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1. BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights

Special, 2007

Introduction

BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights is a non-governmental, non-partisan organization, working to promote the human rights of women and girls. BAOBAB works with like minded individual and organizations in pursuit of the human rights of women and girls in Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

BAOBAB works to protect and promote women's and girls human rights. BAOBAB works with twelve outreach teams in different states in Nigeria using different strategies in lines with the need of the communities/grassroots people.

Significant changes in the organization

In September 2016, the Board of BAOBAB was resolved. New Board is as follows:

Mairo Bello -- Chair

Bunmi Dipo-Salami -- Secretary

Ayesha Imam -- Member

Asmau Joda -- Member

Zubaida Nagee -- Member

Hauwa Biu -- Member

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

BAOBAB in collaboration with its network team participated in a market outreach in Oyingbo Lagos, State during the 2016 and 2017 International Women's Day. BAOBAB as the secretariat for Nigerian CEDAW Coalition continue to work with the team members; monitoring the Nigeria Government report and publicizing the committee's recommendations for proper follow up by NGOs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

BAOBAB continued to send representatives to participate at CSW and UN conferences.

BAOBAB representatives participated at the 60th CSW.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

BAOBAB also support girls education through empowering young women in Technology education. BAOBAB encourages women in politics by organizing seminars to educate on the different strategies effective leadership.

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

BAOBAB outreach team in Borno initiated the first Press Briefing to publicized the abduction of the Chibok girls by the Boko Haram in Borno State Nigeria. BAOBAB continue to work with other network team calling on Nigeria government for the release of the Chibok girls.

2. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Special, 2003

Introduction

Founded in 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the United States' oldest, largest, and most widely-recognized grassroots based civil rights organization. We currently have over 2,200 units in every state in the country, as well as units in military bases in Europe and Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The vision of the NAACP is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination. The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

Ben Jealous has left the organization (although he is still a member). Since 2014, Mr. Cornell William Brooks has been the President and CEO.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Because many of the goals of the NAACP coincide with those of the United Nations, much of our work is complementary to that of the UN. Specifically, we have worked in areas including health care, education, economic justice, voting rights, and criminal justice to raise the world's awareness of and to eliminate racial disparities and pain and suffering due to biases.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the NAACP have traveled to Geneva, Switzerland to participate in meetings of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD). Representatives of the NAACP have also been very active in meetings of the UN Framework Convention on

Climate Change (UNFCCC), attending international as well as domestic meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The NAACP continues to work closely with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Racism, Racial Discrimination and Xenophobia as well as the United Nations' Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent to ensure that the concerns of the NAACP are incorporated into the work of these groups. We also incorporate some of the research, concerns, and work of the United Nations into what we are doing in a variety of areas.

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

Because much of what the NAACP does is parallel to the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations, almost all of our initiatives, from programmatic activities in the U.S. to our federal legislative agenda, can be seen as supporting the U.N.'s Millennium Goals. In fact, our most recent strategic plan, which calls for the promotion of 5 "game changers", mandates that we actively pursue equality in the areas of criminal justice, economic justice, education, health, and voting rights. The International Committee of our National Board of Directors also ensures that we are active in promoting these goals at an international stage, not just domestically.

3. Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization

Special, 2003

Introduction

Report 2011-2014 --- (Status - Special – Year 2003) The Non-Aligned Students and Youth Organization (NASYO) was launched at Baghdad, Iraq on 30th April 1993. NASYO is an Independent international non-government organization consisting of Students, Youth organizations and Civil Societies from around the world with all their different trends and beliefs regardless of their color, race, sex, religion and nationality, on the basis of equality and mutual respect and which are committed to the Organization's principles and objectives. It works for enhancing peace, security and widest cooperation among nations and peoples in order to achieve their full rights for development and freedom. It's founded on the principles of freedom, democracy, and respect for human rights, nations' rights and fundamental liberties. NASYO is created to serve humanity at large and to confront any sort of aggression aiming at violating human and peoples' rights. The International Secretariat is now based in Mauritius.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To promote and propagate the aims and ideals of United Nations.

To promote the aims and objectives of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM). To organize meetings, arrange lectures on subjects connecting with UN systems, UN and Non-Aligned Movement Policy. To work actively to promote Human Rights. To promote national and international peace, understanding, solidarity and co-operation among people throughout the world without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion. To promote social and sustainable development. To educate its members and others about the United Nations, its specialized agencies and Non-Aligned Movement.

To observe and celebrate major international UN and NAM events and achievements.

To organize lectures, symposiums, conferences, seminars, workshops, forums on issues of burning importance and relating to UN and NAM ideals.

To launch awareness campaigns on sexual and substance abuse, population, education, HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention, battered Women and Children. To voice and to

defend by all legal and pacific means of any kind of oppression, victimization, discrimination and abuse of whatsoever rights due to religion/caste, political belief, sex, age and other ill-factor.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Promoting UN aims, objectives and NGOs call on related issues such as Human and People's Rights, Transparency, Social Justice, Health, Youth/Women/Child/Elderly/physically handicapped and aborigine people's development, welfare and rights, MDGs, Drugs Abuse and Illicit trafficking among others. Programs done through conferences, seminars, forum, debates. Marking UN Day on 24 October and other UN proclaimed Days. Commemorating International Years as proclaimed by the UN.

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

Encouraging affiliates members to do their utmost in participating at country level mobilization for the implementation of the MDGs. At international secretariat, promoted awareness programs.

