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1. Asociacion de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio Madres Irlandesas

(Special; 2001)

Introduction

The Asociación de Antiguas Alumnas del Colegio de Madres Irlandesas was established in 1979 with the "Declaration of Human Rights" as its corner stone, and with the aim of continuing the Culture, Social and Environmental Education received by the students during their life at our schools. It was granted the Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council in July 2001.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The activities of the association are mainly aimed at the promotion and practical approach of the Declaration of Human Rights. Working with the UN, the association has focused on the following areas: 1. Gender equality, 2. Women's empowerment, 3. Trafficking 4. Education, 5. Family protection, 6. Sustainable development, 7. Eradication of poverty. The association launches awareness programs and information to raise understanding (especially to the youth) about the importance of these issues, being visible the reality of actions and projects aimed at promoting education, poverty eradication, sustainable development and encouraging women's role.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The association has collaborated with the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary and with Mary Ward Foundation, holding several events to raise awareness and actions aimed at raising funds to support humanitarian international projects. These events were the following:

- Awareness Day (12 February 2013) when was announced the development projects being carried out in India and Nepal (Darjeeling Mary Ward Social Center and Developing Sukumbasi) and millions of women and children`s day to day in those regions.
- Awareness Day (26 February 2013) of the work and daily life carried out by volunteers of

the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- Awareness Day (12 November 2013) about the achievements and needs in Jicamarca Medical Clinic in Peru, which stands for quality in health care.
- Charity market in favour of the Mary Ward Foundation and the Medical Clinic of Jicamarca in which the association contributed to the fundraising (November 2013)
- Awareness Day related to the health project carried out in Jicamarca (Peru) and the assistance and care work realized there (February 2014)
- Charity market (28 November 2014) in favour of the Fundación Mary Ward and Loreto Sealdah (Calcutta) in their efforts to look after children abandoned in the street.
- Awareness Day (19 March 2015) concerning the situation faced by women and girls in Calcutta, explained by a social worker of the Rainbow Project.
- Charity market (27 November 2015 and 25-26 November 2016) in favour of the Fundación Mary Ward.
- Awareness Day concerning trafficking in women and girls (23 February 2016) acting as speakers: the Director of Mary Ward Loreto Foundation and President of RENATE and the responsible of Mary Ward Project in Loreto Foundation in Albania.
- Coinciding with the International Women's Day the association determined to collaborate with Proyecto Esperanza, which is focused on the fight against trafficking, with the intention of transferring to Seville concrete joint actions that'll contribute to face this problem.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Due to the shortage of funds the activities have been allocated primarily to social knowledge, awareness and promoting the work of other volunteers in the field of poverty eradication, women's empowerment, education and sustainable development as well as active projects in these fields. Not only are we concern to social knowledge but also we inform our members about every activity of the United Nations.

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

The Association`s work developed from 2016 has also contributed to the promotion of Sustainable Development Goals through the cooperation in the organization of conferences against trafficking (Goal 16). It has also launched awareness programs as gender equality and women`s empowerment, as well as activities relating to the promotion of shared responsibility at home and in family (Goal 5). We supported economically the work of the Developing Sukumbasi project (Nepal) and the medical office in Jicamarca (Peru).

2. Asociación Nacional Cívica Femenina

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

The Asociación Nacional Cívica Femenina (Ancifem) is a Civil Society Organization, founded in 1975, that gathers women who agree to act in the public life of the country, to ensure respect for the dignity of women and the full exercise of the duties and rights of citizens through educational processes and participation. We have presence in: Mexico City, State of Mexico, Nuevo Leon, Veracruz, Guanajuato, Queretaro, Michoacan, Durango, Campeche and Jalisco, Mexico.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To contribute in the development of Mexico through the commitment of women who are leaders in promoting civic education, civic participation and a culture of respect for the dignity of women.

