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1. Dignity - Danish Institute Against Torture

Special, 2008

Introduction

Dignity – Danish Institute against Torture is an NGO engaged in health, human rights and international development. Dignity’s overall objectives are to contribute to the global eradication of torture and organised violence. Dignity based in Copenhagen, Denmark, has offices in Jordan and Tunisia and works in 20 countries globally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Dignity seeks to achieve its objectives through rehabilitation of victims of torture and organised violence; prevention of torture in places of detention and prevention of organised violence in poor urban neighbourhoods. Dignity undertakes research, rehabilitation, legal and criminal justice sector, detention monitoring, capacity building and advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

Dignity underwent a re-organisation in 2012-13, whereby it changed its name to Dignity – Danish Institute against Torture, amended its by-laws and adopted a new global strategy.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Dignity has provided expert knowledge to the UN, notably on rehabilitation of torture victims, and prevention of torture and organised violence. Dignity’s expertise has fed into UNGA and UNHRC resolutions on torture, special procedures’ thematic reports and treaty bodies’ general comments. Dignity has also submitted briefings, alternative reports and stakeholder submissions to the UN bodies in advance of their country visits or periodic reviews of UN member states.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

DIGNITY has participated in and contributed to several sessions and meetings of UN bodies, e.g.:

- Dignity attended and presented discussion paper at the 17th session of the Subcommittee

for the Prevention of Torture, on monitoring of mental health institutions, Geneva, Switzerland, 19 July 2012

- Dignity participated in and spoke at expert consultation of the Special Rapporteur on Torture on gender aspects of torture, Washington DC, United States of America, 5-6 Nov. 2015.
- Dignity submitted alternative report and attended the 56th session of the Committee against Torture, review of Denmark's 6th and 7th periodic report, Geneva, Switzerland, 13-16 Nov. 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Dignity co-hosted a side-event on 'Human Rights of Women in Detention' at the 26th session of the Human Rights Council, 17 June 2014. The event was co-sponsored by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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

Dignity has helped shape and implement the SDG Agenda (SDG 11 and 16) through cooperation with WHO Violence Prevention Alliance, participation in Milestone Conferences and VPA meetings, and implementation in Central America, Kenya, Liberia and the Philippines, cf. • Reducing violence in poor urban areas of Honduras by building community resilience through community-based interventions. Hansen-Nord, Kjaerulf et al. Int J Public Health (2016) • Transforming Our world: Implementing the 2030 Agenda Through Sustainable Development Goal Indicators. Lee, Kjaerulf et al. Journal of Public Health Policy vol. 37, SI, S13-31.

2. Dutch Council For Refugees / Vluchtelingenwerk Nederland

Special, 2008

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- 2015-2016: as NGO-co-chair we contributed to a successful organisation of a gathering of resettlement countries, NGOs and UNHCR at the ATCR 2016.
- 2015 (25 July) DCR has signed a 'Frame Agreement' with UNHCR with the aim of the provision by DCR of 'protection information service in strengthening the response capacity to RSD and Country and Legal Information Needs'. UNHCR commissions the writing of COI reports to the Dutch Council for Refugees to strengthen the response capacity to RSD and Country and Legal Information Needs. The Frame Agreement runs for 2 years.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 2012-2013-2014-2015: Annual Tripartite Consultations on Resettlement (ATCR) - Geneva, Switzerland.
- 2012-2013-2014: UNHCR Annual Consultations with NGOs - Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- 2015- intensive cooperation with UNHCR-Geneva on the organisation of the ATCR 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as other meetings in the framework of the ATCR during the year. The Netherlands were chair and the Dutch Council for Refugees acted as NGO co-chair.

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

No activities were specified.

3. Earth Day Network, Inc.

Special, 2012

Introduction

Earth Day Network was born out of the first Earth Day in 1970, where millions of Americans mobilized for environmental action.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Earth Day Network's mission is to broaden, diversify, and mobilize the environmental movement worldwide to protect the Earth for future generations.

Significant changes in the organization

Since the United Nations Paris Climate Agreement was signed on Earth Day 2016, Earth Day Network has begun promoting Earth Day as a day for global climate activism.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Earth Day Network promotes the United Nations' Paris Climate Agreement, which was first signed on Earth Day, April 22, 2016. A number of Earth Day Network projects, such as Trees for the Earth, contribute to achieving United Nations sustainable development goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Earth Day Network regularly participates in United Nations climate change conferences as a civil society organization.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Earth Day Network collaborated with United Nations Foundation to organize an informational meeting for local organization participation in the 2016 Marrakesh Climate Conference.

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

Earth Day Network supports Sustainable Development Goals in a variety of ways. We

support Goal 5 "Gender Equality" through our work with Panchayat leaders in India. We support Goal 7 "Affordable and Clean Energy" through our India Healthy Energy Campaign. We support Goal 11 "Sustainable Cities and Communities" through our work in Indian Sustainable Cities and American Green Schools. We support Goal 12 "Responsible Consumption and Production" through our Billion Acts of Green campaign and our overarching environmental awareness campaigns. We support Goal 13 "Climate Action" through annual Earth Day events. We support Goal 15 "Life on Land" through our Trees for the Earth reforestation campaign.