4. Norwegian Forum for Environment and Development

Special, 2007

Introduction

Forum for Environment and Development (ForUM). ForUM is a joint policy think tank for 54 Norwegian environment, development, human rights and peace organisations. ForUM works closely with a number of international networks and Southern partners as well and this has resulted in greater political impact through joined lobbying activities in international fora. We cover eight thematic areas. The choice of ForUM's focus areas is inexorably connected to the challenges that are the most pressing for development and the environment: Climate change, international trade, food security, water and sanitation, conflict, peace and human security, financial systems and corporate social responsibility and aid reform.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ForUM's Vision is a democratic and peaceful world, based on equity, solidarity, human rights and ecological sustainability. ForUM's Mandate : ForUM is a policy think tank for environmental, development, human rights and peace organisations, and seeks influence policies through coordinated advocacy work. ForUM's Goals are to :

- Facilitate the building of joint policy positions on international environmental and development and peace issues.
- be a centre of the competence required for political lobbying.
- undertake policy advocacy on prioritised issues.
- be a central meeting place for peace, environment and development organisations. We apply different working methods in order to contribute to:
 - coordinated political lobbying.
 - promote perspectives on development politics from civil society in the Global South.
 - raise the standard of specialist knowledge in our own organisation and that of our partners.
 - exchange knowledge and generate debate.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ForUM has funded South Participation in particular at the ATT and UNFCCC processes, leading to interventions in UN meetings. ForUM lobbied in 2011 for a change in status for UN's independent expert for water and sanitation to Special Rapporteur. ForUM lobbies for active Norwegian participation in UN processes, and facilitates meetings between Norway and South partners. At Rio+20 ForUM co-hosted civil society consultation and organised a side-event. In the ATT process ForUM co-hosted two side-events. ForUM has been active partners in Control Arms Coalition and Beyond2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UNFCCC: 2011 in Bangkok April; Bonn June, Panama October, Durban COP December
2012 in Bonn May; Bangkok September; Qatar COP November. 2013 in Bonn April and June; Warszawa COP November. 2014 in Bonn March, June and October; Lima COP December.

Arms Trade Treaty, New York:

Prep.com2 February 2011; Prep.com3 July 2011, Prep.com4 February 2012; Negotiating Conference I July 2012 and March 2013. Cancun August 2014, First informal consultations. Berlin November 2014: Second informal consultations.

FAO/CFS Rome:

FAO37 June 2011 / CFS37 October 2011

CFS39 October 2012

FAO38 June 2013

CFS40 October 2013

CFS41 October 2014

ICN2 November 2014

SDG New York

September 2013, high-level event MDG/Post2015.

UNGA OWG on SDG: November 2013 OWG5; February 2014 OWG6; March 2014 OWG9 and OWG10; June 2014 OWG12..

Addis Ababa July 2014: FFD3. New York October 2014: FFD3 First Round Substantive Sessions.

UNEP, Nairobi

February 2011: UNEP-GC 26.

February 2013: The First Universal Session of UNEP GC and Global Ministerial Environment Forum.

June 2014: UNEA-1.

New York, March 2011: PrepCom II for the 2012 UNCSD.

Rio de Janeiro June 2012: Rio+20 UNCSD

Bonn, Germany 3-5 September 2011: 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference.

Geneva, Switzerland 1-2 December 2011: Regional Preparatory Meeting for ECE Region.

Istanbul, Turkey 9-13 May: LDC 4

New York, USA October 2012: The UN General Assembly, 67th Session. New York, USA September: UNGA 69.

Geneva, Switzerland 4-29 November 2013: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 51st session.

Geneva, Switzerland 10-12 March 2014: 25th regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Pyeongchang, Korea 6-17 October 2014: COP12 to the Convention on Biological Diversity

Doha, Qatar 21–26 April 2012: United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, Thirteenth Session (UNCTAD XIII)

Geneva, Switzerland 18-19 June 2014: UNCTAD Public Symposium.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ForUM co-financed the visit of UN expert on debt and human rights, Dr Cephas Lumina, to the Oslo documentary film festival Human Rights / Human Wrongs in 2013. Organised the conference: «Will the world get the development goals it needs?» in cooperation with UNICEF Norway, UNDP Oslo Governance Center and The United Nations Association of Norway in Oslo, 24 April 2014.

Organised meetings between South partners and UN special negotiators on REDD, climate financing and adaptation.

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

ForUM's work as a network aimed at improving Norwegian government policy and practice on a wide range of development and environment issues, often in the context of international political processes, has played an indirect role in supporting efforts to achieve and accelerate progress to realisation of the MDGs. In addition to the work mentioned above, ForUM has continually raised awareness on the need for policy coherence in development policy and the importance of support for multilateral processes and initiatives. ForUM gave in 2012 input to the Norwegian White Paper on Norway's contributions to the UN.

5. Plan Suomi Säätiö

Special, 2011

Introduction

Plan International Finland (formerly Plan Suomi Säätiö, name changed in 2016) is a National Office which belongs to Plan International.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Plan aims to achieve lasting improvements in the quality of life of deprived children in developing countries, through a process that unites people across cultures. Plan International Finland's role as part of Plan International is providing funding and support for programme work and organisational operations. We are also active in advocacy and global citizenship education in Finland.

Significant changes in the organization

Change in the focus of advocacy work of Plan International Finland since 2014. Advocacy work now focuses on advocacy in Finland and supporting advocacy of Plan Country Offices. Plan International Finland now participates in global advocacy fora and in the United Nations events as part of our global organisation, Plan International.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Plan International Finland has involved in the United Nations level advocacy concerning children's rights using various instruments and mechanisms. Particularly, efforts were put in to the follow up of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Day of general discussion; the drafting, adoption and ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on a communications procedure; the universal ratification of the first two Optional Protocols on children involved in armed conflict and on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; and also the mainstreaming of children's rights in the United Nations Human Rights Council and at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Plan International Finland has engaged in drafting and providing input to written and oral statements submitted to the United Nations, in supporting and facilitating the organization

of side events and forums; in participating as experts in global expert consultations; in supporting children's meaningful engagement in global-level decision making processes, as well as in actively lobbying the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland to support mechanisms and instruments for the realization of children's rights. In addition, Plan International Finland has supported the participation of Plan Country offices in the reporting, monitoring and follow-up of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women. Plan International Finland has also produced a guide entitled, 'Guide to Plan's Involvement in Monitoring, Reporting and Follow up of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women'. This guide was developed to help the future engagement of Plan Offices in the monitoring, reporting and follow-up processes in order to promote the girl child's entitlement to all rights specified in the Convention.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- The Commission on the Status of Women, 22.2.2011-4.3.2011, New York. Representatives of Plan International Finland delivered speeches at several forums (side events) and we were able to closely collaborate with the official delegation from the Government of Finland. In addition to Plan staff members, two representatives of Children's Board participated in a delegation of girls at a meeting. The girls' delegation successfully lobbied for the 'Day of the Girl Child' to be adopted as an international day by the United Nations.