Significant changes in the organization

We have started a flagship course named "School on Political Incidence por Leading Women", with a mixed methodology in which some of the work is virtual and some is in classrooms.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We aim to reduce inequality and to boost women empowerment and participation in decision making.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Yes. In the CSW meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Our work is focused on the third Millennium Development Goal: Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women.

3. Association for Citizen's Tolerance and Cooperation

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

To strengthen ACTAC's cooperation, expertise and public status in the society and become a desired model of organization, which will be a tool for changes in the society in order to achieve our mission.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACTAC's mission is directed towards installing the European standards into society, as a way of democracy implementing. This refers to the participative manners development, rightful representation (gender, cultural and ethnic principles) sustainable conditions and problems' resolving.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACTAC has done many educations for Human rights and special Human rights, helping people to make complaints against their governments for violations of their rights, empowering women gaining their respectable place in the society, raising the awareness for their special rights and helping them to grow into local leaders of opinion.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACTAC has participated on online seminars.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

We have worked so hard and dedicated in the direction of promoting the gender equality and

empower women, through education, training, teaching them for their rights, helping for their involvement in the decision-making processes, raising their voice through community reporting techniques. With the methods of community reporting, storytelling, and young journalism, using IT technology, most of which our cellphones, ACTAC has grown into an organization-media that through social engaged videos, columns and TV reports is informing the society and has educated lots of groups to raise their voice in different fields.

4. Association for Protection of Refugee and Internal Displaced Women and Children

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Association for Protection of Refugee and Internal Displaced Women and Children (HAMI) is an Iranian NGO working in Iran and Afghanistan with the main goal of protection and empowerment of refugees, IDPs and Returnees.

Aims and purposes of the organization

HAMI strives to pave the way for refugees' maximum access to basic services and entitlement to all of their rights. HAMI's main activities are categorized in 7 sectors of Education, Women empowerment, Harm Reduction and Health, Youth Empowerment, Livelihood, Protection and Legal services and Advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

HAMI expanded its Field-offices to two more provinces and made its whole presence in Iran to four provinces. As a result total number of staff and coverage of projects were about doubled in reporting period.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Basic education for Afghan children out of school, 1500 children/year, and Literacy courses for illiterate Afghan women, 150 per year, at 4 provinces of Iran, 2013-2016;

Establishment of Social Centers for provision of legal and psychological counseling, training course on life skills, refugees and women rights in Iran, personal hygiene and reproductive health, prevention of HIV/AIDs for about 7000 refugees in 2 provinces of Iran, 2015-2016;

Prevention of Domestic Violence among Afghan Refugees through empowerment of refugee youth as facilitators (200 people) for identification, referral, and awareness raising in Afghan communities on SGBV, about 12000 refugees, in 4 Provinces of Iran, 2013-2014;

Advocacy with governmental bodies to revise policies in favor of maximum access of refugees to basic services; i.e. enrollment of refugees in national health insurance in 2015, and revision of the regulations on registration of foreign nationals in 2016 to provide access

to formal education for all children regardless of their documentation status and removal of refugee-specific tuition fees;

Vocational Training for adolescent, 12-17 yrs, in 4 provinces of Iran, 2016, and establishment of tailoring workshops and provision of employment for vulnerable refugee women in 2 Provinces of Iran, 2013-2016;

Advocacy with governmental organizations (Ministry of Women Affairs, Ministry of returnees) in Afghanistan in order to increase level of cooperation for empowerment of refugees in Iran and returnees in Afghanistan for sustainable re-integration in their country, 2013-2016.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Annual Consultations Meeting with NGOs, Geneva, Switzerland, 11-13 June 2013, 17-19 June 2014, 1-3 July 2015, and 15-17 June 2016;

Organization hosted and organized the 1st NGOs' Regional Meeting on "Afghan Refugees/Returnees: Challenges & opportunities", and "the International Symposium to Strengthen Refugees Protection" with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Tehran, Iran, 11-12 April 2013, 20-21 April 2014;

Representatives moderated Asia-Pacific Panel on Refugee Youth on second day of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Annual Consultations Meeting with NGOs, Geneva, Switzerland, 16 June 2016;