4. Environic Foundation International

Special, 2008

Introduction

ENVIRONIC FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL (EFI) was founded in 1970 and hosted the United Nations sponsored 1st International Youth Conference on the Environment in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada in 1971, a UN-sanctioned pre-event to the 1972 UN Conference on the Human Environment in Stockholm. Since then EFI has continually focused on the development and delivery of environmental and sustainability education programs for college and university students.

Aims and purposes of the organization

EFI's mission is to move people from destructive to constructive social, economic and environmental practices by providing education that promotes understanding of the critical global social, economic and environmental sustainability issues. The goal of EFI's education approach is to build higher education students' capacity to better understand these issues, and their inter-relationships, and develop and apply effective solutions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since developing Sustainable Societies in Africa - Modules on Education for Sustainable Development (SSA) with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in 2005-2009, EFI has continued to make SSA available to faculty and students internationally thru EFI's website. Since then, EFI has expanded its efforts with new versions of the Sustainable Societies education program that focus on the sustainability issues first identified as most critical by the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, then the Millennium Development Goals and now the Sustainable Development Goals. These new versions include: Global Sustainable Societies, Sustainable Societies – James River Basin and Sustainable Societies for Business which have been used by hundreds of university

students.

EFI's courses complement the work of virtually all United Nations organizations since the goal of EFI's work is to make understanding of social, economic and environmental sustainability issues, and effective strategies to address them, part of the basic education of any college or university student.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Partnership with the UNEP providing Sustainable Societies in Africa - Modules on Education for Sustainable Development as part UNEP's 2005-2014 Mainstreaming Environment and Sustainability in African Universities (MESA) Programme.

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

EFI's four education programs directly support the seven Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and now every one of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The twenty-five issues examined in each of EFI's education programs are those that were originally identified as most critical by the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development. They include: Agriculture, Biodiversity, Biotechnology, Climate, Consumption, Culture, Decision-making, Education, Energy, Environmentally Sound Technologies, Finance, Forests, Health, Human Settlements, Justice and Peace, Land, Mountains, Oceans and Seas, Population, Poverty, Public Awareness, Trade, Transportation, Waste, and Water.<http://enviroicfoundation.org/content/programs>

5. Federacion de Asociaciones de Defensa y Promocion de los Derechos Humanos

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Federation of Associations for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights — Spain (The Federation) is a nonprofit organization with a Special Consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation was created in 1989, aiming to potentialize efforts of organizations dedicated to defend and promote human rights. The Federation has focused its work on the awareness and formation of public opinion, promotion of seminars, research, as well as international missions in countries affected by conflicts and fragile democratic systems. In addition to denouncing human rights violations, the Federation also supports several NGOs not only in Spain, but also in Latin America, Asia and Africa aimed at society's empowerment and social awareness.

Significant changes in the organization

On July 13, 2015 a general board meeting was held to elect Elisa Veiga Nicole as the new president of the Federation. Two new members have been incorporated: Romani organization Alboreá and LGTB Federation. The Federation has extended its work, awareness campaigns and partnerships through social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2012, 2013, 2014, 2015: The Federation, through agreements signed with foreign universities, has elaborated a training program on human rights awareness targeted at international students.

2012: Letter addressed to the UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on the threatening living conditions faced by 400 refugees in the Camp Ashraf in Iraq. The Federation has been supporting and monitoring living conditions in such camp.

February 2012: Workshop in Madrid, Spain — “Cooperation and Rights as a Transversal Approach.” Supported by Spain’s Foreign Relations Ministry and the State Secretariat for International Cooperation-SECI.

2014: Moroccan Film Festival in Spain — “Movies and Women’s Human Rights as a Gender Equality Tool”, organized by the Federation with cooperation of Rabat’s APAIUC and the Society of Spanish Writers and Editors (SGAE).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2013: The Federation took part in the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in New York, United States of America, from March 4 to 15. One of our collaborators, Professor Fernando Mariño, made an intervention during one of the panels to present our project: “Creation of a Model Protocol for Effective Investigation and Documentation of Crimes against Women — Femicide — in Latin America”, which was drafted by multidisciplinary civil-society experts in gender-based violence with the help of Carlos III University, UN Women and the Offices of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2012-2015: The Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was observed each year by our organization.

2012: Workshop in Tunisia — “Governance, Democratic Sustainability and Human Rights. Development of Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture ratified by Tunisia”. Supported by Spain’s Human Rights Office.

2012: Event to raise awareness against Death Penalty (Madrid, Spain).

2013: Event to raise awareness on the human right to Water and Sanitation (Madrid, Spain).

2014: Event to raise awareness on Children's Rights (Madrid, Spain).

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

May 2012: Workshop in Panama with Latin American multidisciplinary experts supported by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and UN Women.

September 2012: Workshop in La Antigua (Guatemala). "Creation of a Model Protocol for Effective Investigation Against Femicide in Latin America". Attended by experts and NGO representatives from Spain and several Latin American countries. Supported by Spain's Human Rights Office and the Basque Government.

October 2012: Seminar in Madrid, Spain — "The Human Rights against Discrimination". Financed by the European Social Fund with support of Spain's Labor and Immigration Ministry. Information on mechanisms and legislation available in Spain and the EU against discrimination of migrants.