- In 2011 Plan International Finland took part in the Expert Consultation of Law Reform organized by the Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Children. Plan International Finland also technically contributed to the expert meeting on children living and/or working on the street, which was organized by the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, the Consortium for Street Children and UNICEF.

- 2012 international expert consultation on harmful practices that was organized together with the Special Representative to the Secretary General on Violence against Children and in close cooperation with the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child.

- 2013 Commission on the Status of Women, New York. A representative of the Plan

Finland's Children's Board was among the Girl Ambassadors at the meeting and gave a speech in the Girls' Tribunal. The participation of two of the Girl Ambassadors from Vietnam was also supported by Plan Finland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- Projects with UNICEF and UNWOMEN.

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

Plan International Finland funds development programmes which address crucial child rights violations and support the programme countries in reaching the targets set in the Millennium Development Goals.

Additional Information

As an organisational rearrangement, we cordially request for the termination of our special consultative status at the ECOSOC.

6. Resources for the Future, Inc.

Special, 1995

Introduction

Resources for the Future (RFF) is an independent, nonpartisan organization that conducts rigorous economic research and analysis to help leaders make better decisions and craft smarter policies about natural resources and the environment.

RFF was founded in 1952 at the recommendation of William Paley, then head of the Columbia Broadcasting System, who had chaired a presidential commission that examined whether the United States was becoming overly dependent on foreign sources of important natural resources and commodities. RFF became the first think tank devoted exclusively to natural resource and environmental issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RFF's mission is to improve environmental and natural resource policymaking worldwide through objective social science research of the highest caliber.

RFF envisions a world where environmental and economic decisions in the public and private sectors are made with a full understanding of the potential implications for present and future generations and the world in which they live.

Significant changes in the organization

RFF's former President, Philip Sharp retired June 30, 2016. RFF named Dr. Richard Newell as its new President & CEO.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

RFF was the first think tank devoted exclusively to natural resource and environmental issues and helped create the field of environmental and natural resource economics. Since 1952, it has provided decision makers with the tools to improve the way policy choices are made, strengthening both the environment and the economy. Although RFF is located in

Washington, DC, its research scope comprises programs in nations around the world.

RFF became the first think tank devoted exclusively to natural resource and environmental issues. In its early years, RFF focused on natural resource scarcity and import dependence, helping to pioneer the field of environmental and natural resource economics.

RFF was instrumental in founding the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE) in 1979, which was established as a means of exchanging ideas, stimulating research, and promoting graduate training in resource and environmental economics. AERE currently has nearly 900 members from more than 30 nations, drawn from academic institutions, the public sector, and private industry. Since its founding, the AERE business office has been hosted by RFF.

RFF is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization and has earned a reputation for conducting independent, nonpartisan policy analysis of the highest quality and generating nonproprietary, publicly available research. RFF operates according to four core values:

Environmental economics: RFF experts provide sound economic approaches to environmental, energy, and natural resource policy issues.

Research excellence and integrity: Research and analysis at RFF are based on intellectual expertise and academic rigor.

Independent analysis: RFF is a nonpartisan organization that helps leaders make informed decisions.

Practical solutions: Research by RFF experts addresses real issues that are critical to the future.

RFF researchers share the results of their work with policymakers in government at all levels, environmental and business organizations, academicians, the media, and the

interested public. RFF neither lobbies nor takes positions on specific legislative or regulatory proposals, although individual researchers—speaking for themselves and not for RFF—can formulate specific policy recommendations based on the findings in their work.

RFF brings together the world's largest community of PhD economists and leading experts focused on environmental, natural resource, and energy issues to develop smart solutions that balance the need for both economic growth and environmental stewardship.

Most RFF researchers hold a doctorate in economics, but others have advanced degrees in engineering, law, ecology, city and regional planning, government, and public policy and management, among other disciplines. Former government officials often serve as visiting experts at RFF to provide insight into the policy process. RFF's network of connections within the policy and academic worlds allows it to be a preeminent convener and source of cutting-edge, policy-relevant ideas.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Resources for the Future staff regularly participates in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP) meetings that happen each November/December. RFF researchers attended each of the COP meetings between 2010 and 2015, and in several cases hosted official or external side events to inform the ongoing negotiations and climate policy development (Mexico, Peru, and France).

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

Researcher has attended a number of the intermediary UNFCCC meetings (e.g. SBSTA sessions in Bonn) in between official COP negotiating sessions (2012 – 2014).

7. Samuhik Abhiyan

Special, 1999

Introduction

SAMUHIK ABHIYAN (SA) is a non-profit, non-governmental Social Development Organisation founded by a group of development professionals, social activists and development trainers in 1992. SA is registered under the Society Registration Act 2034 in District Administration Office, Kathmandu and affiliated with Social Welfare Council. It is an organisation holding a Special Consultative Status with the "Economic and Social Council of the United Nations" (UN ECOSOC). SA has an autonomous chapter in Japan.

SA has its rental office in College Marga, Kathmandu with well furnished office spaces and equipped with necessary tools and equipment.