Representative attended The First UN World Humanitarian Summit, Istanbul, Turkey, 23-24 May 2016.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

HAMI NGO Implemented a project in collaboration with United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) to run Basic Education Centers for refugee children out of school, 2013-2016;

Organized 1st & 2nd NGO's Regional Meetings on Afghan refugees/Returnees in collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Iran, 2013 – 2014;

NGO HAMI Implemented a project in collaboration with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to train refugee youth as facilitator for assessment, referral and awareness raising in refugee community on SGBV, 2013- 2014;

NGO HAMI Implemented a project in collaboration with United Nations High commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to run social centers for provision of social and health services for refugees, 2015- 2016.

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

The Organization contributed to MDG 2 and 3 in Iran by providing free primary education for about 6000 Afghan children out of school with incentives and awareness raising targeting girls' enrollment, 2013-2015. Our organization's activities also contributed to MDG 1 by regular provision of food packages and employment facilities for vulnerable families. MDG 4, 5 and 6 by provision of training courses for refugees on reproductive and maternal health and prevention of HIV/AIDS, 2013-2015. HAMI NGO also contributed to SDG 4 in Iran through advocacy with governmental organization resulted in revision of the regulations on registration of foreign nationals in 2016 to provide access to formal education for all children regardless their status and removal of tuition fees as one of the main obstacles for higher education and girls' access to schooling.

5. Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

In 2003 the Founders of the Association for Women's Career Development in Hungary (AWCDH) identified the need for a non-governmental organization to help promote women's equality by working with and fostering the cooperation between organizations dealing with women's issues, by taking an active role in the formulation of a common platform and helping to promote equal opportunities for women active in all major sectors of life.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the organization are to advance the dialogue between legislation, government, the profit and non-profit spheres, higher education, and all potential stakeholders of AWCDH in order to meet economic, social, cultural and educational challenges.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

18 March 2016 Ms Ferenczi held a presentation titled "Older Women for Older Women - a Hungarian Perspective held at the CSW60 Joint Side Event on "Ageism and Widowhood: A Focus on the Forgotten" in New York at the Salvation Army, United States.

14 March 2015 Ms Ferenczi held a presentation titled "Older Women – The Unused Capital" at the Women Institute International Symposium "Looking Back, Looking Forward: Economic and Health Issues for Girls and Women of All Ages around the World" on the margins of the CSW59

at Fordham University School of Law, New York.

4 November 2014 Ms Ferenczi held a presentation titled "Women's Career for a Lifetime Project of the AWCDH to empower Older Women in Decision Making and the Media" at the Roundtable titled "Women and Ageing – Older Women Count" within the frameworks of the Geneva NGO FORUM – Beijing +20 UNECE Regional Review held in the Palais des Nations,

Geneva, Switzerland.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AWCDH invited ILO experts for its international conferences held in Budapest, Hungary:

17 November 2016 Conference title:

“Work – Life Balance for All Ages” Invited Speaker: Ms Mariko Ouchi, Specialist on Conditions of Work and Employment/Gender equality, ILO (Honorary Guest) Presentation title: “Women at Work – Global Trends”

12 November 2015

Conference title: “Women, Families, Careers” II. – Cooperation between Generations”

Invited Speaker: Ms. Verena Schmidt, Senior Specialist on Conditions of Work and Gender Equality - ILO (Honorary Guest) Presentation title: “Women, Work and Families – an ILO perspective”

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

The AWCDH is supporting the following SDGs: 3 Good health and well being; 5 Gender Equality; 8 Decent work and economic growth; 15 Life on land.

How: By Awareness raising activities at international women's conferences (more than 30) and in the media. Themes of AWCDH conferences: Work-life balance Health and well-being; Lifelong learning Rural women Women entrepreneurs; and Cooperation between generations.

6. Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)

(General; 1997)

Introduction

The Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) is a global membership organization, strengthening the collective voice of feminist and women's rights activists, organizations and movements worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Our work serves to support, resource and strengthen women's rights organizations and movements so that they in turn can be more effective in their struggles by: building knowledge, organizing and facilitating constructive spaces for collaboration and strategizing, participating and advocating in international spaces, and equipping women's rights movements with timely and accurate information they can use in their work.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organisation's work contributes overall to the advancement of women's rights and gender equality worldwide, which is recognised as a crucial contribution to all development goals.

Some key activities include:

The AWID 2016 International Forum, Brazil, with 2000 participants, co-organized with and fostering cross-movement connections across environmental, labor, disability, sex workers, trans and intersex, indigenous and many other rights and justice sectors working against oppression and inequality.

Co-convening a cross-movement dialogue on "Challenging corporate power: Struggles for women's rights, economic and gender justice" from 29 February to 2 March 2016, which aimed to learn from the powerful stories of women and movements and to strengthen cross-movement solidarity across them.

Leveraging a successful partnership with The Guardian Online and Mama Cash to increase

the visibility of women's rights organizing in the mainstream media.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

November 27th, 2013, the United Nations General Assembly Third Committee, advocating for a resolution on women human rights defenders entitled 'Promotion of the Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Individuals, Groups and Organs of Society to Promote and Protect Universally Recognized Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms: Protecting Women Human Rights Defenders'. United Nations Development Cooperation Forum: High-Level Symposium "A renewed global partnership for development for a post-2015 era" (June 2013) and "Development Cooperation in a Post-2015 Era: Sustainable Development for All" (October 2013) where AWID and other civil society organisations advocated on the importance of women's rights issues and a human rights-based approach.

12th Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals on "Human rights and tax policies in the post-2015 development agenda: Towards a transformative partnership?" (New York: June 17 2014). United Nations Development Programme's global expert consultation on "Radicalization and its Impact for Development, Violence Prevention and Conflict Resolution" (May 2014). Financing for Development process, including the Third Financing for Development Conference in July 2015, through the Women's Working Group on Financing for Development.

The Executive Director participated in the UN Women Expert Group Report that delivered an official contribution to the Commission on the Status of Women on Women Economic Empowerment and Sustainable Development, in March 2016.

14th United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Nairobi, Kenya, 17-22 July 2016. Through the Women's Major Group, the objective of AWID's participation was to add to the voice of other Civil Society Organisations in influencing negotiations. Second session of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights. 24-28 October 2016 to bring a women's rights perspective to the UN Binding Treaty on Transnational Corporations and other business enterprises.

Commissions on the Status of Women (57th, 58th, 59th, 60th) participating in negotiations, influencing agreed conclusions and organising side events.

Human Rights Council sessions: 22nd; 27th; 28th; 29th; 32nd - contributing to oral and written statements, paying particular attention to women's rights issues in all relevant resolutions; and attending meetings with Special Procedures mandate holders to raise the visibility of women human rights defenders.

United Nations Commission on Population and Development sessions: 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th., contributing to oral and written statements.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AWID received a grant of USD 50,000 from UN Women's CSO Financing for Gender Equality to implement the project "Increasing Accountability in Financing for Gender Equality (March 2013-July 2014).

AWID received a grant of USD 70,000 from UN Women to support 43 participants from global marginalized sectors and Brazil to attend the AWID 2016 International Forum, Brazil, September 8-11, 2016.

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

AWID did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but supported the Post-2015 Development Process, through the Women's Major Group and the Post-2015 Women's Coalition, to ensure that women's rights and gender equality were strongly reflected in the new Sustainable Development Goals.

7. Association of Indigenous Peoples of the North, Siberia and Far East of the Russian Federation (RAIPON)

(Special; 2001)

Introduction

RAIPON is a non-governmental organization established in 1990. It covers 41 indigenous groups, totalling 250,000 people, uniting 34 ethnic and regional organizations that have the right to represent these groups, both in Russia and in the international community. Since 2001, RAIPON has had special consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Protection of human rights, defense of the legal interests of indigenous peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East, and the assistance in solution of environmental, social and economic problems, and the problems of cultural development and education. RAIPON operates in accordance with national and international legal standards.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

September 2014: Representatives of RAIPON participated in the first World Conference on Indigenous Issues to develop a final document aimed at supporting the implementation of the rights of indigenous peoples around the world.