2013: Seminar "University, Justice and Human Rights in an Open Government", held at Rabat University, Morocco. Supported by Spain's Human Rights Office and Mohammed V University.

January 2013: Workshop "Creation of a Model Protocol for Effective Investigation of Femicide in Latin America", held in Brasília, Brazil. Supported by the Brazilian government through the Presidency's Special Secretariat of Policies for Women, with the participation of several NGO representatives and experts from all over Latin America and Spain.

June 2013: Seminar "Human Right to Employment in the European Union", held in Madrid, Spain, and supported by the Secretary of State for the EU. The lectures focused on job creation and labor quality; right to labor mobility in Europe; and principles and fundamental rights in the job market.

6. Fondazione Giovanni e Francesca Falcone - Foundation Giovanni e Francesca Falcone

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Falcone Foundation was established in 1992 after the slaughter of Capaci in Sicily, Italy, and is dedicated to the memory of antimafia judge Giovanni Falcone and his wife judge Francesca Morvillo Falcone dead with him. As the work of judge Falcone the Foundation activities are at international level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation is committed to achieve a true lifelong education through social and cultural initiatives involving young people. At international level, it promotes the integration and cooperation between international judicial systems for more effective coordinated action by all States and agencies of the deputies to the prevention and suppression of organized crime offenses.

In the last four years has promoted and implemented meetings with institutions committed in the prevention and fight against organized crime to stimulate cooperation between them for a more incisive action. On 2012 was implemented the meeting titled "Capaci after twenty years. Ethics, role and value of the memory" at Aula Bunker in Palermo, Italy, on 23rd of May. At the meeting took place the Italian Republic President Napolitano, the Prime Minister Monti, the ministers of Justice, of Home Affairs and of Education. At the meeting took part also the President and all national representatives of Eurojust. The meeting of 2013 at the Aula Bunker was titled "The new commitment routes. Geography and legality". In this took place the President of the Senate Grasso, the ministries of Justice, Education, The meeting of 2014 Palermo, was titled "Legality and Economic Citizenship". At the meeting took place the President of the Senate Grasso, the Ministries of Education and Justice, the President of national Anti-mafia Commission.

In 2015 the meeting on 23rd May organized by Falcone Foundation was titled "Take back

our dreams”-Palermo calls Italy. At the meeting took part the Italian Republic President, Sergio Mattarella, the Ministries of Justice and Education, the President of the Senate, the chief of national Anti-mafia office.

Thanks to the protocol with the Ministry of Education, Falcone Foundation promotes a project every year at national level. It involves Italian primary and secondary schools during the whole academic year through texts and other kind of didactic material supplied by the Foundation. The students participating to the project have to produce a paper, supervised by the teacher. Studies and researches - Falcone Foundation awards ten scholarships, named after Giovanni Falcone e Paolo Borsellino, to law students every year. These scholarships allow students to deepen the study and knowledge on crime organizations, the fight instruments and the UN Convention of Palermo. On 2015 was signed a partnership between Falcone Foundation and NIAF on three scholarships for Italian students and three scholarships for US ones.

At international level, Falcone Foundation promoted : 2012-2014 European project “Children: from victims of violence to actors of non violence” - Daphne program. Aim of the project was to help young people at risk to break with their cultural background of violence for a new life in the respect of legality. 2012-2013 Europe for citizens program - project “Waves of legality, waves of citizenship”, to spread the anti-mafia culture between over 100 young people from 17 European countries. 2015-2016 Project “Waves of citizenship, waves of legality” involved activities in 10 European countries

Significant changes in the organization

From 2014 is operating an office in Rome, Italy, to facilitate contacts at national and international level

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

June 2014 - Falcone Foundation, in collaboration with Italian Permanent Representative in ONUDC, organized the seminar “The convention of Palermo and the fight against organized crime in the international background. The role of Italy: reflections and

expectations”. At the seminar, in preparation for the 7^o Conference ONU of the member States involved in the “Convention of Palermo”, the vice President of the Superior Council of Magistracy Vietti, the Italian representative at Onu in Vienna, Austria, Formica, the President of the Senate Grasso, the Italian member of Eurojust, Lo Voi, and William Nardini, magistrate at the US embassy in Rome, Italy.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

October 2014 Vienna International Center - 7^o Conference ONU of the member States involved in the “Convention of Palermo” side event “Giovanni Falcone e Paolo Borsellino” the memory of the work of two anti-mafia prosecutors with Executive Director Fedotov, Italian Ministry of Justice Orlando, President Of Falcone Foundation Maria Falcone, Italian representative at ONU in Vienna, Austria, Formica.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

