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1. Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur

(Special; 2001)

Introduction

As an international Congregation of Catholic Sisters, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur (SNDdeN), founded in France in 1804, serve the needs of people living in poverty, especially women and children. Traditionally, most members have worked in formal education; today, they serve in education, healthcare, justice and peace and rural development in 18 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The most relevant line of the organisation's mission statement is: "Women . . . working with others for justice and peace for all."

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SNDdeN contribute generally to the work of the United Nations (UN) through the organization's efforts in education, healthcare and social justice in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America. The representative contributes regularly to the work of NGO Committee on Migration, Social Development, Stop Trafficking in Persons, Financing for Development, Mining Working Group. She keeps members informed about the work of the UN through the monthly issue of SNDatUN e-newsletter and through regular Blog, Twitter, and Facebook posts. For 187 youth in Edo State, Nigeria, SNDdeN organized on 23 February 2015 a workshop, entitled "Human Trafficking: Human Tragedy of the 21st Century." The representative helped to prepare and endorsed 36 oral and written interventions from 2013-2016. She made an oral intervention for High-Level Dialogue on Financing for Development on "Debt Cancellation, Sovereign Debt Workout Mechanism, and Principles for Responsible Borrowing and Lending" on 8 October 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SNDdeN participated in the International Conference on Financing for Development: 3rd Session, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (13-16 July 2015) and the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (11-20 July 2016). Representative participated in annual UN Commission on Social Development (2013-2016), Status of Women (2013-2016), Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2013, 2016). SNDdeN sponsored a parallel event on 9 March 2013, titled; “Inner World of the Immigrant Child.” The representative participated in several sessions of the Open Working SDGs from 2013-2014. To commemorate the World Day Against Child Labor, the representative (also Business Ethics Task Force convener of the NGO Committee on Stop Trafficking in Persons), organized and moderated a side event entitled; “Right This Way: No More Child Labor Trafficking,” on 9 June 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The representative authored a chapter, (Migration and Youth: Challenges and Opportunities) to a publication by UNICEF and Global Migration Group entitled; “Acting Together in a World on the Move,” on June 2014. She presented the NGO report on Migrants in Crisis in Transit at a Common Space breakout session during the 8th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), Istanbul, Turkey, in October 2015. SNDdeN participated and also co-sponsored a side event (“Four Zeros Add up to Positives for Global Education”) at the 65th Session of DPI-NGO Conference, New York, United States, (27-29 August 2014). The representative attends regularly the DPI-NGO weekly briefings. Seven members attended the 14th Session of UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Nairobi, Kenya, (17-22 July 2016). As part of the organization’s contribution to the annual report of the UN Secretary General on progress toward achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the representative submitted the SNDdeN African Photovoltaic Project as an example of “good practices of programme and policies at country level which tackle inequalities and promote the participation of those living in extreme poverty to accelerate MDGs achievement.” The UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs requested NGOs to make the submission.

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

MDG 1 SDG 1: The organization’s work in poverty alleviation through microfinancing and

vocational training in Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Haiti, Nicaragua and Nigeria benefited over 2000 people. MDG 2, SDG 4: SNDdeN operates over 34 schools and provides education for over 180,000 young people in Africa and Latin America. MDG 4, 5, SDG 3: The organization immunized over 8,000 children and provided pre/post-natal and other healthcare services for over 60,000 mothers and others, in Brazil, DRC, Nigeria and Peru. SDG 6 & 7: SNDdeN provides clean energy, pure water and internet access for over 80,000 people through the SNDdeN African Photovoltaic Project. The organization's educational Website posts monthly resource materials on the SDGs, provided by the SNDdeN Virtual School for student use in SNDdeN schools on five continents.

2. Society for International Development

(General; 1981)

Introduction

The Society for International Development (SID) is an international network of individuals and organizations founded in 1957 to promote social justice and foster democratic participation in the development process. SID has over 3,000 members in more than 50 countries with 20 local Chapters.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through its work SID aims to:

- Contribute to the emergence of a new set of public policies to foster social justice and people-centered development both locally as well as globally.
- Facilitate dialogue, knowledge sharing and cross-fertilization of development thinking and experiences across various divides - geographic, sectorial, gender, generational.
- Open spaces to imagine and investigate possible futures and their impact/relevance to current policy initiatives.
- Generate a sense of community and promote increased common purpose among its members, affiliates and the broader development community.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SID engages in various United Nations processes, in most cases with a key role of a civil society facilitator and/or knowledge advisor with the ultimate aim to catalyze, scale-up and facilitate collective civil society participation and contribution to the UN global processes (ex. overseeing and coordinating collective elaboration of oral statements, positions papers, comments to outcome documents). SID has taken part in the following processes:

- Sustainable Development Goals and Agenda 2030: SID has been nominated by Betty Maina, member of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons for the Post 2015 Development Agenda

as her personal advisor and he followed closely the HLPE process;

- Civil Society Mechanism (CSM) of the World Committee on Food Security and Nutrition (CFS, FAO, Rome): SID is the technical facilitator of the CSM working groups on Nutrition, SDGs and Sustainable Agriculture;
- Second International Conference on Nutrition: SID has been mandated by the civil society coordination group to be main representative and interlocutor of the larger group with FAO and WHO and lead the organization of the civil society forum held in Rome two days before the ICN2 conference;
- UN Decade of Action on Nutrition: SID continues to co-facilitate the ICN2/Nutrition CSO Group, coordinating the engagement of civil society into the ICN2 follow up process, and remains the key interlocutor with FAO and WHO on the DoA process;
- Financing for Development (FfD): SID is co-facilitator of the CSO FfD Group, as well as acting as main reference point for the relations between the CSO group and UN DESA, both FfD Office and DSD Office. On the occasion of the Third Conference on Financing for Development (2015), SID was responsible to lead the organization of the CSO Forum and supported the civil society registration process to the conference;
- UNCTAD XIV: SID was a member of the International Steering Group that facilitated and coordinated civil society participation to the Conference;
- Geneva Global Health Hub: SID is member of the steering committee of this civil society group established in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2016.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SID Representatives attended the following meetings, listed by year:

- 2013: All meetings related to the High-Level Panel of Eminent persons on the post 2015 development agenda, including several thematic consultations and regional meetings
- 2014: Several sessions of the open-ended working group on the SDGs
 - Second International Conference on Nutrition ICN2 (FAO, Rome, Italy, 19-21 November 2014)
 - World Committee on Food Security CFS 41 (FAO, Rome 13-18 October 2014)
- 2015:
 - Intergovernmental negotiations 2015 on the SDGs

- Commission on the Status of Women CSW59/Beijing+20 (UN, New York United States, 9-20 March 2015)
- High-Level Political Forum (New York, July 2015)
- Third Conference on Financing for development (UNECA, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, July 2015) - World Committee on Food Security CFS 42 (FAO, Rome 12-15 October 2015)
- UNIDO 43rd session of Industrial Development Board (Vienna, Austria, 23-25 June 2015)
- 2016:
 - IFAD 39th session of the Governing Council (IFAD Rome, 17-18 February 2016)
 - ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development (UN New York, 18-20 April 2016) - High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (UN New York 11-20 July 2016) - UNCTAD 14 (Nairobi, Kenya, 17-22 July 2016)
 - Second session of the OEIG working Group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights (HRC, Geneva, October 2016)
 - World Committee on Food Security CFS 43 (FAO, Rome 17-21 October 2016)
 - FAO and WHO International Symposium on Sustainable Food Systems for healthy diets and improved nutrition (FAO, Rome 1-2 December 2016)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- FAO's grant supporting the civil society engagement in the FAO-WHO International Symposium (December 2016)
- FAO's grant supporting the organization of the ICN2/Nutrition civil society group strategy meeting (February 2016)
- SID research project on Youth, Livelihoods and Agricultural Transformation, funded by FAO (2015)
- Pan-African Conference on African Inequalities in the context of structural transformation, in cooperation with UNICEF and UNDP, among other partners (Accra, Ghana, 28-30 April 2014)
- SID and UNECA Pan-African Inequality Forum on 22-23 November 2016
- Ongoing cooperation with FAO and WHO with regards to the UN Decade of Action on Nutrition.

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

Please find below a selection of publications and research work focusing on themes related to MDG 1 on poverty eradication, MDG 3 on gender equality, MDG 8 on global partnerships.

- Tracking Gender Equality Commitments in the East African Community, 2013
- State of East Africa report 2016: Consolidating misery, the political economy of inequalities (2016)
- SID quarterly journal Development Vol. 57.3/4 (2014) on ‘Inequalities’ as follow up of the Pan-African Conference on ‘Tackling Inequalities in the context of Structural Transformation’ (Accra, Ghana, April 2014), looking at inequalities vis a vis the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda
- SID quarterly journal Development Vol. 59.1 on ‘Financing for Development’ with the contribution of the CSO FfD Group, exploring visions, strategies and proposals that may infuse new intellectual and political energy in the FfD3 Follow Up process to advance a progressive normative agenda in the FFD domains.
- Spotlight Report on the SDGs: SID is member of the editorial team of the Spotlight Report on Sustainable Development published by Social Watch, Third World Network, Global Policy Forum, DAWN and The Arab NGO Network for Development with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation.

3. Society for Threatened Peoples

(Special; 1993)

Introduction

Society for Threatened Peoples (STP) is an international human rights organisation.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Society for Threatened Peoples campaigns with and on behalf of ethnic and religious minorities, indigenous peoples and victims of genocide.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

STP has continued to campaign for food security and against land grabs, calling for a stronger linkage between economic development and environmental sustainability as well as campaigning on behalf of the rights of indigenous peoples and for justice for the victims of genocide (e.g. the Yazidi in Iraq).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The following is not a complete list (due to the word limit):

2013:

Representatives attended the 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW57), 04 to 15 March, 2013 in New York, United States. Representatives attended the 22nd, 23rd and 24th Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as the 17th session of the UPR Working Group (21 October -1 November 2013) in Geneva. We submitted several oral and written statements, e.g. a written statement on Adequate housing of West Papuan refugees in Papua New Guinea for the 22nd Human Rights Council session under item 3. Representatives attended the 52nd Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 11 to 15 March, 2013, Vienna, Austria.

2014:

Representatives attended the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW58), 10 to 21 March, 2014 in New York. Representatives attended the 25th, 26th and 27th Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva. Regarding these sessions we submitted several written and oral statements, e.g. a written statement on Internally Displaced Persons in Kosovo for the 26th HRC session, item 3. Representatives attend the 22nd special session of the Human Council on the human rights situation in Iraq in light of abuses committed by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant and associated groups, 1 September 2014, Geneva. Representatives attended the 7th Session of the United Nations Forum on Minority Issues, 25 to 26 November 2014 in Geneva, during that session together with the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization (UNPO) the organisation conducted a side event on 26 November on the violent crimes endured by different minority groups who lack proper representation. Representatives attended the 52nd Session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 13 to 21 March, 2014, Vienna as well as the Intersessional Meeting of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 1 to 5 December, 2014, Vienna.