February 2015: RAIPON participated in the preparation of a working meeting of the Government of the Russian Federation with members of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Members of the Permanent Forum discussed issues related to ensuring the rights of indigenous peoples in Russia. Salekhard, RF.

May 2016: During the 15th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the leadership held a working meeting with members of the National Organizing Committee for the preparation of the Second World Indigenous Games.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2013: 12th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, United States, May 20-31, 2013. 2014: 13th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, May 12-23, 2014; The First World Conference of Indigenous Peoples on the Outcome of the Second International Decade, New York 22-21 September, 2014; Participation in the round table in the UN House “Business and human rights: experience and complexities of applying the Guiding Principles of Entrepreneurship in the Human Rights”. The event was timed to the Human Rights Day and was held as part of the work of the United Nations Global Compact Network in Russia in the direction “human rights”. Moscow, Russia, December 15, 2014. 2015: 14th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 20 April to 1 May, 2015; Participation in the Workshop on Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities on Intellectual Property and Traditional Knowledge organized by the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property, Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore (IGC) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). 2016: 15th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, May 9-20, 2016

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period (2013-2016) RAIPON continued collaboration with the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Development Program, the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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

RAIPON contributed to the achievement of MDG 2 in Russia by implementing the state project “Children of the Arctic”, aimed at providing access to the education of indigenous peoples who lead a nomadic way of life. Also, in order to achieve MDG 7, RAIPON actively worked to change national legislation to ensure unhindered access of indigenous peoples to natural resources in specially protected natural areas.

8. Association of the Bar of the City of New York, The

(Special; 1997)

Introduction

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York (“Association”) is a nonprofit organization of 24,000 lawyers, judges and law students. While the majority of our members are in the New York area, we have members around the United States and in approximately 55 other nations. The Association pursues the goals in the next section at a local, state, national and international level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association’s mission is to equip and mobilize the legal profession to practice with excellence, promote reform of the law, and uphold the rule of law and access to justice in support of a fair society and the public interest in our community, our nation, and throughout the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association advocates for the rule of law and for human rights worldwide; seeks adoption of treaties and other international agreements; advocates for the United Nations and United Nations issues at the United States federal level and in New York City; and works with United Nations entities. The Association also hosts programs and events featuring United Nations officials. In 2016, the Association created a Task Force and online resource that supports good governance and transparency in the process to select the next United Nations Secretary-General.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- a) 48th session, UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law), Vienna, Austria.

- b) 64th session, UNCITRAL Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation), New York.
- c) 49th session, UNCITRAL Working Group V (Insolvency Law), New York.
- d) Questioned candidates for the rotating seats on the Security Council in public debate among such candidates.
- e) 8th session, Conference of the States Parties to the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols Thereto, Vienna.
- f) 7836th meeting of the UN Security Council, paying tribute to the outgoing Secretary-General, New York.
- g) Attended a session of the Special Committee on Decolonization regarding the territorial status of Puerto Rico in light of recent US Supreme Court cases.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- a) Host an annual reception for Advisers of UN Member States and the UN Legal Staff.
- b) Expanded ECOSOC accreditation and formal representation to the UN Office in Vienna.
- c) Delivered a “Statement before UN Economic & Social Council Special High-Level Event on Human Trafficking.”
- d) Hosted “An Evening with His Excellency United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.” Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon spoke to the role that lawyers must play in advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals, specifically Goal 16.
- e) Hosted “Selecting the Secretary-General: Process, Politics and Potential.”
- f) Attended the “Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols Thereto,” Vienna.
- g) Assisted with drafting “Assessing Solitary Confinement Regulations” for UN Special Rapporteur on Torture.
- h) Ongoing engagement with the UN and the US government regarding issues related to Western Sahara.
- i) Draft and circulate a weekly “UN Update” to members, featuring UN-related news and events, which has published approximately 60 issues.

