delivered an oral statement at the 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development on 18 February 2014 in New York, United States. The Federation also participated at the 58th UN Commission on the Status of Women in New York in March 2014. During this time, the International Federation of Journalists co-sponsored a side event on building strategic alliances for women workers' rights post-2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)'s The International Federation of Journalists has participated in the official ceremonies to mark World Press Freedom Day, including by organising sessions on agreed topic. Thus, the Federation staged an event on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity on World Press Freedom Day 2014 in Paris, France. During the 2015 edition in Riga, Latvia, the Federation organised a session on regulation, self-regulation and professional standards while World Press Freedom Day 2015, the IFJ took on the session on Countering Hate Speech in the Media through Ethics and Self-Regulation.

Furthermore, the Federation convened with World Association of Newspaper (WAN) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation a one-day international

conference in Paris on 5 February 2016 entitled “News organisations standing up for the safety of Media Professionals. The Federation has also collaborated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation in producing a course on the safety of journalist to be taught at schools of journalism and universities in the Arab and Middle East region.

□ United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR): The International Federation of Journalists has collaborated with the United Nations’ Institute for Training and Research and the Government of Gabon to organise a two-day conference on ‘Media and Peace’ held in Libreville, Gabon, on 23 – 25 January 2016.

□ United Nations Human Rights Council: The International Federation of Journalists has attended regular Sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, and contributed oral statements during many debates and dialogues about the situation of human rights around the world. They include statements during the following debates:

- General Debate on Burundi at the 32nd Session held on 30 June 2016
- General Debate on the report of the UN Independent Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza conflict which was presented during the 29th Session of the United Nations Human Rights council on 30 June 2015.
- Debate on the report of the United Nations’ High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories held on 24 March during the 28th Session
- Debate on Update report by the United Nations’ Independent Expert in the situation of human rights in the Central African Republic on 25 March during the 28th Session
- Debate on the report of the United Nations’ Human Rights Commissioner on Ukraine held during the 27th Session on 25 September 2014
- Interactive Dialogue with the Independent Expert on Somalia held on 25 September during the 27th Session
- Panel discussion on the safety of journalists organised on 10 June 2014 during the 26th Session
- High Level Stand Alone Interactive Dialogue on Somalia held on 24 September 2013 during the 24th Session

□ Office of the High Commission for Human Rights: The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) contributed to the report on the safety of journalists compiled by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights for the United Nations' General Secretary on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity (2015 and 2016).

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

Although directly pertaining to the Millennium Development Goals, the International Federation of Journalists actively promotes the fighting against discrimination in the media industry through our gender mainstreaming agenda. The Federation also advocates for respect for human rights towards stable and progressive societies.

14. International Federation of Non-governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse

(Special; 1989)

Introduction

The International Federation of Non-Government Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse (IFNGO) comprises Non-Government Organizations all over the world engaged in anti-drug and substance abuse activities. Currently, IFNGO is privileged to have the following affiliation with United Nations Agencies: a). Special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council – ECOSOC. b). Working relations with the World Health Organization (WHO). c). Admitted to the International Labour Organization (I.L.O.) Special list of Non-Government Organizations; and d). NGO in Operational Relations with UNESCO.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The development of collaborative and fruitful interactions among Non-Government Organizations regionally and internationally to identify the needs of service and implement diversified programmes to prevent and control drug abuse, including accepting harm reduction programmes. The promotion of cooperation and collaboration between Government Organizations and Non-Government Organization at National, Regional and International Levels.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFNGO and its affiliates continue to participate as Important Strategic Partners in collaboration with WHO to increase Global Awareness on the Harms Associated with Alcohol Abuse. IFNGO circulates the tentative schedule of Meetings of UN and UNODC – United Nations Office for Drug and Crime meetings to members.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representative attended the 56th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes, Vienna, Austria, 2013. Representatives attended the 57th Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes, Vienna, Austria, March 2014. Representative attended the reconvened 58th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes, Vienna, 2015. Representative attended the 59th session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) of the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes, Vienna, 2016. Representative attended the UNGASS on Drugs in U.N. Headquarters in New York, United States, April 2016.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

OFAP and ARTM members participated actively in the process of the UNGASS 2016, through the VNGOC and the Civil Task Force.

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

IFNGO Members commemorated UN IDADAIT – United Nations International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on 26th, June each year 2013 through 2016. IFNGO organized the 26th IFNGO World Conference, Putrajaya, Malaysia, 2015. IFNGO with its Affiliates in ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) hosted and organized the IFNGO ASEAN NGOs Workshop, Putrajaya, Malaysia, concurrently with the International Conference.

15. International Federation of Women in Legal Careers

(Special; 1961)

Introduction

The International Federation of Women in Legal Careers (FIFCJ, by its acronym in French) is a NGO of women jurists founded in Paris, France, in 1928 with the aim of fighting for the eradication of all forms of discrimination against women and girls and promoting their Human Rights. It has representatives in some 20 countries in Europe, North and South America, Africa and Asia. FIFCJ has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) since 1961. It collaborates with UNESCO, UNICEF, FAO and ILO. It also teams up with other associations with common goals. FIFCJ has active representations in: Argentina, Angola, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Congo, Finland, France, Italy, Israel, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Peru, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Turkey, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay and United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FIFCJ inspires its activities in the United Nations Charter Principles, as they are consecrated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirmed in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

FIFCJ aims:

1. To promote and divulge the knowledge of the above mentioned fundamental principles.
2. To encourage and help its members in their activities with Parliaments, Governments or any other competent authority, as well as the public opinion, in order to get the above-mentioned principles embodied in national legislation and applied at a practical level in the judicial system and in social administration.
3. To assemble information about the juridical, social and economic status of women all over the world, and to study laws affecting that status.
4. To promote the establishment of bonds of friendship and unity between its members, as well as with other international associations.
5. To contribute to the promotion of Peace in the world, as an indispensable support to obtain equal and conscientious progress of Humanity.

Significant changes in the organization

María Elena Elverdin was elected as new President of the organization.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

To contribute with the directives proposed by United Nations, FIFCJ organized several events with the purpose of discussing relevant themes. The concluding document of such events were distributed at a national, regional and international level.

Meetings organized by FIFCJ (2013-2016):

1. 2013 - CSW Side Event: "Gender Violence and Women Trafficking".
2. 2013 - Coimbra, Portugal, Bureau meeting.
3. 2013 - Rome, Italy, Congress "Empowerment of Women. Decision-making and Participation of Women in Conflict Resolution.
4. 2014 - CSW Side Event: "MDGs & CEDAW: Working Together for Women's Advancement".
5. 2014 - Paris, France, Bureau meeting and Congress "Right to Peace".
6. 2015 - CSW Side Event: "The Current Legal Landscape. From Beijing to Today".
7. 2015 - Barcelona, Spain, Bureau meeting and Congress: "Women's Body and Fundamental Rights".
8. 2016 - CSW Side Event: "Legal Mechanisms to Advance the SDGs".
9. 2016 - Palermo, Italy, Bureau meeting.
10. 2016 - Buenos Aires, Argentina, Bureau meeting and Congress "Women's Body and Fundamental Rights: New Challenges".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FIFCJ participated in every CSW (2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016), organizing a Side Event each time. It also participated in every session of the Commission for Social Development and in some meetings hosted by FAO during the 2013-2016 period.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

It participates in UN's Yoga Day Committee.

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

FIFCJ organized its agenda with the intention of promoting the achievement of the SDGs, especially in connection with Gender Equality, always with the guidance of the CEDAW. In this regard, its members have campaigned for the ratification of the Optional Protocol in their countries.