7. Frathekk Foundation Common Initiative Group (FRA.FO-CIG)

Special, 2012

Introduction

Frathekk Foundation is an organization created in the year 2008 and is governed by the provision of law number 92/006 of 14/8/92 and decree number 92/455/PM of 23/11/92.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of this foundation is to care for orphans, street children, underprivileged and widows in our communities. We also assistance to the poor in our communities to fight against killer disease such as Malaria, Typhoid, HIV/AIDS and Diabetes.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization is now caring for 18 orphans, in the newly constructed center. We have been carrying out routine health check-up and 17 of these orphans have just tested negative for all infections and one newly admitted orphan whose parents recently died of AIDS is tested positive for HIV.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Frathekk foundation has been carrying out so many activities in support to the work of the United Nations. In 2012, Frathekk orphanage has been taking care of more than ten orphans in the newly constructed orphanage building. The center has been carrying out routine check-ups, providing medical drugs, books, and paying school fees for these kids and others. In 2014 and 2015, Representatives from the Regional delegation of Social Affairs visited the center to find out if Frathekk Foundation is functioning in line with the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Frathekk Foundation participated in the 2013 Regular session, committee on NGO at the United Nations headquarters in New York, United States of America. Our organization was represented by the President/CEO Mr Julius KADIA and also Mr Roger Hongla Momha

during the 2013 session.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Due to the limited financial aspect, Frathekk foundation is still unable to accomplish its goal with the construction of Frathekk Health Center. Our recent board meeting came up with some positive ideas for a solution to start up with the health center. We are struggling to get some cooperation and assistance from the UN and other foreign bodies in order to achieve this goal.

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

In line with providing capacity building opportunities to the underprivileged, Frathekk Foundation is currently paying for computer training to assist Emmanuel Ekwe who is a handicap with amputated leg to have a carrier. We have also assisted two widows financially, in establishing small business to take care of their individual families.

Additional Information

During the past two years, Frathekk Orphanage has received material and financial assistance from individual donors in and out of the country. The center is very clean and we are working constantly hand in hand with the Ministry of Social Affairs in Cameroon.

8. Fundacion Instituto Psicopedagogico Uruguayo

Special, 2008

Introduction

There have been no changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2013 we finished our first Project "Alternativa de Vida" financed by the European Union. It lasted three (3) years and its focus was to train vulnerable groups in gastronomy and form service cooperatives to work in the open labor market. After that excellent experience, we presented another Project to the EU, "Usinas de Inclusion", still working on it. It is about working with NGOs that work with Disability and Older Adult, to improve their work and networking. The project was to train them in issues like Inclusion, technology, Work, Communication and visibility and Management. Most of the NGOs of our Country are very weak in those issues, they work a lot but are poor showing what they do, and they lack funds.

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

The Organization works a lot in everything related to INCLUSION of people with

disabilities.

9. Humane Society of the United States

General, 1996

Introduction

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) strives to create a humane and sustainable world for all animals. Working with diplomats, government agencies, elected officials at all levels of government, NGOs, corporations, media, and the public at large globally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Our mission: Celebrating Animals; Confronting Cruelty

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 15/03/2012- 20/03/2012, Geneva, Switzerland: At the 26th CITES Animals Committee, HSUS helped gain support from other member countries for the European Union's proposal to list porbeagle sharks on Appendix II which was discussed at this meeting. Progress was made in working groups on sharks and listing criteria.

- 23/07/2012- 27/07/2012, Geneva, Switzerland: At the 62nd CITES Standing Committee, HSUS shared their recommendations for the protection of wild animal species to an international audience including on trophy hunting quotas for leopards, review of significant trade in certain species of threatened wildlife and the monitoring of trade in elephant ivory.

-03/03/2013- 14/03/2013, Bangkok, Thailand: At the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, HSUS successfully lobbied for stronger protections for West African manatees as well as several species of sharks and manta rays to prevent overexploitation and possible extinction due to international trade.

-28/04/2014- 03/05-2014, Veracruz, Mexico: At the 27th CITES Animals Committee, HSUS presented our views on the protection of

wild animal species to an international audience; participated in working groups including sharks and snakes; continued to foster positive relationships with CITES party nations and their representatives. -07/07/2014-11/07/2014, Geneva, Switzerland: At the 65th CITES Standing Committee, HSUS provided technical expertise to help bring best practices into the agreement and shared their views on the protection of wild animal species including illegal killing of elephants, disposal of ivory stockpiles and trade in sharks and rays.

-30/08/2015- 03/09/2015, Tel Aviv, Israel: At the 28th CITES Animals Committee, HSUS Presented our views on the protection of wild animal species to an international audience; participated in working groups and review trade in key species including sharks, freshwater stingrays and elephants; continued to foster positive relationships with CITES party nations and their representatives.

-11/01/2016-15/01/2016, Geneva, Switzerland: At the 66th CITES Standing Committee, HSUS provided technical expertise to help bring best practices into the agreement and presented their views on the protection of wild animal species to an international audience including trade in live elephants, illegal trade of pangolins and implementation of regulations on trade in certain species of sharks and rays.

- 24/09/2012-27/09/2012, Bonn, Germany: HSUS participated in the Convention on Migratory Species First Meeting of the Signatories to the Shark MoU to advance conservation measures for migratory sharks; successfully participating in drafting and adoption of a Conservation Plan.

- 24/09/2012-28/09/2012, Bonn, Germany: HSUS participated in the 1st meeting of signatories CMS Sharks MoU where the Conservation Plan for listed species was advanced.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Official cooperating members of CMS and the CMS Shark MoU and status with the FAO.

-03/11/2014- 09/11/2014, Quito, Ecuador: HSUS participated in the Conference of the Parties (COP 11) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals and promoted conservation of threatened species.

- 13/02/2016-20/02/2016, San Jose, Costa Rica: HSUS participated in the 2nd meeting of signatories CMS Sharks MoU where additional species were added to the list of species covered by the MoU.

