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1. Public Health Institute

Special, 2012

Introduction

PHI implements 200+ programs and initiatives that advance health equity and well-being, and span the globe, touching all areas of health, including nutrition, chronic disease prevention, climate change, sexual and reproductive health, and to improve the social and health status of girls, women, young people and other vulnerable populations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PHI advances sustainable global health solutions; strengthens public health systems and services; improves public health engagement and leadership; and improves the social determinants of health. PHI achieves its goals through capacity building; grant-making, program design and implementation, public/private partnerships; media; advocacy, policy analysis, community engagement; research and evaluation; technical assistance, and training.

Significant changes in the organization

PHI works in 19 countries and continues to advance its international capacity and compliance, with deeper programmatic engagement in Brazil, India, and South Africa.

PHI's Rise Up program achieved passage and implementation of 124 laws and policies across 11 countries that impact the lives of 115 million girls, youth, and women.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2015-16, PHI's Girls' Voices Initiative worked with UNICEF and UN Women to ensure that girls' education, health, safety, economic security, and human rights were at the center of the post-2015 development agenda. Initial drafts of the Sustainable Development Goals only included two mentions of girls among the 19 Focus Areas of the document.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Four delegates from two countries attended the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women from March 13-15, 2016, participating in four side events including the Strengthening the Girls and Young Women's Movement for Gender Equality event with UN Women and Plan International.

Nine delegates from five countries attended the 59thth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women on March 4-15, 2015, participating in 16 panels and side events. Youth delegates spoke on "Adolescent Girls: The Promise of Beijing" with AU Ambassador, Nyradazai, and spoke with Ban Ki-Moon at Every Woman Every Child event.

Eight delegates from four countries attended the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly on 2015 and shared girls' stories and messages in side events and bilateral meetings and gave a two-minute intervention during a high-level Every Women Every Child event inside UN headquarters about the health challenges girls face in Guatemala.

Nine delegates attended the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on July 13-16, 2015. Delegates met with high-level decision-makers and advocate for funding girl-centered issues in the SDGs.

Five delegates from three countries attended the 69th Session of the UN General Assembly on September 17-23, 2014 to attend six side events and speak at the Every Woman, Every Child Reception.

Three delegates attended the 58thth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women from March 8-14, 2014 and participated in five UN Side events during the conference.

Two representatives participated in two side events associated with the UN Climate Change Conference in Paris, France, from November 30-December 12, 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Girl leaders engaged in advocacy with United Nations agencies, namely UNICEF and UN

Women, in Guatemala, Malawi, and Uganda. Leveraging UNICEF's reputation and convening power in each of the countries, the Girls' Voices Initiative enabled the girl leaders to advocate with key influencers in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Malawi, and Uganda. Acting as a convener, UNICEF brought together the Ministries of Health, Gender, Education, and Finance, as well as other leading agencies and relevant NGO's in each of the member states, to participate in high-level activities to build momentum for girls' rights and the Girl Declaration.

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

PHI's Girls' Voices Initiative impacted MDGs 2 and 3 support for the Girl Declaration among key leaders and influencers in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Malawi, and Uganda, and ensure that the guiding principles, goals and targets set forth in the Girl Declaration are prioritized in official negotiations, public statements, and positions on the post-2015 agenda.

The Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA) supported MDG 6 by growing a youth-led global network of over 8,300 young leaders and adult allies working on youth HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment in over 170 countries.

The Youth Leadership in Sexual and Reproductive Health Program (GOJoven) supports MDGs 5, 6 and 7 by promoting the youth leadership development of over 200 youth leaders to vastly expand adolescent sexual and reproductive health choices, services, policies, and programs in Mexico and Central America.

2. Reality of Aid Network

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Reality of Aid (RoA) Network is a research and advocacy network of civil society organizations (CSOs) focusing on the goals of poverty eradication and equality in the policies and practices in the international aid regime. It brings together hundreds of CSOs from regional networks from 56 countries in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, and 21 donor countries working in the field of development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of the RoA Network is to coordinate global civil society voices, with leadership from Southern civil society, through effective development cooperation strategies with a view to eliminating poverty and inequality, based on principles of global solidarity and equity in North/South development cooperation.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

RoA published the Reality Check issue on the theme of “Development Cooperation in South Asia: A story of emerging donors and IFI conditionalities” and distributed copies in UNDCF High-level Symposium in Berlin, Germany, the Intergovernmental Committee of Experts on Sustainable Development Financing (ICESDF) Outreach meetings in Helsinki, Finland, and in Jakarta, Indonesia. RoA published the RoA 2014 Report on ‘Partnerships and the Post-MDGs’ that focused on the question of ‘What should partnership look like for the post 2015 agenda?’

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

RoA contributed to the discussions of the ICESDF meetings in Helsinki, Finland (April) and Jakarta, Indonesia (June) where IBON International and RoA Asia Pacific were panel

speakers who articulated RoA positions on innovative financing and private sector involvement such as PPPs. RoA directly engaged with the Building Block on Public-Private Cooperation and the Effective Institutions Platform and is focal organization of the CPDE reference groups relating to these. RoA also participates in the UN Financing for Development conferences. Furthermore, the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs has also sought RoA's expertise to input on the upcoming report on "MDG Lessons for Post-2015".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

RoA's contributed to the 8th Millennium Development Goal: to develop a global partnership for development, by bridging civil society to other development actors. RoA has taken leadership and facilitation roles in civil society engagements not only in the United Nations, but also in other engagement arenas such as in the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, International Monetary Fund and World Bank, .etc. RoA brought forward CSO positions to other stakeholders present in international policy engagements, and made sure that civil society perspectives are reflected in its publications.

3. Red De Educacion Popular Entre Mujeres (REPEM)

Special, 2000

Introduction

The mission of the Women's Popular Education Network -REPEM- is the empowerment and the feminist education of vulnerable women who face discrimination, inequality and poverty. This is performed through the dialogue between skills and knowledge, social, ethnic, racial and environmental justice. Since 1981, we have been active in Latin America and the Caribbean region with around 140 women's organizations. REPEM is present in Argentina, Honduras, Bolivia, Mexico, Brazil, Nicaragua, Colombia, Panama, Cuba, Paraguay, Chile, Peru, Ecuador, El Salvador, Uruguay, Guatemala and Venezuela, among others.

Aims and purposes of the organization

REPEM LAC emphasizes training strategies and production of knowledge, which give visibility to the POPULAR EDUCATION AMONG WOMEN making that all the actions of the Network are learning spaces and build a pedagogical balance; Promote educational processes for gender equality and equity, and the exercise of citizenship, human rights and political, social, economic and cultural participation of women.