2015:

Representatives attended the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), 09 to 20 March, 2015 in New York. Representatives attended the 28th, 29th and 30th Human Rights Council sessions in Geneva. Regarding these sessions, we submitted oral and written statements, e.g. a written statement for the 30th HRC session, titled “Slavery in Mauritania”, under item 3. A Representative attended the 14th Session of the Permanent Forum in Indigenous Issues (UNPFII14), 20 April to 1 May, 2015, New York. Representatives attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP21) from 30 November to 11 December, 2015, Paris, France. For the Universal Periodic Review of Australia the organization submitted a statement in March 2015.

2016:

Representatives attended the 31st, 32nd and 33rd Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The Organisation held a side event “Rohingya&Myanmar” during the 31st Human Rights Council session, 14 March, 2016, Geneva. Regarding these sessions, we submitted oral and written statements, e.g. a written statement for the 31st HRC session, titled “Human Rights Situation in the Ukraine”, under item 5.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

A STP Representative on 13 March 2016 met with an employee of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty preceding the latter's visit to Mauritania in order to inform the Special Rapporteur on Mauritanian human rights organisations with whom the Special Rapporteur could meet during his visit.

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

Among other initiatives, Society for Threatened People lobbied for more educational initiatives in order to enable former slaves in Mauritania to achieve a primary education (MDG 2). In the same vein, the organisation lobbied for gender equality and the empowering of women in Mauritania (MGDG 3) as well as better access to medical help and primary education (MDG 3) for Rohingya children and women in Myanmar.

4. Society of Iranian Women Advocating Sustainable Development of Environment

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

In the most parts of the Islamic Republic of Iran lack of environmental training and awareness is one of the major causes of environmental degradation and loss of natural resources. Use of public participation in each level of social communities were our main goals. Environmental NGOs we have been succeeds to take actions to protect the environment significantly.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The SIWASD is a nonpolitical and nonprofit association that began its activities in 1995 and over 21 years has conducted studies and research on countries environmental issues for the purpose of raising public awareness. The overall objective of these actions were to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our activities in the past four years were in line with the Millennium Development Goals and also Sustainable Development Goals. In this regard, a large number of written and oral statements within the UN Human Rights Council strategic plans, have been presented. Specially through meeting with the special rapporteur missing the item of environmental protection was mentioned. Our Networking Goals are for the execution Programs to promote rapid sociology-economic and cultural health development with the cooperation of volunteers.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

☐ 24th Session of Human Right Council 2013

Written statements:

1-Item 4: Sanction and Environmental Problems; 2- Item 6 :Necessity of Considering Environmental problem in UPR; 3-Item: Environmental Problems in Occupied Territories; 4-

Item 9# ID Refugee training for the environmental protection and conservation Oral statements 1.Item 3: Air pollution crisis due to sanction; 2.Item 4, Ensure Environmental Sustainability ; 3.Item7: La guerre ,un traumatisme qui restera dans l'esprit des enfants ; 4.Item 9: Refugee training for the environmental protection and conservation.

□27th session of the Human Rights Council, 2014.

WS Item4: Title: Women and Sustainable Development in Iran.

Item 4: Socio ecological Degradation of Lake Uremia, Iran

□26th session, UPR October 31-11 November 2016 Item: ID, Title: Environmental Diplomacy

WS: UPR Islamic Republic of Iran, Submission to the UN Universal Periodic Review Twentieth Session of the UPR Working Group of the UN Human Rights Council October-November 2014

2-Genocide in Gaza (Genocide in occupied Palestinian Territories) September 2014

CW 59 New York. written statement Representative Title: Women and Sustainable Development in Iran □28th session 2015. 1-Joint Written statement Of Society of Iranian women for sustainable development and Association of women combating Environmental pollution 2- Human Right & the Environment by SIWASD

-Item 6: Iran UPR ,Title: Environmental Diplomacy

-Item 3: Environmental NGOs activities against air pollution in Iran

-.Item 4: Sanction and Problem of Competence of Eco tourism in Iran

1SIWADS introduction pamphlet

2 Community network of promotion and Sustainable Development pamphlet

26th session, UPR 2016 Item: Interactive Dialogue: Environmental Diplomacy

□31th session of the HRC 2016

WS :

Le Terrorisme déguisé en religion Association des femmes Iraniennes pour le sustainable Développement & (Organisation pour Défendre les Victimes de Violence) 1Title: Women and Sustainable Development in Iran by SIWASD

2.Title: Governments, Environment and the NGOs

3.Title: Development Projects in conflict with Natural resources

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Building the capacity of Iranian CSOs to lead multi-sector cooperation for effective environmental communication, education and dialogue. The action aims:

1. to improve networking and collaboration in Iran between the environmental educators, journalists and other opinion makers.
- 2 .to improve the awareness of the Iranian public about the environmental problems and the possible solutions.
3. to improve the capacity of environmental organizations and the responsible media to cooperate with educational institutions to implement environmental protection policies.

5. Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer (MAHAK)

(Special; 2001)

Introduction

MAHAK - the Society to Support Children Suffering from Cancer is a multi-disciplinary organization with one of the largest specialized hospitals in the Middle East established 25 years ago operating exclusively by public donations. In 2016, MAHAK operated with about 900 paid staff and hundreds of volunteers, providing full treatment, research, and psychosocial support over 25,000 cases by mid-2016 with close to 15,000 active cases at MAHAK and all Iran public hospitals with Pediatric Hematology-Oncology wards.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- Offering comprehensive services to children with cancer and their families nationally and internationally
- Observing the international charter of patients' rights
- Employing up-to-date scientific advances
- Establishing research activities of cancer diagnosis, prevention, and treatment