SA has been involving in various activities in order to contribute the MDG and also to the work of United Nations since its establishment. The organization has first hand experiences in poverty reduction, promotion of social and economics rights of the excluded communities in Nepal.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The purpose of SAMUHIK ABHIYAN is to contribute in sustainable development through capacity building of local communities and promoting accountability of service providers as well. The organizational aims of SAMUHIK ABHIYAN is following:

- Facilitate the process of building people's capacity, which will empower them to bring themselves in fore- front of nation building process.
- Strengthen the capacity of local bodies (District Development Committees, Village Development Committees and Municipalities), and civil society organization.
- Lead local organizations advocating for good governance and various rights-based issues.
- Promote institutional strengthening through exercising every dimension of

governance

- Establish partnership with local, regional, national and international organizations to create synergy in promoting inclusive development and participatory good governance at national and sub-national level.
- Ensure organizational sustainability.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During this reporting period (2011-2014) SAMUHIK ABHIYAN (SA) has been involving in promoting social and economic rights of excluded groups of Nepal through training, workshop and policy influences. SA has participated in Human rights meetings at national level as a pioneer of Human Rights Magna meet which has been organized by National Human Right Commission of Nepal in collaboration with most of the national level HR organizations and UN entities in Nepal. SA has successfully completed a nationwide campaign for the rights of indigenous and local people in managing natural resources, particularly forest in their informed consents. SA has developed 262 trained and committed local resource persons who are actively involving in promoting the rights of local people in managing the natural resources. SA has performed lead role to formulate and roll out the climate change policies of Government of Nepal and the Nepal and the National Adaptation Plan of Action to the district level which is based on the decisions and provisions made by Conference of Parties (CoPs) of UNFCCC. SA has designed and delivered training and capacity building handbooks for district level planners of Government of Nepal and Civil Society Organizations, Media persons for this purpose in 31 districts of Nepal out of 75 districts.

SA has gained evidence-based experience in promoting accountability through increasing citizen participation in health service delivery in Nepal. This has been recognized one of the best practiced learning document in promoting social accountability through citizen participation and active engagement of service providers.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

SAMUHIK ABHIYAN has worked in cooperation with UN bodies in capacity building of local natural resources user groups/networks in mid and far western development regions of Nepal. Particularly the forest users groups of wetland and protected area. Resource persons from SA involved in this work for design and deliver training and capacity building interventions in the wetland and protected area in cooperation with UNDP and Government of Nepal in 2012. More than 100 users groups and 10000 people of the wetland and protected forest area benefited from this intervention.

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

With in this reporting period, SAMUHIK ABHIYAN has facilitated the district level workshops to review of MDG and planning. Regarding the contribution of MDG 7, SAMUHIK ABHIYAN has involved to assess training and capacity building needs of the Government and non-governmental stakeholders who are directly responsible to manage the forest resources and environmental management. GoN/MoFSC has been implementing the recommendations made by SAMUHIK ABIYAN through this report. Resource persons from SA has provided expertise to develop National Action Plan (NAP) for reducing gender based violence in Nepal(Contributes in MDG 3)

8. Self-Help Development Facilitators

Special, 2011

Introduction

Self-Help Development Facilitators (SEDFA) is a non-governmental, developmental, non-profit sector organization, registered on November 27, 1997 in Abuja, Nigeria, by the Corporate Affairs Commission, with registration number, 10,730, under the Part C of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, No. 1 of 1990.

In 2011, Self-Help Development Facilitators (SEDFA) gained special Consultative Status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Aims and purposes of the organization

To restore hope to as many vulnerable and disempowered Nigerians as possible, through self-help development initiatives and empowerment, institutional, as well as democracy and good governance strengthening.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Self-Help Development Facilitators (SEDFA) contributed written statements to High-level segment: annual ministerial review in 2012 and 2013 which were accepted and translated into the United Nations' six major languages. With the European Union funding, Self-Help Development Facilitators participated in development activities in nine communities of Imo State, Nigeria, popularly known as the European Union Micro Projects Programme in the Nine Niger Delta States (EU MPP9). The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), supported SEDFA's migration project on capacity building and entrepreneurship development programme for 700 Ghanaian immigrants in Lagos, Nigeria. These activities were aimed at poverty reduction and the promotion of self-help activities thus improving the economic and social well-being of ordinary Nigerians as well as

Ghanaians living in Nigeria.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

SEDFA, since attaining the Special Consultative Status in 2011, has been preparing, forwarding to and receiving confirmation of Written Statements from the CSO net, in respect of the yearly ECOSOC Substantive Session. The submissions include:

- (i) Developing a Global Partnership for Promoting Productive Capacity, Employment and Decent Work to Eradicate Poverty in Nigeria;
- (ii) Needed: A New Innovation and Technology Development Architecture for Nigeria;

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

SEDFA believes in and has firmly been fully supportive of all United Nations bodies, particularly through advocacy interventions aimed at propagating and inculcating the vision, mission and mandate of the United Nations and its bodies. SEDFA is particularly involved in propagating those activities which aim at fostering partnerships as a key pillar of national development. SEDFA is a member of the Conference of NGOs (CoNGO), among others.

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

Nigeria failed woefully in achieving the MDGs except in the area of HIV/AIDs. Specifically, SEDFA, for four (4) years, devoted ample efforts to HIV/AIDs awareness raising campaigns. SEDFA actively participated in advocacy-related rallies associated with observing the World AIDs Day every December 1 in both Owerri, Imo State, and Abuja, Nigeria, respectively. Also SEDFA's officials featured in various radio and television outreach, public enlightenment and advocacy discussions on the need to diversify Nigeria's mono-economy, away from the oil and gas curse which culminated in one of the world's most despicable case examples of state capture and outright treasury looting by state officials.

Convinced that Nigeria may never be able to genuinely and sustainably eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, achieve Universal Primary Education, reduce child mortality rate,

improve maternal health, as well as meet other critical MDGs, as a result of corruption, SEDFA volunteered to facilitate a unique corruption prevention capacity building programme, the System Study and Review Manual, designed for the staff of Nigeria's premier anti-corruption agency, the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC), 2009-2013.