Working with non-feminist organizations to give prominence to women's rights in tune with the World Social Forum (WSF) and United States Social Forum (WSF and FSA) As a member of the WSF Council, REPEM established alliances with other Women organization (national and multilateral) such as ECLAC, UN organizations, including UNFPA, UNESCO.

Implementation of the rights to education for a powerful social, political and economic autonomy for women, in collaboration with CEAAL (Adult Education Council of Latin America), ICAE (International Council of Adult Education) and CLADE (Latinamerican Education Campaign for the education rights)

Significant changes in the organization

Several consultancies carried out by REPEM has made it possible to share education and information methods that we would otherwise not have access to. The access of ECOSOC and several United Nations spaces allows us to exercise a systemic strategy from the local to the national and to the international and vice versa that reinforces the dynamics of our network.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Bearing in mind the principles of the United Nations as an international body working for peace, security, climate change, sustainable development, human rights, gender equality, governance and many more; REPEM has assumed these flags in the work that carries out at regional level and the incidence that produces in the participation within the spaces supported by the United Nations in emphasizing in the achievement of peace, gender equality, defense of the rights Human Rights and Sustainable Development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012 participated in the CSW 56 Commissions on the Status of Women: The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges.

CSW 57 Commissions on the Status of Women 2013. Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls

CSW 58 Commissions on the Status of Women 2014. Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls

CSW 59 Commissions on the Status of Women 2015. Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, Beijing (+20).

CSW 60 Commissions on the Status of Women 2016 WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT AND ITS LINK TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Since 2012 REPEM, is part of the Women Mayor Group and has been actively participating in the annually discussions and design of Agenda 2030 as part of some panels and speaking from the floor during the OWG sessions . The subject has been (objective 4 and corresponding goals) and gender (objective 5 and corresponding goals). REPEM was also an active participant of the virtual meetings that were organized during the years 2012-2016 contributing to the discussions on the themes of his profile-

Also has participated actively in the technical reports for the definition of the indicators for the implementation of Agenda 2030. From the outset it has been a consultative part of the Bureau of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) which has been designated by the POST 2015 process to develop indicators for goals and targets of the post 2015 development agenda. In this framework REPEM has worked closely in the Intergovernmental negotiations meetings on the post-2015 development agenda. REPEM has participated in the meetings of Bankok and N York

Also participated in the Second Meeting of the Regional Conference on Population and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean 2015. "Population dynamics as the axis of sustainable and sustainable development: the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development to overcome inequalities in the framework Of human rights".

In 2013 and 2015 REPEM became involved in the Financing for Development process, being part of the gender group and participating in the formal plenary meetings of the preparatory process for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development This led to REPEM participation to the Addis Ababa Summit as part of the representation of the civil society group of the Latin American region and the Feminist Task Force.

Since 2008, REPEM has participated with the International Council of Adult Education (ICAE) in the different COPs, bringing the voice of rural and indigenous women on the impact of climate change in the Region. It is worth mentioning his participation in the Rio +

20 Summit where REPEM held a panel on the theme of education for citizenship and gender.

REPEM has also been participating in the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) as part of the WMG. Participated via internet at the first meeting held in June 2016 in Geneva

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UN WOMEN as members of CONGO LAC for CSW

With UNESCO as a consultative organization in conjunction with CLADE

With UNFPA in its different national and regional meetings (Consensus of Montevideo, Uruguay, and Brazil)

With the Bureau of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC) for the follow-up of ODS and the Inter-Agency Expert Group on SDGs (IAEG-SDGs)

With ECLAC at the various Regional Conferences on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The XII Conference (Uruguay 2016 "Gender Equality, Women's Empowerment and Information and Communication Technologies."). The Eleventh Conference (Brazil), the Twelfth Regional Conference on Women Latin America and the Caribbean (Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic), the Tenth Conference (Quito, Ecuador) and the Novena (Mexico) and the Consensus of Santo Domingo and Brazil

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

The REPEM from 2005 to 2016 has been involved in the monitoring of Millennium goals especially in the education objective. As a follow-up to this, since 2012, it has been involved in the POST 2015 process by lobbying and advocating the governments of the Open Work Group (OWG) for the right to education without discrimination and promoting education for inclusion throughout life.

The REPEM seeks to mainstream gender equality in all the Objectives of the document that was elaborated throughout 2012/13, 14 15 and 16. Special concern was to link the aspects of rural and indigenous women in the LAC region with the issues of education throughout life and for citizenship . Within this framework, REPEM is aligning with various CSOs working

on the issue of education and linked to the WMG which has been concerned with influencing the Post 2015 process. This also include and Women Coalition Coalition (2014 and 2015)and Women for Financing for Development (FFD)

During 2012/13/14/15 and 16 the participation of REPEM in the process of constructing the Post 20 agenda is summarized in the following points:

- Participated in calls (every 15 days or monthly) as part of the lobby organized by Women's Mayor Group (WMG) - in the activities carried out by the WMG when the Open Work Group (OWG) was held in N York. (Once a month during 2013, 2014, 2015).
- Participated in the innumerable calls of the WMG and the Coalition of Women to organize and support the debates held in New York, United States of America and in the documents sent to the Secretary General to include the issue of Education in the lines of REPEM.
- Work has been done on monitoring the ODS 2030 indicators in the different countries of Latin America and the Caribbean
- REPEM has collaborated at regional level on the countries presentation countries to the High Level Political Forum
- Through virtual links and part of the Gender Constituency , REPEM has lately being participating during the Paris, France, and Marrakech, Morocco, Summit lobbying Climate Change and Gender

4. Restoration and Healing

Special, 2012

Introduction

Restoration and Healing, Inc. began in 1994 at Times Square Church in New York City, United States of America, as a program to help adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. We began traveling around the world and have been doing trauma training for those who want healing from their own trauma experiences and want to be able to help others deal with their experiences as well. The wounded healers are trained and given materials which enable them to be helpful to others. We have traveled to Nicaragua (4 times), Jamaica (3 times) Dominican Republic, Norway, Guyana, and Liberia (5 times), and we are working to set up a Masters in Mental Health Counseling in a Bible College in Liberia at this time. They can contact me for clinical supervision if they would like, and I have had many people follow up with me after trainings.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Restoration and Healing, Inc. is committed to bringing healing from traumatic experiences to as many people around the world as possible. We have been able to respond when requests have been made for us to come to places that may have had great trauma experiences, e.g., civil wars, contagious diseases, racism and dominance because of outside forces coming to the country, and other issues that are caused internally by the pain and suffering of the families and children. The major difficulties we have seen are childhood sexual abuse, grief and bereavement, abandonment, and domestic violence. We hope to help people heal from their experiences so that they do not repeat to their children what was done to them. Most of the work done through Restoration and Healing up until this time has been volunteer work without pay or compensation for expenses.