Significant changes in the organization

Signing a three-year Memorandum of Understanding with Hope for Children with Cancer as MAHAK's affiliate in Canada.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Acknowledging United Nations' days to its target community inside and outside Iran
- Distributing United Nations' hashtags related to Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals in social media
- Launching the First Pediatric Cancer Pain and Palliative Care Unit in the Middle East, the second fully equipped ICU unit, the Ear, Nose & Throat clinic, and four fundraising offices in Tehran, Iran
- Expanding services across Iran to identify new cases and promote early detection in all the hospitals with pediatric wards without the need for the families to travel, thus reducing

costs for destitute families and taking a big step towards meeting MAHAK's corporate social responsibility

- Hosting congresses including two International corporate social responsibility under the theme of 'Childhood Cancer', two International Pediatric Oncology, one International Cancer Pain Management and two Support Services ones
- Attending 25 international congresses

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The 65th Department of Public Information and non-governmental organizations (UN DPI) Conference in 2014 in New York
- The Annual Consultations with non-governmental organizations in 2015 in Geneva, Switzerland
- The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees exhibition related to 'World Refugee Day' for two years
- Presenting MAHAK's oral statement at the 2015 and 2016 United Nations Economic and Social Council High-Level Segment

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Providing full support free of charge for all Afghan and Iraqi refugee patients authorized by United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees according to an agreement
- Receiving United Nations Global Compact membership in 2016

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

- Reducing child mortality (MDG # 4)
- Developing global partnerships for development for the goals (MDG # 8 and SDG # 17)
- Improving good health and well-being (SDG # 3)
- Poverty Alleviation (SDG # 1)

6. Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Limited

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) is an international volunteer movement comprising 7500 members with 319 clubs in 28 countries in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Ireland, Africa, Asia the Caribbean and Malta.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Soroptimists aim to transform the lives and status of women and girls by implementing projects in education, economic empowerment, environmental sustainability, food security, health care and violence and conflict resolution.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SIGBI works through awareness-raising, advocacy and action, mobilising members on priority topics identified by the United Nations, and since 2010 has focused on educating, empowering and enabling opportunities for women and girls, reflecting the emphasis of the Economic and Social Council. SIGBI, along with other Federations in Soroptimist International, has representatives in New York, United States, Geneva, Switzerland, Paris, France, Vienna, Austria, Rome, Italy, and Nairobi, Kenya. SIGBI raises awareness of the United Nations through its social media platforms.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SIGBI has participated in side events at the Commission on the Status of Women in New York since 2013, and contributed to the text of the past 5 outcome documents. In collaboration with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland National Association of Women's Organisations, SIGBI has presented an issues paper to the Commission annually on

the relevant priority them, and has participated in expert panel discussions on gender based topics. Delegates participated in round table discussions and anonymous surveys at the Beijing Platform for Action meeting in Geneva, 6-7 November 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organisation has submitted written statements to the President of the United Nations General Assembly and the Secretary General of the United Nations in 2016 to call upon governments to ensure accountability on the SDGs. Through United Nations Women, an issues document on the necessity for inclusivity of gender-related issues was produced.

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

SIGBI advances the SDGs through its diverse project activity in all its constituent countries. The Kori Project - Sierra Leone and the Meru Project - Kenya are multi-faceted, sustainable agricultural projects providing income generation, improved health and education for beneficiaries advancing SDGs 1, 2, 3,4, 5, 8, 13 and 15. The Birthing in the Gambia project trained birth attendants, improved birthing facilities and provided equipment thus reducing maternal and post-natal mortality - SDG3. Modern Day Slavery has been a particular focus in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, India and the Caribbean. SIGBI has supported 1,902 education projects in the last 4 years - SDG 4.

7. Stichting Both ENDS

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Both ENDS, established in 1991, is an independent Dutch NGO that works worldwide towards a sustainable future for our planet; it takes a long-term view on development through the combined lenses of human rights, poverty, ecosystems and the global economy. Both ENDS strives for a more sustainable and fairer world by supporting organizations in developing countries to fight poverty and work towards sustainable environmental management.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Both ENDS identifies and strengthens civil society organizations (CSOs) that come up with sustainable solutions for environmental and poverty-related issues. These organizations are supported with appropriate funding structures, by sharing knowledge and by connecting their daily experiences to policy debates. Furthermore, strategic networks capable of promoting social-environmental interests are created and supported. Simultaneously Both ENDS directly influences policies and promotes its vision in national and international fora that matter.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Both ENDS works on all three pillars of sustainable development — economic, social and environmental. A world is envisioned in which long-term social, economic and environmental objectives take priority over short-term profits (sustainable development), where people and civil society organizations have a decisive voice about the use of the natural resources that determine the quality of their daily lives and the future of their children (governance), and where national and international environmental laws and regulations are enforced to respect human rights (transparency and accountability).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

1) Both ENDS took part in the 3rd scientific conference of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) on 9-12 March 2015 at Cancun, Mexico: together with Drynet the Both ENDS representative actively participated in the conference, e.g. delivering the Civil Society Organisations statement in the closing session. 2) Both ENDS was an invited speaker to the High-Level International Investment Agreements Conference of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) during the World Investment Forum on 17-21 July 2016 in Nairobi, Kenya, held in parallel with the 14th session of the UNCTAD. 3) Both ENDS staff attended and participated in the UN Forum on Business and Human Rights on 14-16 November 2016 in Geneva, Switzerland. 4) Both ENDS participated in the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties, the 12th session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, and the first session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement, 7-18 November 2016 in Marrakesh, Morocco: Both ENDS also organized a side event called 'how to bridge the gender environmental divide with a human rights perspective'.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

1) The Both ENDS representative has been an invited speaker within the framework of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on several occasions, e.g. to the High-Level International Investment Agreements Conference of during the World Investment Forum 2016, Nairobi, Kenya. 2) The Both ENDS representative was selected in 2013 as observer for Civil Society Organisations to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification Science Policy Interface and is an active participant in this forum. 3) Representatives of Both ENDS have taken part in several meetings of the United Nations Office Geneva e.g. the 26th regular session of the Human Rights Council, 10-27 June 2014, Geneva. 3) Both ENDS is in consultation with the UN Special rapporteur on the Human Rights to Water and Sanitation and works to support the elaboration of country strategies for the realization of these rights. 4) Both ENDS took part in the Human Rights and Climate Change Working Group in providing input to the work of the Special Rapporteur on Climate Change at the Human Rights Council.