Additional Information

Nigeria has done very poorly in MDGs Goal 7, in terms of reversing the mismanagement and loss of environmental resources. Valuable national assets, such as oil and gas and solid minerals, have been exploited in ways that pose health, safety and environmental hazards. SEDFA is working with the Miners Association of Nigeria with a view to jointly embarking upon an initiative titled “Towards Sustainable Mining,” to be anchored upon a unique partnership platform, involving the Miners Association of Nigeria and the Canadian Miners Association.

A highly important, neglected and cross-cutting nation building issue which, in our opinion is central to meeting the MDGs in Nigeria, remains the shameful absence of a sustainable post-career safety net mechanism for retirees. Not only are retirees never paid regularly in most of the States but retired public officers die as a result of post-retirement poverty. It is impossible to mitigate corruption or fundamentally address the challenge of sliding back to poverty without eliminating the fear of an unknown future, SEDFA has researched and is implementing a self-help post-career entrepreneurship intervention.

9. Struggle for Change

Special, 1999

Introduction

Struggle for Change (SACH) is presently working against human rights abuses in Pakistan, focusing on the issue of torture and violence AND providing direct services with a holistic approach to the victims. SACH has established its head office in the Islamabad Capital Territory, while it has project offices in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Punjab Provinces in Islamabad, Peshawar and Haripur. SACH develops innovative partnerships with UN agencies and embassies to implement interventions on key issues of violence and abuse.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organisation's vision is to see a society free of violence and torture where human beings, especially the marginalised sections of the society, can practice their rights without any fear of exploitation, and where nobody suppresses the fundamental rights of anyone on the basis of any social or economic status. To contribute towards this vision, organisation works for the empowerment and awareness of the community through service delivery and education about their fundamental rights. The beneficiaries include marginalised and vulnerable groups, refugees, displaced people, children and women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

On policy level, the organisation has been a strong advocate of international human rights treaties and conventions; and has been at the helm of United Nations Convention Against Torture (UNCAT) ratification by the Government of Pakistan. The organisation has been working in close collaboration with United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) for the cause of refugees in Pakistan. It has partnered with United Nations Voluntary Fund for Torture Victims (UNVFT) for assistance to torture victims in prisons, and also has an on-going project dealing with Gender-Based Violence (GBV) pertaining to

victims of forced marriages, particularly women, in collaboration with the British High Commission (BHC).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Organisation Head attended The Girl Summit 2014 hosted by the UK Government and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), 22 July 2014, and shared a message on behalf of the country.

Representatives attended 59th session of the United Nations on Women's Rights in New York, March 9 to Mar 16, 2015. The organisation participated in the discussions for women rights, empowerment of women in 3rd world countries, torture against women and honour killing.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organisation implemented a project in collaboration with the United Nations Voluntary Fund for torture victims (UNVFT) through International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) from 1998 to 2014 for its rehabilitation program for torture victims and provided regular support to torture victims by providing them medical assistance individually and at community level through medical camps. Under the services of rehab, regular visits to prisons were conducted. As an implementing partner of United Nation's High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) Branch Office Islamabad, implemented Advice & Legal Aid Centre (ALAC) program for refugees from 2002 to 2013; and community services program for refugees from July 2004 to December 2013. For Khyber Pakhtunkhwah, the organisation has been an implementing partner of Sub Office Peshawar since 2009 for its Protection & Legal Activities for Afghan refugees and asylum seekers program.

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

Contributed towards Millennium Development Goal (MDG) 3 in Pakistan by empowering women and promoting equality through its project interventions for refugees, torture victims, and victims of violence. Every year, the organisation observed International

Women's Day on March 08; World Refugee Day on June 20; International Day in Support of Victims of Torture on June 26; World Children's Day on November 20; International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25; as well as active participation in 16 Days of Activism Campaign observed each year from November 25 to December 10. Arranged an activity on World Refugee Day June 20 2012, which provided an opportunity to the refugees to depict their problems and future plans as well as hopes through collage work. Organised a seminar in collaboration with Oxfam GB in order to commemorate the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture June 26, 2012. A series of one-day consultative workshops were organised with the collaboration of British High Commission, Islamabad on The Hague Convention in Lahore, Mirpur, Multan, Karachi and Islamabad from January – March in 2012 - 2014.

10. Turkish Philanthropy Funds

Special, 2011

Introduction

Turkish Philanthropy Funds (TPF) funds and finds the most effective partners and programs to maximize impact and enables donors to realize their philanthropic passion for Turkey.

Aims and purposes of the organization

TPF's aim is to take philanthropy beyond the “feel good” into significant and measurable impact. TPF is a community foundation that provides a platform to individuals and institutions that want to invest in Turkey philanthropically.

Significant changes in the organization

Some of the board members have changed.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

TPF provides individualized philanthropic services through component funds which provides flexible giving opportunities to donors. It provides a platform for NGOs in Turkey to facilitate fundraising. It educates its donors and the public on social needs and organizations addressing these needs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

As it is at the centre of the UN development's system to conduct cutting-edge analysis, agree on global norms and advocate for progress, it is also TPF's mission to develop, advocate and fund sustainable development projects. It is with these similarities in both UN's and our mission that we intend to contribute to the work of ECOSOC. We intend to bring in different perspectives on how to tackle social issues that are standing in the way of progress, provide updates on our ongoing projects on the ground which could provide UN with more data.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

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

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11. UN Women - Nationell Kommitté Sverige

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Swedish National Committee for UNIFEM is one of UNIFEM's National Committees. The Swedish National Committee for UNIFEM (henceforth UNIFEM Sweden) was founded in 1986.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UN Women - Nationell Kommitté Sverige statutes have been drafted in accordance with UNIFEM's strategic goals: - Reducing women's poverty and exclusion; - Ending violence against women; - Reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS among women and girls; - Supporting women's leadership in governance and post-conflict reconstruction. UNIFEM Sweden is a non-profit association. The organization shall actively work to enhance women's situation in accordance with UNIFEM's goals and priorities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The UN Women national committee Sweden grew and strengthened its mandate nationally in order to contribute to the work of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). The work was events and campaign based; raising awareness through information campaigns and capacity building. A public event connected to the campaigns was organized each year observing International Women's Day, Swedish Politician's Week, Swedish book fair, United Nations Day, Human Rights Days in Sweden, and International Day to End Violence against Women respectively. In average, 200 people attended each event.