Significant changes in the organization

There have not been any significant changes in the organization. Perhaps the one change that might be considered would be the project in Liberia to set up a Masters in Mental Health Counseling at the Assemblies of God Bible College in Brewerville, Liberia. This

project began in 2012, and has been approved contingent upon two things that the Bible College is completing at this time. It should begin teaching in August or September. The faculty is mostly American and comes from the Nyack College here in New York City, United States. I am the Dean of Graduate Studies, and this is the first Graduate Program for the Bible College and Liberia, and I believe the first for Africa. The one thing we are doing now that is related to the set up of the Masters program and is required, is that we are attempting to raise funds for travel and in-country housing. We have submitted a proposal to Brussels Air requesting a low travel rate from JFK, New York, United States to Monrovia, Liberia. We have not yet heard if they will let us fly for \$500, but hope they will be willing to do this, they do donate a lot to African projects.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our trips to Liberia have been very connected to the United Nations work there, and we have had many students participate who came from the United Nations Mission in Liberia, which is now beginning to close. We hope that the Masters in Mental Health Counseling project will provide sustainable support to the Liberian people and other Africans who come to be trained, so that they will be able to better cope with the changes that are happening, and help keep the country stable and healthy once the UN is no longer there. The first trip to Liberia, in 2010, was arranged by a volunteer in the UN and there are at least three of four UN workers and five students from the University of Liberia who attended the project. Those in the University were able to follow-up with a course at the University teaching the material we brought for them.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We have met with UN workers in Liberia, we have not been able to participate in UN meetings. This is not because of a lack of interest, but rather because of time limitations. I would like very much to participate in UN meetings in the near future.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As I mentioned above, we have had much contact with the UN in Liberia, and some contact here with UN representatives who have expressed interest in the work of Restoration and

Healing, Inc.

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

We have not yet been actively involved in the Millennium Development Project, but are very willing to help any way that we can

5. Sakyadhita

Special, 2012

Introduction

Sakyadhita International Association of Buddhist Women works to benefit Buddhist women around the world, materially and spiritually. Every two years, international conferences are held to educate and raise awareness among laywomen and nuns from different countries and traditions, and to encourage projects to improve conditions for Buddhist women, especially in developing countries. National and local branches of Sakyadhita enable women to network and initiate projects locally and globally, to provide information on Buddhist women and a forum for sharing research, ideas, and experiences, especially with the aim of promoting gender equity and social justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Working at the grassroots level, Sakyadhita provides a communications network among Buddhist women internationally. The organization promotes research and publications on Buddhist women's history and relevant topics. It supports Buddhist women's initiatives, including education projects, retreat facilities, training centers, women's shelters, social welfare projects, and social justice activities to create equitable opportunities for women in all Buddhist traditions.

Sakyadhita's objectives include:

- To establish an international alliance of Buddhist women
- To advance the spiritual and secular welfare of the world's women
- To work for gender equity in Buddhist education, training, institutional structures, and ordination
- To promote harmony and dialogue among the Buddhist traditions and other religions
- To encourage research and publications on topics of interest to Buddhist women
- To foster compassionate social action for the benefit of humanity
- To promote world peace through the teachings of the Buddha

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2010, at the 11th Sakyadhita International Conference on Buddhist Women in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 2,400 women voted to support the MDGs. There was great enthusiasm for working to achieve these goals among the members. Sakyadhita has emphasized these goals and issues in its projects and philosophy ever since. Sakyadhita national branches and local chapters, established in Canada, France, Germany, Hawaii, Republic of Korea, Nepal, Spain, Portugal, Taiwan, Province of China, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, and elsewhere since 2009, have fostered Sakyadhita's commitment to the SDGs at the national and local levels. We work in areas of the world where most people have never heard of these goals. Terms such as gender equity and sustainability are unknown and new words need to be created in the local languages to express and explain these concepts. Consequently, Sakyadhita is furthering the work of the United Nations in parts of the world and among populations, including culturally endangered minorities, that are completely underserved and neglected. As an example, the HIV/AIDS awareness programs initiated by Sakyadhita have been especially effective. Even though at the beginning the material was so unfamiliar that we had to create a new word for condom, by using video technology and a combination of science and Buddhist cultural norms and ethical guidelines, an epidemic was effectively prevented.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of Sakyadhita participated in ECOSOC meetings in New York and Finland. Our participation has been circumscribed by financial constraints and the limited number of English-educated Buddhist women globally, but we are trying our best to improve educational opportunities, in line with the MDGs and SDGs.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We have familiarized ourselves with programs constructed and implemented by United Nations' bodies and are making efforts to participate more fully and effectively. Even

though we do not have sufficient financial resources or enough sufficiently trained English-speaking representatives to attend every meeting, we are cooperating fully with United Nations bodies and objectives through our grassroots activism and model educational projects for women. Even without receiving any funding or support from the United Nations, we are carrying out the mission and goals of the United Nations through our work to education, train, and empower the world's 300 million Buddhist women (maybe 600 million, if China is included).

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

Since 1987, we have initiated primary and secondary education programs in many countries, such as Bangladesh, India, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, and so on, to promote gender equality, reduce poverty, end hunger, promote the physical, mental, and economic health of women and children, improve sanitation, promote peace and justice, foster environmental awareness and sustainability, and the other SDGs.

Additional Information

Since 1987, Sakyadhita has organized 15 international conferences on Buddhist women. The conferences feature papers, workshops on topics relevant to Buddhist women. The topics we primarily focus on directly reflect the MDGs and SDGs.

6. Service for Peace, Inc.

Special, 2008

Introduction

Service For Peace (SFP) is an international NGO working with communities in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to identify and address their development priorities. We then involve volunteers in ongoing, community-driven development programs designed to address those issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Service For Peace (SFP) seeks to foster a culture of service by offering a variety of volunteer opportunities ranging from one-day introductory projects to large scale international programs requiring a higher level of commitment.

SFP follows a collaborative leadership model in which different sectors, organizations and individuals work together to address community issues.