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

- a) Prepared a letter to the UN Security Council calling for expansion of the current UN mandate in Western Sahara to include monitoring human rights violations, in addition to their current peacekeeping role.
- b) Hosted a keynote address with Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson on the topic of the rule of law.
- c) Hosted “The Rule of Law and the Post 2015 Development Agenda”, a dialogue with senior UN officials and select Member States on efforts to advance the Rule of Law Initiative and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
- d) Delivered a “Statement before UN Economic & Social Council Special High-Level Event on Human Trafficking.”
- e) Co-published an article “International Intergovernmental Organizations Promote the International Rule of Law.”
- f) Published a Huffington Post op-ed surveying the legacy of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon “Two Terms Yield a Forward Leaning Legacy at the United Nations.
- g) Hosted “National Mechanisms for Genocide and Mass Atrocity Prevention: Coordinated National Strategies for Confronting Contemporary Genocide.”
- h) Hosted “Attaining the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: Major Obstacles for Women and How Attorneys Can Help.”
- i) Hosted “A Reception and Conversation with Judge Rosemary Barkett and Lawrence Downes, Editorial Writer for the New York Times: Unaccompanied Immigrant Children and the Right to Counsel.”
- j) Hosted “A Conversation with Ndaba Mandela: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in Africa.”

9. Associazione Amici dei Bambini

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

Ai.Bi. Associazione Amici dei Bambini is a non-governmental organization formed by a movement of adoptive and foster families.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Mission is giving a family to every abandoned child and guarantee his right to be a son/daughter. The objectives of Amici dei Bambini's actions are: to prevent abandonment (participations diversified in favour of families in difficulty and children in danger of abandonment); to suspend abandonment (foster care; family-like homes); to overcome abandonment (back into the family of origin; domestic and inter-country adoption); to accompany abandonment (social integration of youths over 18).

Significant changes in the organization

By an amendment to the by-laws in June 2015 the Association has widened up the type of the project and its beneficiaries. In addition, it will finance or participate in the development of social cooperatives, being a member of them. In 2013 Association has been starting emergency interventions in Syria. It became a member of a new social cooperative called AiBC constituted in 2015. The social cooperative implements projects for the reception of minors and families in difficulty.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Association is member of the Italian CRC group. It participates in the redaction of several paragraphs of the annual report. The Association took part to the UN CRC Committee, on 4th June 2014, a contribution within 20th Universal Periodic Review (URP) on human rights, where the position of Italy was examined for the Review's 2nd cycle. Association took part

also to the main CRC Group, to some Auditions within Italian Parliament about some judicial reforms on child protection laws and measures. Participation to Alternative Reports on the Situation of Childhood in Morocco and Presentation to the CRC Committee in Geneva, Switzerland, in January 2014;

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Morocco • UNICEF selected the Association for Arab Regional Conference on the Role of Civil Society in Implementing Agenda 2030, Doha, Qatar, On April 20-21st, 2016 organized by the UNDP regional office;

- November 2016, the Association participated in the Pilotage Committee of the current Kafala study for Himaya project of UNICEF Morocco.

- January 2016: UNICEF Morocco is affiliated entity in project EIDHR/2015/370-296, implemented by The association, financed by European Union, to create a national platform for policies on children, in compliance with the Council of Europe. Syria

- Association implemented two projects in North Syria in collaboration with OCHA to contribute on food security and child protection of IDP and hosting communities.

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

Association Contributed to MDGs 2 and 4 in Colombia, Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, RDC, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Cambodia, Nepal, Kosovo and Ukraine providing nutritional care, education and protection to 42.520 children out of family.

It contributed to SDGs 2 and 4 in Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Cambodia, Nepal, Kosovo and Ukraine providing nutritional care, education and protection to 10.630 children out of family.