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

MDG 7: Both ENDS supports Southern Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and CSO-networks that are fighting against non-sustainable solutions and trying to come up with alternative approaches to sustainable water management and sustainable land use. MDG 3: Both ENDS supports to empower women and human rights defenders, to improve sustainable resource management and to further explore the potential of the human rights system to enhance the position and protect the rights of women. MDG 8: Both ENDS shows international financial institutions and policy makers what negative effects development funding can have in order to promote better policies and better enforcement, and supports people/communities who are being negatively affected by development finance.

8. Stichting Coalition for Work with Psychotrauma and Peace

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The Coalition for Work with Psychotrauma and Peace was founded informally in 1994 as a non-profit organization by volunteer doctors, social workers, and psychologists involved in working with refugees and asylum seekers in the Netherlands. In 1995, the CWWPP became directly involved in giving assistance in the countries of the former Yugoslavia. Since that time, the organization has given courses for barefoot therapists and peacebuilders.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Dealing not only with psychological aftermath of the war but the underlying conflicts, prejudice, that preceded them is an essential part of social reconstruction. Thus, through training, and supervision, the barefoot therapist learns to confront these underlying conflicts and thereby becomes an essential vehicle of the war-to-peace transitional justice fabric. In essence, the barefoot therapist serves as a mediator of restorative justice, an essential component of all post-conflict social reconstruction. As citizen activists, barefoot therapists are not only supervising providers of psychological aid, they themselves become an intrinsic part of the durable peacebuilding initiative itself. In essence, psychological aid, social reconstruction and peacebuilding become one.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In particular, we had been work with ECOSOC on health, in particular mental health, and social inclusion. We intend to work on the wellbeing and health, with ECOSOC and other bodies, of educational programs and programs of supervision. Further, we intend to work with ECOSOC on peacebuilding. Our particular interest is in conflict and post-conflict regions.

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

Our organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

9. Strategic Humanitarian Services

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Strategic Humanitarian Services (SHUMAS) Cameroon is a development NGO with head office at Mile Six Nkwen, Bamenda, North West Region (NWR) of Cameroon. SHUMAS is focused on Integrated Sustainable Rural Development. Our activities cover all 10 Regions of Cameroon.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SHUMAS aim at improving lives, reducing poverty and empowering people to realize the fullest of their potentials without limiting posterity from meeting theirs. SHUMAS has 8 axis of intervention; education, environment, women empowerment, social welfare, agriculture, water/sanitation, health and volunteering. SHUMAS uses a participatory approach by involving benefiting communities from project conception to impact assessments.

Significant changes in the organization

- Signed convention with some Cameroon Government Ministries (Youth Affairs, Agriculture, Environment, Secondary Education and Health).
- SHUMAS was recognised as an NGO with special status by the Government of Cameroon

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Constructed and equipped 400 classrooms in poor communities
- Provided scholarship to 300 underprivileged pupils and students.
- Trained 5000 women and 200 youth on sustainable agriculture and supported them with start-up materials/capital, to enable them improve their livelihood, and contribute to global fight against climate change
- Provided micro credits and micro enterprise training to 1500 women for income generating activities. •Trained 108 people with special needs in varying lifeskills adaptable to their disability and supported 35 graduates with start-up materials

- Provided potable water to 51 rural communities, schools and health centres.
- Train 140 youths on energy systems at the SHUMAS RTC
- Established school environmental program in 60 schools to inculcate values of sustainable development.
- Provided volunteering opportunity to 250 university graduates on development work to improve their profile and become marketable.
- Constructed, rehabilitated and equipped 12 health centers.
- Sponsored the training of 40 state-registered nurses for poor community health centers without sufficient and qualified health personnel.
- SHUMAS in partnership with some German Universities is coordinating research activities under the Urban Food Plus (UF+) Project to improve food security in Bamenda city.
- Created a Renewable Technical Center (RTC) to train people on renewable energy systems and installation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- SHUMAS participated in the 54th Commission for Social Development (CSocD54) session that took place from the 3rd to 12th of February 2016 in New York, USA.
- SHUMAS participated in the UN Civil Society Forum, that took place on the 1st and 2nd of Feb 2016 still at the at the UN headquarters.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- SHUMAS is collaborating with UNICEF to improve routine vaccination coverage in the West and NWR of Cameroon.
- Work in collaboration with World Health Organisation in monitoring supplementary vaccination in the NWR of Cameroon
- Participated in climate change workshops forum organised by UNDP - Took part in a workshop organised by United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) on renewable energy in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

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

- Trained and supported farming community leaders, women and youths on sustainable

agriculture.

- Established school environmental program to inculcate values of sustainable development.
- Ensured healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all by constructing, rehabilitating and equipping health centres in poor communities.
- Trained state registered nurses for poor communities.
- Constructed and equipped rural and poor urban community schools
- Provided scholarship to under privileged children.
- Empowered women through provision of micro credits, capacity building on micro enterprise.

Provided potable water in schools, health centres and poor communities,

- constructed toilets and hand washing facilities in schools.
- Created the SHUMAS RTC to train people on renewable energy systems and installation.
- Fostered international partnerships through effective collaboration with partners abroad to support development initiatives in Cameroon.