SFP encourages civic engagement as an important way of ensuring the sustainability of development efforts. Volunteer programs such as those organized by SFP are increasingly seen by the United Nations and others as effective means of expanding development programs. They support the delivery of a range of public services, extending their reach beyond the capacity of formal systems to the poorest and most marginalized people by strengthening the capacity of the existing workforce. Also, for many people, the opportunity to volunteer is a chance to move from being a passive recipient to being an active citizen, actively engaged in development processes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The work of SFP directly addresses issues relating to the health, education and economy of

communities in developing nations. Our work naturally brings us into contact with UN agencies since our agendas intersect on several levels.

For example, our emphasis on voluntary service means that we contribute directly to the work of United Nations Volunteers and the Volunteer Groups Alliance within the HLPF on Sustainable Development. Volunteering helps move people from being passive recipients to being actively engaged in the development processes that affect their lives, and the lives of their families and communities. However, volunteer groups are more than implementers. Volunteering for development is both a means and an end to the creation of healthy, vibrant societies and the achievement of the SDGs. Research has shown that countries with high levels of volunteerism are more economically and socially vibrant, and better placed to meet global challenges.

SFP has found that another very effective way of partnering with the UN has been to conduct activities related to the UN's observance days, particularly the International Day of Peace on September 21. During 2012-2015 SFP chapters in the Republic of Korea, Cambodia, Malaysia, Philippines, Nepal, Kenya, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Ukraine, Moldova and the United States of America all organized service activities related to the IDP.

In the United States, beginning in 2015, SFP has taken a leading role in a coalition that will link the International Day of Peace to the 9.11 Day of Service through a 10-day series of programs and activities. SFP is a national lead agency for the 9.11 Day of Service and Remembrance.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SFP's international director lives in Connecticut, United States, and is a frequent visitor to the UN Headquarters. He is particularly interested in the work of the Commission for Social Development and attended each of the regular sessions during the four years.

SFP was also represented at ECOSOC meetings during this period. For example, at the 2012

ECOSOC High Level Segment for NGOs in ECOSOC consultative status held on 2 - 9 July 2012 at the UN Headquarters, SFP contributed a written statement titled Volunteerism, Decent Work, and Economic Development.

SFP is also very interested in UN initiatives relating to youth and has participated in several major gatherings on this topic. For example, SFP representatives from Asia and the United States participated in the Annual Youth Assembly at the UN Headquarters on August 7-9, 2013, New York, United States.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As mentioned above, SFP cooperates with UN bodies in the field, notably UN Volunteers, and through the UN's international observance days, particularly the International Day of Peace.

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

Throughout this period, SFP focused its work on the MDGs as a way of providing a unifying focus for our chapters and our partner organizations. We particularly focused on MDG #2 since many of our international programs involve the creation of model elementary schools.

7. Singapore Institute of International Affairs

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) is a non-profit independent think tank focusing on Southeast Asia and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The SIIA believes in multi-stakeholder engagement on politics, economics and sustainability. The SIIA releases free reports and content, and holds regular events in Southeast Asia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The SIIA organises an annual ASEAN and Asia Forum (AAF) for 300 delegates in Singapore. For 2012-2015, topics included development, infrastructure, and sustainability.

The SIIA held a series of events on Myanmar's development in 2012-2015, culminating in the first ASEAN-Myanmar Forum (AMF) on 23 March 2015 in Yangon, Myanmar, for 200 delegates.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 20th Session of the Conference of Parties (COP20) at Lima, Peru, from 1-12 December 2014, attending meetings open to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

A representative presented on "Environment Rule of Law: Survey Roles in the Asia Pacific" at the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development 2015 (APSFD 2015) organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in

Bangkok, Thailand, from 21-22 May 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

On 12 March 2012, the SIIA organised a meeting with Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Singapore, involving 30 young professionals and students.

On 2 March 2015, the SIIA organised a meeting with Ms. Christina Figueres, Executive Secretary, UNFCCC in Singapore, involving 20 government and company representatives.

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

The SIIA's work has focused on MDG 7, and from 2015, also SDGs 7, 8, 9, 13, 12 and 15.

Since 2014, the SIIA has held an annual Singapore Dialogue on Sustainable World Resources (SDSWR) for 300 government, corporate and NGO representatives from Southeast Asia and beyond. Panels have examined agribusiness supply chains, forestry, labour issues, green finance and green labelling.

In 2012, the SIIA launched a Clean City Air Coalition of five companies, held a dialogue on Singapore's climate change strategy for 100 people, and organised climate change events for 230 students.

From 2014-2015, the SIIA held the first exhibition in Singapore on transboundary haze pollution, travelling to three shopping malls and other public venues in Singapore.

From 2012-2015, the SIIA convened six meetings of Singapore and regional NGOs, each engaging with some 30 delegates on environmental law, technology and fire prevention.

The SIIA has also held regular public talks on liveable cities, haze pollution and other issues.

8. Sister to Sister International

Special, 2004

Introduction

Sister to Sister International (STSI) links women of African descent globally to the resources that connect, advance and strengthens them.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Sister to Sister International's (STSI) aims and purpose are focused on three primary areas including: 1) health and wellness 2) education and 3) global-awareness and collaboration. In this regard, STSI has designed an international wellness campaign for women of color that focuses on knowing ones critical stats, and advocating for access to health care for women locally & globally; STSI has created an acclaimed Science Technology Engineering Arts & Math Academy for girls of color in the United States; STSI advocates for global awareness by educating the public on United Nations issues, as well as sponsoring opportunities for civil society to connect with the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations(2012 - 2015) The organization sponsors educational fora and links youth to projects including creating a "Girl Up" Club at area high schools in support of the United Nations Foundation and girls empowerment globally;Promote universal education including literacy work with the Gambian National Library; Sponsors parallel events including workshops and fora on thematic issues, during the Commission on the Status of Women's meetings annually, as well as presents papers and collaborates with the African Women's Caucus; promotes the Maama Kit Program a safe birthing initiative for women in Africa, in conjunction with the World Health Organization; sponsors testing and prevention activities that assist in combating the HIV/AIDS pandemic; sponsors a networking initiative that promotes global

partnerships among African Diasporan women's NGO's, and various resource persons. The organization also, utilized the internet to ensure that timely United Nations communication was disseminated to members and other constituents globally.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization sponsored fora and parallel events during the CSW Sessions at the United Nations headquarters New York, United States of America, for the past four years. These events occur on a "United Nations Day" planned by the organization, which provided an opportunity for local and global women of African descent, to examine progress on related thematic issues. STSI representatives participated in the following Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Sessions, held at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, United States: (i) 59th Session, 9 March to 20 March 2015, Theme: "Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action" The organization worked with the African Caucus' and others, during the debate. STSI sponsored its three traditional events on 16 March, including a United Nations Tour for local students and a Briefing, a Thematic Workshop where the organization shared its findings and recommendations. (ii) 58th Session, 10th March to 21st - March 2014, Themes: "Challenges and Achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for Women and Girls." The organization sponsored its three traditional side events on 17 March; (iii) 57th Session, 4 to 15 March 2013, Themes: "Elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls." The organization worked closely with the African Caucus and others, during the debate. STSI sponsored its three traditional side events on 12; (iv) 56th Session, 27 February - 9 March 2012, Themes: "The empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges. The organization sponsored its "STSI UN Day" on 6 March with a thematic panel focused on rural women with various noted presenters and moderated by the Deputy Director of Policy for the Millennium Development Campaign and a reception featuring the Chair of the 56th Session of the CSW. Local and global members of civil society participated in all activities;