-10/06/2014, Oceanographic Museum, Monaco: HSUS convened and chaired a technical workshop on effects of climate change on cetaceans.

-29/09/2014- 1/10/2014, Gothenburg, Sweden: HSUS attended and highlighted relevant issues of concern over cetaceans in the ASCOBANS area.

- 25/11/2011-08/12/2012, Doha, Qatar: HSUS attended the 18th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and presented their views on farm animal welfare and climate change.

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

No activities were specified.

10. Hunter College Center for Community and Urban Health

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Center for Community and Urban Health conducts scientifically-sound, evidence-based research, training and program development in the field of public health.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Center co-designs and evaluates health interventions with members of client, service and scientific communities, locally, throughout the United States, and globally, with members of client, service and scientific communities to improve the lives of underserved populations.

Significant changes in the organization

Dr. Sarit Golub remains Executive Director. Dr. Denis Nash, Executive Director of the Institute for Implementation Science and Population Health, City University of New York, United States of America, joins the leadership team. Dr. Beatrice Krauss remains in an Emerita and consultative alliance with the Center.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We work and publish in public health, notably working with the World Health Organization to disseminate global guidance on HIV disclosure and with the National Institutes of Health (US) to mentor the next generation of HIV intervention researchers (MH083602, 2008-2013). Several of the Fellows of this latter program (S. Gonzalez, K. Reid) have participated in UN programs. In addition, Center representative Mary Li serves on the NGO Committee on the Status of Women as well as the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, while Brian Davis served an elected term as secretary of the NGO Committee on HIV/AIDS from 2012-2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Policy statements: Hunter College Center for Community and Urban Health (2013).

Criminalization related to HIV and women. E/CN.6/2013/NGO/196. Hunter College Center for Community and Urban Health (2012). HIV as a consequence and cause of poverty. E/CN.5/2012/NGO/24.

The Center also organized, co-sponsored or spoke at the following events at the UN:

Parallel events for the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women:

- Hunter, J. Impact of HIV on young rural Women: Gains and challenges.
- Hunter, J. Women and girls and HIV/AIDS.
- Reid, K. Girls' bodies: Bartering at the expense of their sexual health.

Parallel events for the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women:

- Gonzalez, S. Parallel challenges for rural women & urban women of color living in geographically isolated areas.
- Hunter, J. Young rural women and the impact of HIV. Reid, K. S. A hard road to travel: Women with HIV in rural Jamaica.

Parallel events for the 50th Session of the Commission on Social Development:

- Hunter, J. The impact of poverty and HIV on adolescents and their families.
- Krauss, B. Fourth on the list: HIV and poverty in an inner-city community.

Side events in cooperation with the NGO Committee on HIV/AIDS and NGO Committee on Human Rights:

- February 2012: Love beyond borders: Equality and acceptance for all.
- January 2013: Selling the promise of change: International health and policy consequences of sexual orientation change efforts (SOCE).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Center has cooperated with UNAIDS in creating panels and presentations. Through the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention, work was done on human trafficking in preparation for a 2016 UN Special High Level Event at UN headquarters.

Dr. Nash was asked by the International Epidemiologic Databases to Evaluate AIDS (IeDEA) to prepare a report detailing a global analysis of delays from ART eligibility to antiretroviral treatment (ART) initiation among adults. Substantial material from this report

was cited in WHO's annual progress report on ART scale-up: "Global health sector response to HIV, 2000-2015: focus on innovations in Africa: progress report."

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

Our recent programs, presentations and publications combat HIV/AIDS and other diseases, promote gender equality and the eradication of poverty, often by advocating for universal education. Representative examples include:

- 1) Nash, et al. Global, regional, and national incidence, prevalence, and YLDs for 301 acute and chronic diseases and injuries for 188 countries, 1990-2013: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2013. *Lancet*. 2015 Jun 7. pii: S0140-6736(15)60692-4
- 2) Mutimura, ... & Nash D for the IeDEA Central Africa Collaboration. Trends in and Determinants of CD4+ Cell Count at ART Initiation after Changes in National ART Guidelines in Rwanda. *AIDS*. 2015 Jan 2;29(1):67-76.
- 3) Krauss, et al. (2013). Disclosure of HIV status to HIV-positive children 12 and under: A systematic cross-national review of implications for health and wellbeing. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 8(2), 99-119.
- 4) Okero., Krauss, et al. (2012, July). WHO recommendations on disclosing HIV status to children 12 years old and younger. Poster presented at the XIX International AIDS Conference.

11. ICT for Peace Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

The ICT4Peace project was launched as an immediate follow-up to the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) 2003 in Geneva, Switzerland, with the publication of the ICT4Peace book by the UN ICT Task Force on the practice and theory of ICT in the conflict cycle and peace building as well as humanitarian operations and the approval of Para. 36 of the Tunis Commitment of the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) in 2005. The ICT4Peace Foundation was established in spring 2006.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICT4Peace is a policy and action-oriented international Foundation. Its purpose is to save lives and protect human dignity through Information and Communication Technology. The two main purposes are:

To explore and champion the use of ICTs and media for crisis management, humanitarian aid and peace building inter alia with the UN System.