10. Summer Institute of Linguistics

(Special; 1997)

Introduction

SIL International, known as the Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), is a faith-based NGO committed to serving language communities worldwide as they build capacity for sustainable language development. SIL does this primarily through research, translation, training and materials development. Founded in 1934, SIL has grown from a small summer linguistics training program with two students to a staff of about 5000 coming from over 60 countries. SIL's linguistic investigation exceeds 2,590 languages spoken by over 1.7 billion people in nearly 100 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

SIL serves language communities worldwide, building their capacity for sustainable language development by means of research, translation, training and materials development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2013 Why Language Matters for the Millennium Development Goals Brochure Author Bangkok; 2014-2015 MTB-MLE: Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education, Lessons Learned from a Decade of Research and Practice UNESCO Bangkok; 2016 Publication of commissioned language policy review: The impact of language policy and practice on children's learning: Evidence from Eastern and Southern Africa UNESCO ESARO; 2016 Agreement to guest edit special issue of UNESCO International Review of Education on language, literacy and lifelong learning UNESCO; 2016 MTB MLE Resource Kit, Including the Excluded: Promoting Multilingual Education UNESCO Bangkok

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

February 2013 51st Session of the Commission for Social Development NY; February 2013,

2014, 2015, 2016 Paris, France. International Mother Language Day; February 2013 World Summit on the Information Society Paris; March 2013 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women NY, United States; May 2013 12th Session UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues NY; Sept 2013 First Forum of NGOs in official partnership with UNESCO Paris; Nov 2013 37th General Conference Paris; Mar 2014 58th Commission on the Status of Women NY; May 2014 13th UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues NY; May 2014 Collective Consultation of NGOs on EFA Chile; Sept 2014 World Conference on Indigenous Peoples NY; Oct 2014 Expert Meeting on Improving Access to Multilingual Cyberspace Paris; Mar 2015 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women NY Apr 2015; 14th UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues NY; May 2015 World Education Forum 2015 South Korea; July 2015 Global Expert Meeting on Multilingualism in Cyberspace Russian Federation; July 2015 NGO Forum on Rapprochement of Cultures: One Humanity beyond Diversity, Beijing, China; Sept 2015 Global Expert Meeting on “Literacy and Sustainability Societies”, Paris; Nov 2015 38th UNESCO General Conference, Paris; Jan 2016 Meeting on Preservation and Revitalization of Indigenous Languages Expert NY; May 2016 15th Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues NY; May 2016 UNESCO Global Alliance for Literacy Core Group Meeting, Paris; May 2016 World Humanitarian Summit Istanbul, Turkey; Sept 2016 UNESCO Global Alliance for Literacy Core Group Meeting, Paris; Sept 2016 International Literacy Day Celebration Paris; Nov 2016 2nd Asia-Pacific Meeting on Education 2030 Bangkok, Thailand; Nov 2016 Expert Group Meeting on Dev Partnerships for SDGS in Asia Pacific, Participant Bangkok

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

February 2013 International Mother Language Day Presenter Paris March 2013 National Commission of UNESCO Timor Leste & Ministry of Education Consultants Timor Leste; Sept 2013 Language and education quality: Issues and opportunities in eastern and southern Africa Presentation Nairobi, Kenya; Sept 2013 International Literacy Day Colloquium on ‘Advancing towards a literate 21st century’ Panelist Paris 2014-2015 Commissioned review of language policy & student learning in E/S Africa; Sept 2014 I International Literacy Day Panelist Dhaka; Feb 2015 Mobile Learning Week Exhibitors Paris; Sept 2015 International Literacy Day Learning in MY language Presentation Paris; Feb 2016 International Conference

on Language Policy in Multicultural and Multilingual Settings Presenter Myanmar; Mar 2016
Presentation on commissioned language policy review, Johannesburg, South Africa; Apr
2016 Language and the Sustainable Development Goals, a Symposium Presenter NY 2016
UNESCO International Review of Education on Language, Literacy and lifelong learning
Editors

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

Nov 2013 4th International Conference on Language and Education, Multilingual Education
for All in Asia and Pacific Policies, Practices and Processes, Co-Sponsor Bangkok; May 2014
- Sept 2016 Implementation and Evaluation of the MTB-MLE program Timor Leste; June
2014 Third International Conference on Linguistic and Cultural Diversity in Cyberspace,
Keynote Speaker Yakutsk, Russia; Oct 2016 5th International Conference on Language and
Education: Sustainable Development thru Multilingual Education Co-sponsor Bangkok

11. Suomen YK-liitto Ry

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The UN Association of Finland was founded in 1954. It is a Non-Governmental Organization that promotes and supports the actions and principles of the United Nations. The association works together with its wide advocacy network in Finland to promote international cooperation in which No-One is Left Behind. Currently the association has 67 member organizations in Finland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of the association is to make known the goals and principles of the United Nations and to support the actions of the organization, thus promoting international understanding and peaceful cooperation between all peoples.