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated and collaborated with various United Nations bodies including:

UN Women, WHO, UNICEF & MDG Campaign Office, United Nations Foundation in activities highlighted in this report.

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

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals. The organizations programs are focused primarily in the United States, Africa and the Caribbean and address Millennium Development Goal (MDG) numbers 2 (universal education), 3 (gender equality) 5 (maternal health) 6 (combat HIV/AIDS) and 8 (global partnership) (2012 – 2015). The organization has worked with the Deputy Director of the Millennium Development Goals for the past four years on various projects related to their promotion and attainment.

9. Smile of the Child

Special, 2008

Introduction

‘The Smile of the Child’ is the largest internationally recognized non-profit, Non-Governmental Organization in Greece in the critical field of child protection, search and rescue of missing children, support of children and families with children in need, as well as free public health service for children, both in prevention and treatment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of SoC is to provide efficient and direct actions nationwide, 365 days a year and 24 hours a day aimed at the protection and well-being of all children without exception and without distinction of background, origin, religion or any other criterion.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

1. The Southeastern European Center for Missing and Exploited Children, under the hub of SoC, organized a high-level forum in May 2014 entitled “Missing Children in the context of child trafficking”. The event brought together high-level participants among them representatives from UNHCR.

2. “When every minute counts” conference (International Missing Children’s Day 2014, Athens, Greece): The conference was organized by SoC and was addressed by Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, President of Missing Children Europe and UN Special Rapporteur on Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

3. SoC takes part and supports on an annual basis the UN campaigns International Youth Day #YouthDay #UN4Youth and World Day Against Trafficking in Persons #IGiveHope

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

1. “Preventing and combating trafficking in human beings in South Eastern Europe - joining forces”, Geneva, Switzerland, 29 June 2012, on the occasion of the 20th UN Human Rights Council Session. The event was organized by the Permanent Missions of Greece and Bulgaria to Geneva, Switzerland, in cooperation with SoC.

2. UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, 'The rights of all children in the context of international migration', 28 September 2012, Geneva, Switzerland: participation and submission of a written statement entitled “Missing Children and their Rights in the Context of International Migration”.

3. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), 6th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 15-19 October 2012, Austria.

4. 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference, 27-29 August 2014: A youth representative of SoC participated in the Annual UN Conference. “You Smile” was presented to the youth sub-committee of the conference as a good practice model of youth participation.

5. UN Committee on the Rights of the Child’s Day of General Discussion, 12 September 2014, Digital Media and Children’s Rights, Geneva, Switzerland.

6. The President and representatives of SoC met with staff members of the UN DPI NGO in May 2015.

7. United Nations Sustainable Development Summit 2015, 25-27 September 2015, New York, United States.

8. Participation at the Geneva Peace Week, 16-20 November 2015: As an active member of the Women's World Summit Foundation SoC attended the presentation of the WWSF campaign at the UN titled: “19 Days of Activism for Prevention of Violence against

Children and Youth”.

9. Submission of a written statement for the 2015 High Level Segment (HLS) of the Economic and Social Council held from 6 to 10 July at the UN Headquarters, New York, United States, focusing on the theme “Managing the transition from the MDG to the sustainable development goals: what it will take”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

1. SoC has been included since 26 June 2012 in the electronic NGO database of UNODC, in recognition of the organization’s efforts in combating organized crime, In addition the Organization exchanges information with UNODC on related activities.

2. In the midst of the migration crisis unfolded with great intensity in 2015 “The Smile of the Child” is providing a number of services to protect and support refugee and migrant children, including: protection against exploitation and trafficking, healthcare, search for missing unaccompanied minors and family reunification, etc.

In this framework the Organization is closely cooperating with UNHCR and is in the process of signing a Memorandum of Cooperation. In addition, “The Smile of the Child” is responding to a number of calls of proposals issued by UNHCR.

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

SoC is particularly engaged in the support of the Millennium Development Goals. We operate 12 Support Centres, which provide families with children with first necessity goods, contributing to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, especially within the financial crisis in Greece. Also, the Organization provides Preventive Medicine to children all over Greece since 2002, an initiative taken in support of the MDG Reduce Child Mortality.

10. Somali Women Civil War Survivors

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Somali Women Civil War Survivors have chosen one of the most important subjects of the United Nations Millennium Goals that is Good Governance.

The discussions were open to the public. The subjects talked about were and still are talked about to present day. 1. What are the advantages of having a stable federal government in Somalia? 2. Can Somalia become a viable nation and what does it mean to you? 3. Does Somalia have a future?

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are

1. To elaborate to women and to youth the definition of sustainable government?
2. To engage women and youth's awareness/ discussion without violence what is like to have a sustainable government?
3. To evolve citizen participations in the creation of a sustainable government without resorting to tribalism and to violence.
4. Do you vote by tribe or do you vote because of common ideology? What type of government style do you believe in? These are questions we asked the internally displaced people in Bosaso, Somalia.

Significant changes in the organization

The representatives were semi-welcomed slowly they found out that there is a certain degree of resistance from the locals because of the safety of the representatives a decision is made to recall back to MN. To take three steps back and regroup how future presentations will be conducted.