To promote cybersecurity and a peaceful cyberspace through international negotiations with the UN, governments, companies and non-state actors.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICT4Peace continued to support the work of UN CITO/OICT, OCHA, DPKO/DFS, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP, OHCHR, UNOSAT, WFP the implementation of UN SGs Crisis Information Management Strategy (CiMS). In addition, ICT4Peace organised and financed the annual UN Crisis Information Management Advisory Group Retreats (CiMAG) in New York, United States of America, comprising the above UN organisations, NGOs and IT companies.

ICT4Peace supported DPKO/ DFS in implementing workshop courses on crisis information management/situational awareness creation for MONUSCO in Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, and for several peace keeping missions at the UN RSCE in Entebbe, Uganda.

It supported the work of the UN Security Council, UNIDIR and UN ODA and the UNGGE on Cybersecurity to promote international norms of responsible State behaviour and confidence building measures in cyberspace as well as capacity building in cybersecurity policy and diplomacy for developing countries.

It supported the work of the UN Counter Terrorism Executive Secretariat and the UN Counter Terrorism Committee in its process in preventing the use of ICTs for terrorist purposes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICT4Peace actively participated in the WSIS plus 10 preparatory process at the ITU, UNCTAD and the UN GA.

ICT4Peace also participated in the preparation of the SDG process, calling for inclusion of provisions on Peace and Security in the Cyberspace as a necessary precondition for implementing the SDGs.

ICT4Peace was invited to participate and speak in a presidential side-event of the SDG Summit 2015 at the UN in New York, United States.

ICT4Peace was invited to speak and moderate panel discussions of the UN CTED and UN CTC in New York, United States.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ICT4Peace cooperates closely in particular with UN CITO/OICT, OCHA, DPKO/DFS, UNHCR, OHCHR on specific Crisis Information Management issues and situational awareness creation in peace keeping, humanitarian and peace building, through better use of ICTs.

ICT4Peace cooperates closely with UNIDIR, ODA, UNGGE on questions related to peace and security in cyberspace. ICT4Peace is invited in panel discussions organised by the UN, writes policy papers on issues of interest of the UN.

ICT4Peace cooperates with the UN CTED and CTC on issues related to in preventing the use of ICTs for terrorist purposes.

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

In support of "Target 8.F: In cooperation with the private sector, make available benefits of new technologies, especially information and communications"

ICT4Peace through the implementation of the CiMS project with the UN OICT, OCHA, DFS/DPKO, facilitated the exchanges and making available ICTs between the private sector and UN Development Organisations such as UNDP, WFP, UNICEF to improve their operations including during crisis.

Additional Information

ICT4Peace supported the writing of the UN's 'Performance Peacekeeping' Report, looking at the how technology in general and ICTs in particular can strengthen the mandate of the UN's peacekeeping efforts and missions.

**12. ICW Global Comunidad Internacional De Mujeres Viviendo Con VIH - SIDA.,
Asociación Civil**
Special, 2012

Introduction

The International Community of Women Living with HIV (ICW) is the only global network led for and by women living with HIV. ICW is the voice and representation of women living with HIV, in all our diversity. We work in 120 countries and through 11 regional networks in Asia Pacific, Caribbean, Central Africa, East Africa, Europe and Central Asia, Latin America, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), North America, Southern Africa, West Africa and the Chapter of Young Women and Girls (CYWAG).

Aims and purposes of the organization

ICW envisions a world where all women living with HIV live free of gender oppression, realizing and claiming our full rights. We are committed to addressing the multiple oppressions experienced by women living with HIV around the world. In all of our work, it is the grassroots voices and lived experiences of women living with HIV, our daily struggles and lived realities that inform and shape the ICW agenda.

Significant changes in the organization

During this reporting period ICW relocated our Global Office from Buenos Aires, Argentina to Nairobi, Kenya. Following the relocation and transition period, the Global Office has emerged stronger and more effective with strengthened participation in UN processes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ICW has made important contributions to a variety of UN processes, attending and participating UN conferences, meetings and events and undertaking advocacy to represent the unique and important viewpoints and lived experiences of women living with HIV. We have prepared and supported hundreds of women living with HIV to directly engage in UN processes and we acted as an essential information conduit for ICW's grassroots networks.

ICW advocacy and research has been consistently recognized and supported through ongoing partnerships with UN agencies, some examples of these partnerships include:

- UNAIDS: Grants to support ICW's work to end forced & coerced sterilization of women living with HIV, as well as support to participate and engage in the Post-2015 processes. ICW has also undertaken strategic advocacy to improve the UNAIDS Strategic Plan. To read more visit: <http://www.iamicw.org/resources/document-library/unaid-2016-2021-strategy-review-icw-statement> and <http://www.iamicw.org/resources/document-library/unaid-2016-2021-strategy-icw-position-statement>
- UNWOMEN: Grant to support ICW Global Office to support networks of women around the world to engage with the Sustainable Development Goals country-level implementation.
- UNFPA: Support for ICW's Family Planning Research conducted in partnership with GNP+. Available at: <http://www.iamicw.org/resources/document-library/quality-of-family-planning-services-and-integration-in-the-prevention-of-vertical-transmission-conte>
- WHO: Support for ICW's Early Infant Diagnosis Research in partnership with GNP+. Available at: <http://www.iamicw.org/resources/document-library/quality-of-family-planning-services-and-integration-in-the-prevention-of-vertical-transmission-conte>