10 educational programs for public sector administration and the private sector were carried out. All capacity building initiatives are closely tied to the Convention on the Elimination of

all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Platform for Action.

The organization headed the production and research of a study on local government's awareness of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The study showed worrying knowledge gaps which the organization focused on filling through follow-up campaigns and capacity-building. The organization contributed to planning and execution of the regional observance of Beijing+20 in 2013 and 2014. The Nordic Forum on Women's rights was successful and significantly changed the general public's awareness of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The UN Women national committee Sweden has not formally participated in meetings of the United Nations during the reporting period. Scarce funds and being a volunteer organization made attendance at and travel to international meetings very difficult.

The organization has contributed through the Swedish network on the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) to the preparation of the Commission on the Status of Women's 55th, 56th, 57th and 58th session.

Representatives attended the national committees' meetings annually hosted by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Cooperation with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) is elementary to the organization's work.

Financial assistance was given to the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) through fundraising efforts. The funds raised supported the Fund for Gender Equality and the United Nations Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women.

In 2014 a joint sponsorship between both organizations was formed for participation and events during the Nordic Forum on Women's Rights.

The leadership of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) visited Sweden in on 29 August 2012 (Assistant Secretary-General Lakshmi Puri) and on 14 June 2014 (Executive Director Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka). Both visits were connected to public events to ensure public awareness on multiple topics regarding women's advancement and empowerment.

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

The organization contributed to through public awareness initiatives such as participating in public radio shows focusing for example on maternal health in December 2013.

All observances of international days were in line with initiatives in support of the Millennium Development Goals, 12 events in total. Topics covered: women's rights throughout the lifecycle, the judicial system in Sweden in relation to violence against women, women's economic empowerment, and the discrepancy between the reality and the standards set by the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in the public sector.

Representatives of the organization spoke at a total of 86 public events and seminars to bring knowledge of especially the Millennium Development Goals and their relevance to women's development to an average of 50 participants, totaling about 4,300 people.

12. Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation, was established in 1999 and registered as a not-for-profit non-governmental organization. Wotclef envisions a free and safe society for all and believes that every human being deserves to be treated with respect hence the dignity of trafficked persons and other vulnerable groups must be holistically restored. Wotclef, has a Rehabilitation Centre where holistic support services are offered to trafficked, abused and neglected persons. Wotclef focuses on:

- Trafficking In Persons •Child Abuse/Labour
- Protection of the rights of women, children and youth.
- Reproductive Health/ Human Immuno Deficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. Wotclef is a national organisation with its headquarters in Abuja.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To engage in activities that would facilitate the eradication of trafficking in persons, child labour and abuse, violence against women children, youth and the spread of HIV/AIDS.
- To mobilize, motivate and network with stakeholders at all levels to respond to the challenges posed by trafficking and violent abuse of the rights of women and children and youth.
- To carryout researches and surveys that would generate critical data on emerging issues relevant to focus areas and disseminate same to other stakeholders.
- To offer rehabilitation support services to trafficked persons and vulnerable children and reintegrate them into their communities in accordance with their best interests.

Significant changes in the organization

The introduction of the Child Protection Network in Nigeria and the setting up of a Child Justice Clinic by the United Nations Children's Fund.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Wotclef contributed to the work of the International Labour Organisation by marking the 2012, 2013 and 2014 World Day Against Child Labour to raise and increase awareness on the worst forms of child labour and its detrimental effects on the child.

- Wotclef marked the 2013 and 2014 International Day of the Girl Child to raise awareness on the violence and inequality faced by girls in Nigeria.
- Wotclef marked the 2013 World Day Against Trafficking In Persons by organizing an anti trafficking road walk to sensitize the public on the issues of trafficking.
- Wotclef joined the rest of the world in marking the 2014 day to create awareness on the ills of Trafficking In Persons using the social media.
- Wotclef has experience in working at the community level to end violence against women and children.
- The community engagement provides a platform to engage parents, teachers, principals, head teachers, religious/community leaders, the police and the media to respond to issues of child abuse and labour.
- Wotclef conducted a survey on Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices on child trafficking and children's rights. The report was published and being used as a relevant and reference material by partners and stakeholders.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- In 2011, Wotclef cooperated with the International Labour Organization, through the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity as a member of the Technical Working Committee that developed the National Labour Migration Policy.
- In October 2011, Wotclef provided its comments on the application of UN Conventions in Nigeria.
- Wotclef in cooperated with the United Nations Children's Fund to form the Child Protection Network in the Federal Capital Territory and the Child Justice Clinic. Wotclef provided office accommodation for the operation of both the Network and Clinic.

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

- Wotclef contributed to the Millennium Development Goal 1 Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger. Rather than allow trafficked and abused persons to wallow in abject poverty on the streets, Wotclef provided holistic support services to 30 beneficiaries between 2011 and 2014.
- Under its Education Assistance Scheme/Educational Empowerment from 2011 to 2014, Wotclef contributed to the Millennium Development Goal 2 Achieve universal primary education. Sixty four children both males and females at the Wotclef rehabilitation centre benefited from this scheme.
- Wotclef contributed to the Millennium Development Goal 3 Promoting gender equality and empowering the girl child by marking the International Day of the Girl Child to raise awareness on the inequality faced by girls in Nigeria in education and harmful traditional practices.

13. World Association of Children's Friends

Statut consultatif spécial: 1987

Introduction

Fondée en 1963 par la Princesse Grace de Monaco, et présidée depuis 1993 par SAR La Princesse de Hanovre, l'Association Mondiale des Amis de l'Enfance (AMADE) s'est bâtie sur une vision: celle d'un monde où tout enfant, quelles que soient ses origines sociales, religieuses ou culturelles puisse vivre dignement, en sécurité, dans le respect de ses droits fondamentaux. Celle d'un monde où tout enfant puisse pleinement exprimer ses potentiels.