When Mr. Warsame became the first Somali American to be elected as one of the Minneapolis City Council, United States of America. The women of the organization sat with him and

discussed what we have encountered in Bosaso, Somalia. The women of the organization lobbied for a partnership and in 10/2014 Bosaso-Minneapolis City Partnership was signed by the Minneapolis Mayor. Good step towards developing a city. How a municipal office functions. How the police department in Bosaso, Somalia, should function. If the city of Bosaso, Somalia, needs a mentor to assist in developing implementation to improve the city or the neighborhood Minneapolis city would. This is a major cornerstone of achievement because running a functioning government changes abstract to tangible reality.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The contribution of the Somali Women Civil War Survivors to the work of the United Nations is to expand the awareness of the United Nations Millennium Goals in the future however the Somali women organization are sewing one stitch at time. The environment is wobbly there are flares of violence. The organization pulls out from Somalia for safety reasons when confrontations flare and goes back in there is a peace time.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Somali Women Civil War Survivors has yet to participate meetings of the United Nations because of the vision and mission to see Somalia as a peaceful country with a sustainable functioning is overwhelming.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Federal Somali government and its member states should sign the ratifying communicable diseases like cholera, malaria, hiv and aides with UNICEF and from UNESCO educational grants for GED for adults and youth, vocational schools to learn trade one can become either auto mechanic, plumber, or electrician to give the youth a positive outlook for the future instead falling into the hand of human trafficking, and sex trafficking. These areas Somalia needs a help. How to keep the youth homestead.

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

The Somali Women Civil Organization over the years has conducted several presentations over several cities in Puntland, Somalia. Bosaso (commercial hub) and Garowe, Somalia.

Good governance piece of the majority of time and majority of the women attended liked it, resonated it. When it is time to do presentations to boys and men our male representatives stepped in. The organization did not want offend the locals culture and way of living. The women organization has developed three core of values of work:

1. What our clients value?

a. Respect and Dignity

b. Empathy & Sympathy

c. Privacy 2. What do clients expect from us?

a. Professionalism

b. Communicate well with visual stimuli the meaning of sustainable peace.

3. What do we wants from our clients?

a. Be kind to one another

b. Be respectful to one another

c. be safe

d. Be on time.

Small but effective when one is presenting because the audience must be able to follow what is being said, then when there is the time for Q&A again one person at a time. On the other hand if the day is not a good day to do presentation because obstacle outside our control, the activities are cancel.

Another major initiatives taken by the Somali Women Civil War Survivors is to avoid being in middle of warring factions inside Bosaso, Somalia.

Additional Information

Bosaso is the chosen city for the Somali Women Civil War Survivors.

11. Sveriges Kvinnolobby

Special, 2012

Introduction

Sveriges Kvinnolobby is a politically and religiously independent umbrella for 43 women organizations in Sweden. Sveriges Kvinnolobby work to influence the Government and decision makers in Sweden, the European Union and internationally, to improve the status of women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of Sveriges Kvinnolobby is to integrate women's perspectives into all political, economic and social processes, locally as well as internationally. The foundations of our activities are the CEDAW and the BPfA. Sveriges Kvinnolobby monitor how Sweden lives up to its commitments, write shadow reports and analyse the governmental policies and budgets from a gender perspective.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Sveriges Kvinnolobby was the initiator and main organizer of the regional conference Nordiskt Forum Malmö 2014 – New Action on Women's Rights. The forum took place in Malmö, Sweden, June 12-15 2014 and had 30 000 visits with participants from more than 50 countries. The program included more than 400 seminars, workshops, talks, concerts and cultural events. The conference was a continuation of the previous regional conferences held in Oslo, Norway, in 1988 and Turku, Finland, in 1994, both in preparation for the following world conferences on women's rights. The aim of Nordiskt Forum was to remind our Nordic governments of the commitments they made in Beijing, 1995. The conference resulted in an outcome document with feminist agreements and demands directed towards the Nordic governments.

Sveriges Kvinnolobby coordinates the Swedish women's movement participation at the CSW and the joint advocacy work against the Government ahead of and during the CSW.

Sveriges Kvinnolobby coordinates the Swedish CEDAW-Network – a collaboration of women's organisations who produce shadow reports on Sweden's implementation of CEDAW and the BPfA. At the last review in Geneva, Switzerland, in February 2016 we participated and coordinated several Swedish NGO's before as well as on site.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Sveriges Kvinnolobby attended the 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th session of the CSW. We have a representative in the Swedish Governmental delegation and arrange several parallel events. Sveriges Kvinnolobby also participates in meetings with the EU delegation and the Swedish representation.

Sveriges Kvinnolobby submitted the following written statements to the CSW:

- CSW 60: “Written statement of the SWL for the 60th session of the Commission on the Status of Women March 14-24, 2016”
- CSW 59: “Written statement of the SWL for the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women”
- CSW 58: “Statement to the 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) submitted by the SWL”
- CSW 57: “The SWL Written statement for the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women”

Our written statements can be found here:

<http://sverigeskvinnolobby.se/en/about/commission-on-the-status-of-women-csw/>

Representatives attended the 63rd session of the CEDAW Committee for the review of Sweden's 8th and 9th periodic reports under CEDAW in Geneva, Switzerland, 15 Feb 2016 - 04 Mar 2016.

Representatives attended the Geneva NGO Forum Beijing+20 3-5 November 2014, in connection to the UN ECE Beijing +20 Regional Review Meeting 6 - 7 November 2014, Switzerland.

Sveriges Kvinnolobby was the main organizer of the regional conference Nordiskt Forum Malmö 2014 – New Action on Women’s Rights, Malmö, Sweden, 12-15 June 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

At CSW 59, March 11 2015, Sveriges Kvinnolobby held a joint side event with UN Women and the Swedish Government with the title “New Action on Women's Rights - shared responsibilities for a sustainable future”. Lakshmi Puri, Deputy Executive Director, UN Women was one of the panelists. The seminar was webcasted at webtv.un.org.

Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka was one of the participants and speakers at the regional conference Nordiskt Forum Malmö 2014, Sweden.

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

Sveriges Kvinnolobby has worked towards the government to ensure women's rights in the implementation of the MDGs and the SDGs. We have met responsible ministers, and participated in hearings and consultations. We have been engaged in the Agenda2030 process and sent input to the OWG. Sveriges Kvinnolobby are currently following the national targets and indicators to ensure gender equality in the implementation.

Sveriges Kvinnolobby also hold the annual conference Forum Jämställdhet which offers tools to implement gender equality and Agenda 2030 within all areas and levels of society such as municipalities and authorities.