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ICW member-led advocacy teams have participated in and contributed to the Commission on the Status of Women in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, the Commission on Population and Development in 2013, 2014, as well as the High Level Meeting on AIDS 2016, Post-2015 processes at global and regional levels, Beijing + 25 regional reviews and the ultimate adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals. In addition to attendance and participation, ICW has directly contributed to UN processes through ICW members speaking on high-level panels, coordination of panels on pressing issues and hosting side-events and workshops to contribute to the overall civil society dialogue, as well as contributing to analysis of UN outcome documents through participation in the Women's

Major Group. For more information visit:

- CSW Report: <http://www.iamicw.org/resources/document-library/un-csw59-report>
- CSW Statement 2015: <http://www.iamicw.org/resources/document-library/icw-csw-statement-post-2015>

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ICW works regularly with UN WOMEN, UNDP, UNAIDS and UNFPA. ICW represents women and girls living with HIV on the following UN led bodies:

- Global Coalition on Women and Girls (UNAIDS) 2012 - 2015
- Global Dialogue Platform on Women and Girls Living with HIV (UNAIDS) 2014 – 2015
- Global Coalition on Women and Girls Advisory group (UNAIDS) 2012-2015
- High Level Meeting on AIDS Civil Society Task Force
- WHO PMTCT Global Validation Committee
- World Health Organization ARV Guidelines Review Core Group

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

ICW has actively worked towards achieving MDGs 3, 4, 5 and 6. Notably, ICW has taken a strong role in engaging with the Post-2015 Agenda Processes and has continued our advocacy through the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) during this time period.

- Post-2015 report: <http://www.iamicw.org/resources/document-library/amplifying-the-voices-of-women-living-with-hiv-in-the-post-2015-agenda-report-may-2015>;
- Sustainable Development Goals Campaign: <http://www.iamicw.org/women-in-action/all-campaigns/sustainable-development-goals-2030>
- Webinar: <http://www.iamicw.org/events/engaging-with-the-sdgs>
- Statement: <http://www.iamicw.org/resources/document-library/from-sustainable-development-goal-dreams-to-implemented-realities-women-living-with-hiv-must-have-a->

13. Institute for Multicultural Communications Cooperation and Development, Inc.

Special, 2004

Introduction

Institute For Multicultural Communications, Cooperation And Development Inc. (IFMCCADI) Special Consultative Status granted in 2004

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During this period our funding did not improve. Still we strengthened our “glocal”, civil society-rooted work program, which supports our mission .Two core IF-MC-CA-DI network members are Diversity, Development and Democracy (3Ds); and Strengthening Communities/Revitalizing Cities (SCRC). Their principal work is to organize forums, conferences and conversations with communities, while explaining IF-MC-CA-DI’s work program and that of the UN. Among these were (1) The Rule of Law in UN Peace Operations – George Andreopoulos, Professor of Political Science and Criminal Justice, CUNY, New York, UNited States of America, April 18, 2012 (2) Assessing African Development – His Excellency Maged Abdelfatah Abdelaziz – UN Under-Secretary-General, Special Adviser on Africa – February 20, 2013 (3) Transforming US-Cuba Relations-Role of Civil Society – Panel of Experts- January 21, 2014 (4) Brazil at the Cross Roads: Future Prospects of the Brazilian Political Economy – Lourdes Casanova, Ph.D. University of Barcelona, Spain, February 18, 2014 (5) Puerto Rico’s Struggle for Self Determination – Nelson Denis, a graduate of Harvard University and Yale Law School – Author: War Against All Puerto Ricans- April 15, 2015. The forums were instrumental in strengthening our relationships with existing partners and building new alliances. For example, we built a good relationship with the Cuban mission and the Cuban Diaspora in

New York, United States. IF-MC-CA-D's president traveled to Cuba and presented a paper in January of 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The president, volunteers and assistants attended many meetings at the UN. Among these were: 1) CSW59 - Implementing The Beijing Platform for Action - March 9-20, 2015 and 2) Special Committee on the Declaration Granting Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: Special Committee decision concerning Puerto Rico - 22 June, 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IF-MC-CA-DI continued its collaboration UNAOC- Mena Region programs, sponsoring three 1 Bronx tours and hosting HIS Excellency Nassir Abdelaziz Al Nasser, High Representative for UNAOC during which he led an interfaith dialogue with Bronx Diasporas.

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

IF-MC-CA-DI signed an NGO Committee statement of support of the MDGs at two Civil Society Forums.

14. International Federation of Hard of Hearing People

Special, 1996

Introduction

The International Federation of Hard of Hearing People (IFHOH), established in 1977, is a network of national hard of hearing organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFHOH fosters access, awareness and advocacy on hearing loss issues.

Significant changes in the organization

IFHOH became a founding member of the incorporated International Disability Alliance (IDA) on 7 June 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2014 IFHOH developed a tool-kit on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). On April 15, 2015 IFHOH submitted a paper for the Committee's General Day of Discussion on the Right to Education.