In order to achieve these purposes, the association educates, communicates, publishes, and takes an active role in the discussion related to these themes especially in Finland.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The association communicates about the work of and current issues related to the United Nations to the general public in Finland to promote awareness of the work of the organization. It also works actively with schools and teachers and provides methods and materials for them to discuss and learn about the United Nations. The association also actively promotes the participation of Civil Society in the work of the United Nations, and builds capacity of the Civil Society to do better and more active advocacy work related to the United Nations. It does advocacy work related to Finland's policies in and related to the United Nations, to promote active participation and policies that contribute to the work of the United Nations in the best way possible.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period representatives participated e.g. in:

- 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference in New York United States, 27 to 29 August 2014 (collecting signatures to the petition for plastic free Oceans, Globeshrinks-campaign).
- The United Nations High-level Political Forum on sustainable development in New York, USA, from 26 June to 8 July 2015.
- The 2nd session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA 2) in Nairobi, Kenya, from 23 to 27 May 2016.
- The 14th session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD 14) in Nairobi, Kenya from 17 to 22 July 2016.
- The 3rd United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) in Quito, Ecuador, from 17 to 20 October 2016.
- In addition, every year the organization selects a Civil Society representative from Finland to participate in the political delegation to the United Nations General Assembly. The organization also sends their own representative usually every year to participate in the General Assembly.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

From 2014 to 2015 the organization campaigned related to plastic pollution in seas with the campaign "Globeshrinks". Signatures were collected from individuals and organizations to a petition for plastic-free oceans, and on 29 September 2015 handed the petition over to the United Nations officials at the Division of the Law of the Seas.

During 2014, 2015 and 2016 regularly carried out very popular "Ciné-ONU" screenings in Helsinki in cooperation with the Nordic Desk of the United Nations Regional Information Center. The screenings included a panel discussion on the theme of the film.

During 2016 preparation a mobile optimized course about the Sustainable Development Goals called "Sustainable Decision Making" with participation of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). UNDP financed a part of the course and the Nordic Office participated in preparation of the materials.

The association also regularly organizes events and seminars with United Nations officials visiting Finland.

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

The association has participated actively in advocacy work in Finland with other Civil Society actors during the Post-2015 process, and after the adoption of Agenda 2030 for the promotion of the implementation of the goals.

During the Millennium Development Goals era and now with the Sustainable Development Goals the association works to inform the general public in Finland about the goals, especially working with schools and teachers.

The association has published a mobile optimized course "Sustainable Decision Making" about the Sustainable Development Goals.

Related to goal 16, the association has e.g. worked actively since 2010 to campaign for a Security Council resolution on Youth, Peace and Security, and a resolution on the issue was eventually adopted in 2015 (S/RES/2250).

12. Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN)

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment is a Non-Governmental Organization officially registered Ministry of Internal Affairs of the government of Uganda. The organization combines service delivery, addressing the most pressing needs of grassroots communities with contributing to establishing an enabling natural resources policy and practice environment, with increased and active participation and self-representation of poor and vulnerable natural resource-poor men, women and youth. This is through linking evidence based information and micro-advocacy action to intermediary and national and International policy and advocacy processes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of SWAGEN is, “To achieve equitable, and gender sensitive social, economic and environmentally sustainable development that guarantees dignified lives for all.” The organization works to end hunger and malnutrition as well as eradicate extreme poverty through sustainable natural resource use.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN) has during this period;

- Planted 2,137 hectares of the Rwoho Natural Tropical Forest buffer zone with 1,068,500 trees absorbing 641,100 tons of CO₂ per rotation.
- Promoted household and school use of fuel efficient devices, thus reducing Woody biomass consumption from the average/mean 147Kgs per household per month to 60Kgs per household per month.
- Performed community policing thus reducing the threat from fire on the natural tropical forest of Rwoho from 76% to 10%.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment participated in;

- the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (RIO +20) in June 2012.
- all 13 sessions of the Open Working Groups on-line and also physically in New York, United States, for the 4th and 7th Sessions, as members of the Women's Major Group
- Post 2015 Summit which took place in New York on 25 – 27 September 2015
- the third International Conference on Financing for Development held in Addis Ababa in July 2015 whose outcome was “The Addis Ababa Action Agenda”, and others like the Conference of Parties and United Nations Environment Assembly.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Support for Women in Agriculture and Environment (SWAGEN) has cooperated with the United Nations Development Program Uganda Country Office together with the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Office in Uganda to implement the project code-named Community Adaptation and Mitigation Project.

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

SWAGEN organized a Climate Match in Kampala, Uganda, on the eve of the signing of the Climate Agreement in Paris, France, in 2016.

13. Support Home of God (SuhoG) Project

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Support Home of God (SuhoG) Project is a registered charity in Scotland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States, Nigeria, Kenya and Sierra-Leone whose focus is to improve the quality of life of the rural people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Aim and Purpose of this organization is to be there where there is human suffering.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Workshops for the youth on HIV/AIDS sensitization.

Creation of Jobs through fish farming to ease poverty in Nigeria and Kenya.

Building of 100-bed compassionate and orphanage home for vulnerable children in Nigeria.

Nutrition programme set up to feed 4000 children in schools in Kenya and Nigeria.

SuhoG undertakes research projects on HIV/AIDS in Orlando, Florida USA.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representative attended the 54th session on the commission for social development (CSocD 54) which took place from 3-12 February 2016 at United Nations headquarters in New York, United States.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

SuhoG Project applied to UNESCO for funding of a new compassionate and orphanage home for children in Nigeria to alleviate suffering.

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

SuhoG contributed to the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) 1 and 6 by eradicating extreme poverty and hunger in Nigeria and Kenya for more than 6000 people with Credit Finance for trading.

SuhoG contributes to the Sustainable Development Goal in Nigeria by engaging 105 families into fish farming for job creation and sustainability.

SuhoG drilled bore-holes for 4 communities in Eastern Nigeria to provide clean water for 1000 rural people.

We observed the World AIDS day each year on 1st December.

SuhoG organizes forums for widows and the elderly for income generating programs where ever SuhoG presence is.