At CSW 60, March 16, our Secretary General participated in a High Level dialogue on alliances for implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

12. Swisscontact, Schweizerische Stiftung Für Technische Entwicklungs-Zusammenarbeit

Special, 2012

Introduction

Founded in 1959, Swisscontact: Schweizerische Stiftung für technische Entwicklungszusammenarbeit (Swiss Foundation for Technical Cooperation) is an operating foundation focused on international development cooperation. It is based in Zurich, Switzerland and works in 33 countries in Africa, Asia, the Americas, and Western Balkans with over 1,100 employees. Funders: multi-lateral, bi-lateral, corporations and philanthropic foundations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Swisscontact's mission is to promote economic, social, and environmental development by helping people integrate into local economic life. We support people to improve their living conditions through their own initiatives.

Swisscontact implements projects in skills development, small/medium-sized enterprise promotion, financial inclusion, and resource efficiency. Swisscontact takes an inclusive markets approach to ensure that the benefits of local, regional, and global economic systems are accessible to individuals, especially women and youth, entrepreneurs, and rural producers.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2012, Swisscontact, launched its eight-year 2020 strategic plan.

Since that period, it has increased from work in 27 to 33 countries, grown from 70 to over 105 projects, and increased employees worldwide from 700 to 1100.

Increasingly it is working in fragile contexts.

It has invested more in its Knowledge Management and sharing lessons learned.

In 2015, it relocated Offices within Zurich, Switzerland, to Hardturmstrasse 123.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Swisscontact supports the work of the UN through its economic development initiatives worldwide:

Skills Development: Over 77,000 mostly young people (50% women) participated in Swisscontact-supported training programmes. 27,540 (52% women) received labor insertion support. Through 16 projects, 22,072 people obtained gainful employment.

SMEs: Through the efforts of Swisscontact and partners, more than 654,400 agricultural and artisanal businesses globally increased their incomes by up to 50%. From just 12 projects, total increase in income amounted to US \$85.4 million.

Inclusive Finance: Over 14,500 East African farmers and SMEs were supported with microleasing packages worth US \$8.9 million. The financial services offered in five Swisscontact projects in Africa generated US \$12.8 million in additional income. Nearly 28,000 people (54% women) joined savings groups or savings and credit cooperatives.

Resource Efficiency/Clean Air: Through five projects in Latin America and Africa, greenhouse gas emissions reduced by 366,400 tonnes of CO₂. Over 450,000 tonnes of waste properly discarded, while 43,000 tonnes were recycled. 1,950 artisan brick manufacturers benefited from improved, environmentally-friendly production methods. In Bolivia, income growth in recycling companies and private waste collectors reached US \$1.3 million.

In 2014, OECD Development Assistance Committee recognized Swisscontact's role in Katalyst with its Annual Prize for Bringing Innovation to Scale.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Swisscontact regularly participates in UN meetings.

Globally:

- UNEP/Climate & Clean Air Coalition (CCAC)
- Habitat III meeting
- Climate COP 20 - COP 22
- Green Climate Fund and Climate Investment Fund
- CSW: Registering 20 persons annually for the CSW Meeting.

Attending additional relevant meetings as announced in the UN Journal.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Working with UNEP/CCAC to reduce pollutants caused by artisan brick producers.

Habitat III: Presenter and supported New Urban Agenda adoption.

UN Green Climate Fund: Attending meetings; developing project proposals.

World Bank Group: Partner with and sometimes funded by WB entities.

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

Swisscontact is developing projects and services with public and private sector partners to help meet the SDG 17 goals/169 objectives, especially related to eliminating abject poverty through income and employment.

It is also developing initiatives related to climate-smart agriculture, urbanization, gender mainstreaming, sustainable consumption and production that contribute to achieving the SDGs.

September 2015: Invited by UAE Minister of International Cooperation and Development as panelist in UN High Level Side Event on Financing the Sustainable Development Goals.

Financing Development. Attended meetings in 2014-2015 pertaining to Sustainable Development Goals and in September 2016 on UN private sector outreach.

Outreach to SDG Philanthropy Platform, a private group of international foundations supporting SDGs.

13. The Fishermen

Special, 2012

Introduction

We are The Fishermen – a small 501(c)(3) nonprofit located in Raleigh, North Carolina, United States of America. Our mission is to provide medical aid and services to orphaned children and refugees around the world. We started with operations in 16 countries but have since focused on the areas which needed help the most: Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Ukraine, and Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main purpose of The Fishermen is to provide medical supplies and services to orphaned children and refugees. As of 2014 we shifted our focus to include direct support - usually war zones where other organizations avoid. For instance, we have spent a significant amount of time in eastern Ukraine since the very beginning of the war. We were there when it began. Other areas of concern are education of the following topics: basic first aid, emergency medical aid for children with no access to hospital care, explosive remnants of war (to include chemical, biological, and radiological elements on occasion), hygiene, and other programs such as tuberculosis awareness, human trafficking awareness, HIV/AIDS awareness, and communicable disease control.

Significant changes in the organization

In order to maximize the effects of our efforts to help others we have spent more time focusing on direct assistance rather than shipment of aid material, which is what we were doing for the first 6 years. Now, we travel directly to the areas in need – typically war zones – and provide direct medical aid and education support.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The areas where we feel we have contributed most towards the aims and goals of the United Nations is providing aid material to refugees, education for children on explosive remnants of war (Afghanistan and Ukraine), emergency medical education to children in war zones

(Afghanistan and Ukraine), and human trafficking awareness (Moldova).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Fishermen participated in meetings with United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR) to discuss the refugee issue in Ukraine during its initial stage in 2014. We also created an Explosive Remnant of War coloring book teaching aid in collusion with the Mine Action Coordination Centre of Afghanistan (MACCA) - a division on UNMAS. Finally, coordinated with MONUSCO when we were engaged in the Democratic Republic of Congo - specifically Kiwanja - before it was overrun by M23.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We created an Explosive Remnant of War coloring book teaching aid for children with the cooperation of the Mine Action Coordination Centre of Afghanistan (MACCA). We also completed preparing for a cooperative mission with MONUSCO but was unable to complete our effort due to M23 military activity.

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

No activities were specified.

14. The Peacemaker Corps Foundation

Special, 2012

Introduction

Peacemaker Corp Association (PCA) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, officially recognized Non-Governmental Organization with ECOSCO status affiliated with the United Nations for over 14 years. Peacemaker Corps Association has reached 100,000's teens since launch 19 years ago. The Peacemaker Corps mission is to facilitate and support peace and tolerance education among global youth .

Aims and purposes of the organization

Peacemaker Corps Association was developed to facilitate peace and peace awareness, education and support across the globe. The first core service - education - provides youths in communities in the United States of America and around the world with knowledge that empowers them. The second core service - support - is the creation of a dynamic, multi-level worldwide program for youth that provides a viable, cohesive connection between them, their communities and other Peacemakers around the globe.