IFHOH members reviewed World Health Organization (WHO) documents on Deafness and Hearing loss on 2 January 2013 and Community-based Rehabilitation: Promoting ear and hearing care through CB, on 14 October 2012. IFHOH advised WHO on the Hearing Devices Technology Transfer in Low and Middle Income Countries on 12 March 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFHOH's president spoke for IDA to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on 8 July 2014 in New York at their High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and was a panellist on 9 July 2014 on What can the Post-2015 development agenda achieve for persons with disabilities?

IFHOH representatives attended CRPD committee meetings 30-31 March 2015 in Geneva,

Switzerland, and the Conference of States' Parties to the CRPD (COSP) 17-19 July 2013 and 9-11 June 2015 in New York, United States of America. IFHOH attended the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda 25-27 September 2015 in New York, United States.

An IFHOH representative spoke at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Assistive Products for Children with Disabilities Forum 6-7 July 2015 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

An IFHOH representative was a panellist 18 July 2013 during a COSP side event on Information and Communication Technology for Disability-Inclusive Development. On 17 July 2013 an IFHOH presentative attended a side event of UNICEF on Measuring Child Disability. IFHOH attended WHO's meeting on Monitoring and Evaluating Community Based Rehabilitation in Agra, India on 24 November 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IFHOH's President represented IDA on the International Labour Organization Business Council (2013-2015).

IFHOH supported WHO's Global Ear Care Day of 3 March, 2015 by issuing a press release and promoting through its networks.

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

IFHOH promotes awareness about hearing loss and the need for proper hearing health care for all persons which is in keeping with Millennium Development and Sustainable Development Goals.

15. It for Change

Special, 2008

Introduction

IT for Change (ITfC) is a Bengaluru-based NGO whose mission is to promote a socially just and gender-equal information society for the global South, through research, policy advocacy, institutional capacity-building and direct field engagement. More details of ITfC's work at <http://itforchange.net/> and http://itforchange.net/Annual_Report_2015-16/index.html

Aims and purposes of the organization

The overarching mission of our organization is the democratization of digital technologies and ensuring that digital society structural changes promote equity and social justice.

Towards this, we adopt the following strategies:

- Cutting edge research at the intersection of digital technologies and development, at global, regional and national levels.
- Advocating for a global governance framework for public policy issues on the Internet, in key global policy spaces
- Building institutional ICT capabilities of public education system and grassroots women's organisations in India.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Was a member of UN Commission on Science and Technology for Development's (CSTD) Working Group on Improvements to the Internet Governance Forum from 2010 to 2012, and now a member of CSTD's Working Group on Enhanced Cooperation on Public Policy Issues Pertaining to the Internet. (2013- ongoing)
- Engaging with the World Summit on Information Society (WSIS) + 10 review processes, both in terms of participating in the preparatory meeting 'Connecting the dots' and making

a statement at the United Nations General Assembly's High Level Meeting on WSIS + 10 review in December 2015. Also attended and made statements in the preparatory process in New York, United States of America, for WSIS + 10 review.

– Made inputs to the United Nations Working Group on Discrimination Against Women. (December 2012)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

– Participated in the substantive session of the CSTD in May 2012.

– Invited by the UN Women Office for Bhutan, India, Maldives and Sri Lanka, to participate in the Preparatory Meeting for the 58th session of the CSW, held in December 2013.

– Participated in the plenipotentiary Meeting of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) held in Busan, Republic of Korea, in November 2014.

– ITfC is regular participant in the annual United Nations- Internet Governance Forum meetings between 2012- 2015

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

– Led the work-stream on 'Political participation, agency and e-government' at the International Working Forum on Women, ICTs and Development, organized by UN Women and the US Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues, in Washington D.C., United States (January 2013)

– Assisted the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in developing the e-governance strategy for the programming period of 2013-18. ITfC submitted a detailed document assessing the e-governance scenario in India (2012), and also facilitated the e-governance track of the workshop that UNDP held in India in July 2012.

– Representative of ITfC was invited to be an external expert to the Working Group on Broadband and Gender of the ITU/UNESCO Broadband Commission on Digital Development, chaired by UNDP. (2013-14)

– Representative of ITfC was elected as a member of the International Steering Committee of the Global Alliance for Media and Gender, UNESCO in 2014

– Carried out a multi-country research study on gender and e-government with support from United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and United Nations Project Office on Governance, and is now supporting UNESCAP develop training modules for policymakers from this study.

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

– Contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) process, especially around the ‘data for development’ and ‘access to technologies’ debates. ITfC worked extensively with the Women’s Major Group and the Post 2015 Women’s Coalition towards this.

– Regular contributor to national level consultations on indicator development on Goal 5b of SDGs.

– Working with state governments from Karnataka, Telengana and Assam, India, to reform their in-service teacher education program (TEP). The programme was designed and implemented, based on the 'professional learning communities' approach. TEP has positively impacted teacher quality and teacher empowerment in the government secondary school system, thus promoting SDG 4, particularly SDGs 4.1 and 4c

– Worked with elected women representatives of local governments, and marginalised women's collectives with support from UN Women, to help them effectively leverage mobile-based information networking, participatory mapping, and data visualisation techniques in constructing a shared gender and governance agenda. This work is in line with the spirit of Goal 5b of the SDGs.