Déployée sur 4 continents, les programmes de terrain sont mis en œuvre grâce à un réseau d'antennes nationales (Burundi, Guinée, Niger, RDC, Chili, Belgique, Italie, Lituanie, Monaco, Pays-Bas), mais également grâce à un réseau de partenaires privilégiés (Cambodge, Jordanie, Philippines).

Objectifs

L'AMADE en tant qu'association de développement souhaite apporter une réponse pérenne en privilégiant le renforcement de capacités et l'autonomisation des bénéficiaires.

La stratégie d'intervention de l'AMADE s'articule autour de trois domaines d'intervention :

- La protection des enfants les plus vulnérables contre la violence, l'exploitation et les abus ;
- L'accès à l'éducation ;
- L'accès à la santé.

Au sein de chacun de ces domaines d'intervention, l'AMADE développe plus spécifiquement des champs de compétences en vue d'apporter une réponse efficace, innovante et pérenne. L'AMADE bâtit son expertise et élabore sa programmation sur ces champs de compétence.

Pour la mise en œuvre de cette stratégie d'intervention, l'AMADE dispose de 3 moyens d'actions et complémentaires: le financement de projets ; l'aide d'urgence / post-urgence et

la sensibilisation et le plaidoyer.

Changements à signaler

En 2013 l'AMADE adopte une nouvelle stratégie d'intervention, articulée autour des trois domaines d'intervention précédemment présentés.

Contribution à des activités des Nations Unies

Si l'enfant est au cœur de ses préoccupations, l'AMADE s'adresse également à sa communauté, privilégiant quand cela est possible une réintégration dans les familles et la mise en œuvre de projets intégrés. Une importance particulière est accordée au respect de l'égalité des chances, en luttant notamment contre les discriminations liées au genre.

Participation à des réunions organisées par les Nations Unies

Aucune information fournie.

Coopération avec des entités du système des Nations Unies

L'AMADE s'est associée aux côtés du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les Réfugiés par la signature d'un accord-cadre de coopération d'une durée de trois ans en vue de venir en aide aux enfants réfugiés victimes de la crise syrienne.

L'AMADE s'est également associée au Fonds des Nations Unies pour l'Enfance pour la diffusion de sa campagne de sensibilisation à l'occasion du 25ème anniversaire de la Convention Internationale des Droits de l'Enfant ainsi que dans le lancement en RDC du projet pilote « Capoeira pour la paix » d'appui à la démobilisation des enfants soldats à travers la pratique de la capoeira.

Initiatives prises pour favoriser la réalisation des objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement

OMD 1 : Eliminer l'extrême pauvreté et la faim

Au Burundi l'AMADE a appuyé près de 42.000 tuteurs d'orphelins, membres de réseaux communautaires, afin de renforcer les capacités et l'autonomie financière des familles en

facilitant l'accès au micro-crédit et le lancement d'activités génératrices de revenus.

En RDC et au Burundi des programmes de formation et insertion professionnelle sont mis en place pour les jeunes en situation de rue (120 jeunes) et les orphelins et enfants vulnérables (105 OEV). Ces programmes sont réalisés en partenariat avec les professionnels sur secteur privé.

Aux Philippines, suite au passage du typhon Haiyan, la reconstruction et la réhabilitation de l'école élémentaire de Tiglawigan accueillant près de 900 élèves, a été entreprise.

OMD 2 : Assurer l'éducation primaire pour tous

Au Burundi 47.584 orphelins et enfants vulnérables ont bénéficié de soins et d'un accès à l'éducation primaire.

OMD 6 : Combattre le VIH/SIDA, le paludisme et autres maladies

Au Burundi, le centre médical de Bururi a été doté d'un appareil de comptage des CD4, son personnel médical a été formé et une campagne de sensibilisation sur le dépistage volontaire du VIH a été déployée au bénéfice de 3.423 femmes enceintes.

De manière plus générale, en matière de protection des enfants les plus vulnérables des projets au bénéfice des enfants en situation de rue ont été conduits en RDC et aux Philippines.

En matière d'éducation l'accent a été mis sur l'accès à l'éducation secondaire de qualité, et plus particulièrement pour les jeunes filles (Burundi).

En matière de santé les projets se sont concentrés sur la lutte contre les maladies négligées (drépanocytose au Niger, maladies du métabolisme au Chili et lutte contre les cancers pédiatriques) et la formation des personnels de santé au Laos).

14. World Federation of Therapeutic Communities

Special, 1991

Introduction

The World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC) is a worldwide organization comprised of 4 Regional Federations, European, Eastern European, Asian and Latin American, working together with the global TC Movement sharing understanding and cooperation to widen recognition and acceptance of the Therapeutic Community among health organizations and health delivery systems of international and national bodies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities (WFTC) are twofold: 1) To forge through its international leadership a worldwide association whose goal is to build identification, understanding and cooperation within the global Therapeutic Community Movement; and 2) To widen recognition and acceptance of the Therapeutic Community approach among health organizations and health delivery systems of international and national bodies, as well as Governments and public. From 2011 to 2014 the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities Membership continued to grow with a significant increase in membership from the Latin American, Eastern European, Asian countries and are currently focusing on increasing participation from Africa.