Significant changes in the organization

Our Annual Peace in the Streets Global Film Festival premiered in 2014 is our global social media campaign to connect youth of the world.

This is realized through videos/short films created by youth 18 and under expressing their personal visions of what Peace in the Streets means to them. The stories can be shot in any format - camera, smartphone, iPad – it's the story content that is important, not technical proficiency. This year our winning filmmakers came from four continents and six different countries worldwide It is our belief that the young people of today must have their voices heard to have an opportunity to actively participate in shaping the future of our planet of which they are an integral part.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Throughout our existence PCA has been working with UN Agencies and member states to incorporate programs where our workshops, projects, events and partnerships for grass roots peacemaking programs can be useful.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Commission on Status of Women
- Commission on Sustainable Development
- High Level Meetings Culture of Peace
- High Level Meetings on Rights of the Child
- World Water Day
- Earth Day, World Day for Cultural Diversity
- International Youth Day
- International Day of Peace
- International Day of Girl Child
- International Day of Rural Women
- World Food Day
- International Day for Tolerance
- International Day of Elimination of Violence Against Women
- International Day of Persons With Disabilities

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Partnership with UNICEF receiving films from refugee camps for PSGFF, working on program 'Learning for Peace' – four-year Peacebuilding, Education and Advocacy Programme – partnership between UNICEF, Government of the Netherlands, governments of 14 countries

Partnering with Plural+ UNAOC and IOM coordinating our Youth Film Festivals

Participating in new UNAI initiative bringing together international scholars, UN officials and Member States in a closed, Chatham House environment. First meeting was held with the Social Science Research Council's African Peacebuilding Network and Woodrow

Wilson International Center's Africa Program to focus on "Representations of Violence, (In)security and Peace in Africa: Challenges for Policy and Practice." exploring the premise that scholars and policy practitioners play a major role in shaping responses to the representation of violence and insecurity in Africa by the media and , together with the media, how they should be involved in shaping or influencing the kind of action needed to prevent conflicts from happening in the first place.

Exploring relationship with UNDPKO for community violence reduction program

Involved with UNHABITAT Safer Cities concept

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

PCA educational training programs for youth teach tolerance, the need for community participation and the empowerment of all youth including girls

PSGFF provides technical tools that can lead to employment, which helps with poverty reduction. All work is done with public and private partnerships in grass roots communities

Additional Information

We are fully compliant with United Nations Technology requirements and have developed unique methods for communication in 21st Century. Includes high levels security using Rpost designated software to prevent hacking and security breaks for email communications, building a secure broadcast system for our videos through licensing software patented and compatible with the Rpost secure messaging system. PSGFF app free on all app stores and platforms, will allow youths globally to make videos with smart phone or device, edit film online and upload from phone to PSGFF using WiFi and Cloud.

Early next year we will launch Peace TV Channel under Simply Me.TV carried on DISH network, Cable Frontier and Verizon. We will solicit videos about Peace and Peacemaking from the United Nations universe to show peace messages around the globe.

15. US Human Rights Network Inc.

Special, 2012

Introduction

The US Human Rights Network (USHRN) is a network of groups and individuals working to strengthen and grow a human rights movement and culture in the United States of America, led by people most directly impacted. USHRN is based in, and works primarily in the United States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

USHRN aims to ensure accountability to universal human rights standards in the United States by: putting those directly affected by human rights violations at the center and engaging, connecting and mobilizing groups across movements, issue areas, and regions to uphold and defend human rights; building the capacity and leadership of grassroots and national groups to effectively apply the human rights framework; raising the visibility of, and framing human rights concerns to shape the public discourse; and facilitating effective collective action to secure the structural changes to fully realize human rights including by engaging in domestic, regional, and international human rights mechanisms.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

USHRN leverages the international human rights mechanisms of the United Nations to strengthen a human rights movement and agenda in the United States.

Submitted executive summaries of shadow reports for: 4th periodic report of United States for International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR); 7th-9th periodic reports of United States for Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD); 3rd-5th periodic report of United States for Committee against Torture (CAT); and overview report for 2nd Universal Periodic Review of United States.

For 4th periodic report of United States for ICCPR, coordinated submission of 30 shadow reports and for one-year follow-up 12 shadow reports. For 7th-9th periodic report of United States for CERD, coordinated submission of 46 shadow reports, and for one-year follow-up 14 shadow reports. For 3rd-5th periodic report of United States for CAT, coordinated submission of 46 shadow reports, and for the one-year follow-up 12 shadow reports.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Attended 3044th, 3045th, 3046th Human Rights Council session, review of United States' 4th periodic report under ICCPR, Geneva, Switzerland, 13-14 March 2014. Held a side event with the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Defenders and met with the Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Attended 2299th 2300th session of Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination for review of United States' 7th-9th periodic reports under CERD, Geneva, Switzerland, 13-14 August 2014. On 11 August 2014 organized a side event on state of human rights in United States.

Attended 8th session of Forum on Minority Issues on "Minorities in the Criminal Justice System," 24-25 November 2015 and spoke at 50th Anniversary of adoption of CERD, 26 November 2015, Geneva, Switzerland.

Attended CAT 1264th 1267th session for review of United States' 3rd-5th periodic reports under Convention Against Torture and Cruel Inhuman Degrading Treatment or Punishment, Geneva, Switzerland, 12 -13 November 2014. Organized a side event,

Attended Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of United States, 28th and 29th sessions of Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, 16-20 March 2015 and 11 May 2015. During 28th session, 18 March 2015, delivered statement for General Debate on Minority Rights, 20 March 2015, delivered statement during Debate on State of Racial Discrimination Worldwide. During 29th session held side event on Human Rights in the United States, 8

May 2015, Geneva, Switzerland.

Attended 60th (14-24 March 2016), 59th (9-20 March 2015), 58th (10-21 March 2014) and 57th (4-15 March 2013) sessions of Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, United States. On 22 March 2016, held a CSW side event on putting the human rights to water and sanitation at the forefront of sustainable development for women's empowerment.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Organized meeting with High Commissioner for Human Rights Zeid Ra'ad Al Hussein and civil society during first official visit to United States, 3 February 2015, Washington, DC, United States.

Coordinated Working Group on Issues of Discrimination Against Women in Law and in Practice official visit to United States, 30 November -11 December 2015.

Coordinated Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent official visit to United States, 19-29 January 2016.

Advised Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and of Association during official visit to United States, concluded 27 July 2016.

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

Activities focused on supporting the overall development agenda through education, advocacy and outreach.