14. Susila Dharma International Association

(Special; 1989)

Introduction

Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA) is a non-profit organization in operation since 1969 and registered as a United States charity. SDIA is a member-based network with members in 27 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of SDIA are to promote sustainable development through: partnerships and support for grassroots development and humanitarian initiatives; empowering communities to engage in positive human, social and economic change.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

SDIA and its members contribute to the work of the United Nations by promoting Human Rights and working towards Sustainable Development Goals, sharing United Nations communications and publications, publicising relevant information on United Nations events and initiatives, organising events and raising awareness on global issues.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Events attended by representatives included:

- 51st session of the Commission for Social Development, 6-15 February 2013 and the Commission on the Status of Women, 4-15 March 2013, in New York, United States.
- 22nd session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) at the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland, in March 2013, including the Day of the Rights of the Child on 7 March 2013.
- Consultative meetings during the 68th United Nations General Assembly on “The Post 2015 Development Agenda: Setting the Stage!”, New York, 17-15 September 2013

- 58th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 10-14 March 2014.
- United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in New York, 26 – 27 September 2015

Contribution to the United Nations Children’s fund (UNICEF) blog following a consultation in New York on Violence against Children, organized by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Paraguay to the United Nations and the office of the Secretary General Special Representative on Violence Against Children in 2014.

Representatives organised a side event ‘Hearing Children’s Voices’ at the 31st session of the HRC in Geneva, 9 March 2016.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Membership of the NGO Committee on UNICEF, New York and CoNGO, Geneva. SDIA members cooperate in the following ways with United Nations bodies:

- CEDERI-Madimba in the Democratic Republic of the Congo collaborated with United Nations Development Programme towards conservation of community forests
- International Child Development Programme (ICDP) works with UNICEF in several countries. - Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta in Indonesia has collaborated with United Nations Environment Programme regarding its work with mercury and artisanal mining.

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

SDIA supports locally-initiated projects to achieve the overall development agenda in countries on all continents. Our members contributed to MDGs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, and SDGs 1-6, 8 and 12-15.

In particular:

SDG 2 & 8: SDIA members in Asia, South America and Africa provided: nutritional supplements for children; introduction of new organic agriculture techniques to reduce farmer dependency on agricultural inputs and increase food production by poor farmers; training on work skills and income-generating activities.

SDG 3: SDIA members provided basic pre-natal, postnatal and maternal care, malaria prevention and treatment, HIV/AIDs awareness and childhood vaccinations in DRC, Indonesia, and the United States of America (USA). In the Democratic Republic of the

CongoC, SDIA and its local partners have initiated a series of community-owned health centres that are becoming self-sufficient.

SDG 4 & 8: In Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Indonesia, Paraguay, Portugal and Mexico SDIA members operated schools, tutoring and reading programmes and scholarship programmes as well as vocational training programmes.

SDG 5: In Colombia, India, Indonesia and Uruguay, members worked with gender education and awareness, women's groups and microcredit programmes to empower and include women to access resources and decision making. In South Africa, SDIA member I Protect Me trained young women and girls to protect themselves against gender-based violence.

SDG 6 & 12-15: In Colombia, DRC, India, Indonesia, Mexico and USA, SDIA members work to protect the environment: mercury reduction in the environment caused by artisanal mining; reforestation activities; promoting sustainable agriculture; creation of seed banks; clean water and sanitation; creating green spaces in communities and environmental education.

15. Tarumitra

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

Tarumitra is a students' forum for Environment. Working in 23 States of India, the organization works from a Bio-reserve in Patna created by students in last 20 years. Conservation of Biodiversity has been our central concern. Working with students in United States of America, Honduras, Nepal, United Arab Emirates and India Tarumitra students vibrate with the goals of the United Nations

Aims and purposes of the organization

Tarumitra aims at promoting sensitivity to Ecology among the people especially the students. Our objectives have been to promote 1. Conservation of Biodiversity 2. Disseminating information on Organic Farming among farmers and students 3. Conservation of Electricity and 4. A deep sense of Ecology at the social, psychological and spiritual levels

Significant changes in the organization

Keeping in mind the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, we have groups of students working on Nos 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The rallying point for the students who are members of Tarumitra has been the One Planet and One human family concept that underlies the United Nations. We have talked about this thrust of the United Nations to over 40,000 students who visited our center through the 5000 plus leadership camps last four years. In a world getting polarized on national interests, this message of the United Nations has enthused all the youngsters.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

One of the students from India traveled to Brazil with the Secretary of Tarumitra to make a presentation on our campaigns to save electricity at the Rio Summit in 2012 in Rio, Brazil.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Our student representatives from New York regularly attended the Department of Public Information (DPI) briefings and annual meetings. We addressed the local staff members of United Nations in the Patna Office, India on the issues of saving electricity as a way of standing with the Earth in connection with World Environment Day 2016.

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

Tarumitra reached out to schools and colleges across 23 States of the Indian Union. Over 4500 workshops cum camps were conducted in the last four years. Over 500,000 students would have listened or participated in activities connected to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations in the last four years. Our students have taken special interest in the following goals of the United Nations especially, clean water and sanitation, affordable clean energy, responsible consumption and production and climate action. This also includes students from India and abroad, as far as the students of Zamorano University Honduras or Lehigh University Pa, United States, who regularly dispatch students for Internship at Tarumitra. Our activists got training programs with Internationally known conservation groups like ileap.org. Tarumitra students directly worked with the United Nations several occasions as part of the campaigns on Climate Action.

Today Tarumitra has initiated six Bio-reserves like the one they started in Patna from 1996. Places as far as Shillong in the State of Meghalaya and Vadodara in Gujarat to the Southern corner of India, Attapady Kerala have been on the hot spots of the students. Ever since Tarumitra activist Yugratna Srivastava addressed the General Assembly of the United Nations thousands of students got inspired by the activities of the United Nations. They regularly follow the negotiations of the United Nations on Climate Change and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) extensively.