Significant changes in the organization

The Organization headquarters had been moved to San Rafael California. New Officers have been elected. President: Dr. Sushma Taylor – USA

Deputy President: Garth Popple – Australia

1st Vice President: Enrico Costa – Italy

2nd Vice President: Fr. Lambertus Sommar – Indonesia

3rd Vice President:

FLACT Fabian Chiosso – Argentina

4th Vice President: Open

Treasurer:

Richard Steinberg – USA

UN Liaison: Elena Gotti – Europe

Secretary: Miguel Garibay - USA (non-voting position)

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Commission on Narcotic Drugs 55 session Vienna 12-16 march 2012-The World Federation of Therapeutic Communities was present at the event and participated in the over discussion with other organizations of UNODC

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

XIV LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF THERAPEUTIC COMMUNITIES ' "AN EXCHANGE ALTERNATIVE IN AN UNEQUAL WORLD" Santiago Chile Oct.16-18, 2013

The organization, a WFTC member brought together 600 representatives from across Latin America

Social sessions for development in and treatment of mothers in recovery and care for the children

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WFTC cooperated with the WORLD FEDERATION AGAINST DRUGS [WFAD] conference Stockholm Sweden May19-21 2014. This conference supported the 1961,1971,1988 UN conventions on the rights of the child which stipulated in article33 that children have the right to be protected from illicit drug use.

XIV European Federation of Therapeutic Communities in Prague ,Czech Republic Sept.17-20 2013. The conference was supported by the Charles University Prague. Four hundred conferees from eastern and western Europe attended. The theme "aligning treatment to the changing world of addiction"

XXV Conference of the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities Bali Indonesia Nov 4-9. The theme was "Individual Growth and Recovery Through Community", Hosted by the Kasih Mulia Foundation. The eight Hundred participants came from around the globe With large contingents coming from Pakistan and South Asia. Special attentions given to 250 representatives of various family associations throughout Asia. The theme for the Families was "easy to forgive, hard to forget, always afraid.

It is the firm conviction of WFTC that in order to confront the growing scourge of addiction is necessary to involve the family and larger community as a whole. The conference was opened by the head of National Narcotics Board General Gories Mene.

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

The Federation publishes a quarterly news bulletin, which acts as a medium for updating Federation members and international colleagues in 56 countries on research issues, international concerns and United Nations activities.

Additional Information

The World Federation of Therapeutic Communities presents the highly coveted O. Hobart Mowrer Award and Harry Sholl Award bi-annually at the WFTC Conferences. The O. Hobart Mowrer Award is the WFTC's acknowledgement of the leadership commitment and expertise of people from outside the Therapeutic Communities ranks. Candidates are considered from fields of substance abuse treatment or prevention, the helping sciences, philosophy, academia, research, government or the voluntary sector. The Harry Sholl Award is presented for outstanding leadership from within the World Federation of Therapeutic Communities ranks and is bestowed on individuals with consistent commitment to Therapeutic Community goals and distinguished leadership in the WFTC.

15. World Federation of United Nations Associations

General, 1947

Introduction

The World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) is a global nonprofit organization representing and coordinating a membership of over 100 national United Nations Associations (UNAs) and their thousands of constituents. WFUNA is the largest international network of people supporting and engaging with the UN.

Aims and purposes of the organization

WFUNA's vision is of a United Nations that is a powerful force in meeting common global challenges and opportunities. The organization works to build a better world by strengthening and improving the United Nations through the engagement of people who share a global mindset and support international cooperation—global citizens. WFUNA believes that people's involvement on all levels of local, national and global decision-making is essential in order to achieve the goals of the United Nations.

Significant changes in the organization

The Constitution and By-laws were amended in 2012.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

One of the main objectives of WFUNA, is to promote research, information and education about the goals of the Charter of the United Nations and the work of the United Nations system. WFUNA's educational activities aim to transfer specialized knowledge and information and to develop and reinforce practical skills that will enable our members, partners and civil society actors worldwide to effectively interact with the United Nations and its mechanisms. Our educational activities are implemented through a variety of methods such as seminars, Webinars, research papers, workshops and trainings, conferences, study tours and internships.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following meetings:

2011- 15-16 December- 2nd Intersessional Meeting of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development; 14 December- Major groups and other Stakeholders Capacity building workshop on the Road to Rio+20; 03-05 September- 64th Annual DPI/NGO Conference, Bonn, Germany; 25-26 July- High-Level Meeting on Youth; 02-13 May- 19th Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development; 09-18 February- 49th Session of the Commission for Social Development.

2012- 20-22 June- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development; 19-27 March- 3rd Intersessional Meeting of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development; 27 February-09 March- 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women; 01-10 February- 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development; 25-27 January- Initial discussions on the Rio+20 zero draft of outcome.

2013- 22 September- Major Groups and other Stakeholders Briefing; 22 September- Advancing Regional Recommendations on Post-2015; 20 September- 20th Session of the Commission on Sustainable Development; 20 September- Major Groups and other Stakeholders Briefing.

2014- 27-29 August- 65th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference; 14-18 July- Thirteenth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals; 30 June-08 July- Second meeting of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development; 16-20 June- Twelfth session of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals; 10-21 March- 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

03 - 05 Mar, 2014 Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, 9th session

11 - 21 Feb, 2014 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The following is a list of of UN related bodies that we have an official partnership with or work with very closely and on a regular basis:

Department for Peacekeeping Operations

Department of Economic and Social Affairs

Department of Political Affairs

Executive Office of the Secretary-General
Global Compact Office
Office for Disarmament Affairs
Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
Office of Information and Communications Technology
Office of Internal Oversight Services
Office of Legal Affairs
Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Office of the President of the General Assembly
Office of the Special Advisor on Africa
Offices at Geneva
Conference on Trade and Development
Democracy Fund
Development Programme
Environment Programme
High Commissioner for Refugees
Information Centres (numerous throughout the world)
Institute for Disarmament Research
Institute for Training and Research
Non-Governmental Liaison Service
Programme on Youth
UN Office for Partnerships
UN Volunteers
World Trade Organization

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

WFUNA holds one-week trainings in both Geneva and New York where students take part in sessions from UN officials, diplomats, and representatives from civil society. Each training session is focused on the MDGs. The following is a list of the trainings with an MDG focus:

2013 Geneva- 18-22 February; 5-9 August; 30Sep-

4Oct.

2013 New York- 18-22 February; 8-12 July; 15-19 July; 5-9 August.

2014 Geneva- 10-14 February; 18-22 August; 11-15 August.

2014 New York-27-31 January; 4-8 August; 11-15 August; 18-22 August.