It is contributing since 2016 to MDGs 16 implementing project Just/2014/RDAP/AG/BULL/7625 for prevention and managing violence bullying attitudes in schools in 5 EU Countries (Italy, France, Greece, Romania, Bulgaria) financed by European Union.

10. Associazione Casa Famiglia Rosetta (Acfr)

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

Associazione “Casa Famiglia Rosetta” NGO (ACFR) was founded in Caltanissetta (Italy) by Fr. Vincenzo Sorce in the 1980s, and it works in Italy, Brazil and Tanzania.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACFR is a complex reality offering personal services to people in physical, mental and social distress. The areas of intervention span the socio-medical, psycho-social and socio-cultural sectors by adopting a global approach. ACFR’s facilities are articulated in Rehabilitation Centers, Residential Homes, Therapeutic Communities and Educational and Training Structures, which offer on-going formation, counseling, personal care, rehabilitation, treatment and social inclusion programs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since the beginning, ACFR has contributed to combat HIV/AIDS (MDG3) and its social stigmatization through its Residential Homes in Italy (20 People living with HIV/AIDS) and Tanzania (31 children living with HIV/AIDS). Information and education has also been offered to poor families of the surrounding villages and to the population at large, in order to prevent the HIV/AIDS spreading. In 2013 a Micro-credit Program was started (No Poverty, MGD1, 2030). A micro-credit program addressed to families in distress: - 50 Twenty young people were trained (Quality education, MDG4), - 60 potential beneficiary families were identified, - 50 families were given a micro-credit grant.

In July 2014, a 20 young volunteers, aging from 16 to 20, stayed for a period of two weeks at the ACFR Centre in Tanga, Tanzania, where they carried an educational and a socialization project with the children residing in our home in Tanga. From April to May 2016, ACFR organized a training course in Sicily, Italy, for 2 medical doctors from Tanga who attended

specific training sessions at our Health Centres in Caltanissetta specializing in HIV/AIDS and in Neuro-psycho-motor rehabilitation and St. Elia Hospital in Caltanissetta (Quality education, MDG4). In 2016 a New Therapeutic Community for men who are suffering from Drug addiction started in Ouro Preto do Oeste, Rondonia, Brazil. At the moment a twenty-person group of men are treated for drug abuse in this Centre.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2013: One Representative of ACFR attended the High Level Meeting on Development and Disability, on September 23rd 2013, at the UN Headquarters New York, United States, Statement on Disability: “The way forward: a disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond”.

2013: ACFR contributed with a Written Statement submitted to the 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development by NGO-ACFR, November 15, 2013 “A global approach to empowerment”.

2016: Two representatives from ACFR attended The General Assembly - Special Session on World Drug Problem the from 19 to 21 April 2016 at UN Headquarters in New York. Furthermore they attended the Civil Society Forum, 18 April 2016, 10:00-13:00, Conference Room 12, UN Headquarters, NY- A. Statement on World Drug Problems.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2015-2016: ACFR participated with UNODC and UNDP to a Project for a New project to be held in Tanzania. On November 23rd 2015 - UNODC, HIGH LEVEL Meeting in Dar es Saalam, e Tanga, Tanzania, for a Multipurpose Center Construction and Supporting Drug Treatment Services in Tanga Tanzania. On February 16th 2016 Tanga, UNODC, Work Meeting Dar es Saalam ACFR.

14-21 February 2016: Progetto “Multipurpose Health Centre” – Mwakidila – Tanga, Tanzania, from 7 to 11 December 2016, two Representative of ACFR attended the Second International Workshop on Drug Demand Reduction, ISSUP in Campinas, Brazil. ISSUP implements its activities in consultation, among others, with: UNODC, INL and WHO. International Consortium of Universities for Drug Demand Reduction (ICUDDR).

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

2013- 2016. Organization World AIDS Day on December 1st in Partinico and Caltanissetta.
2013- 2016 World Drug Day on June 26th in Caltanissetta. From June 24th to 27th, 2016 ACFR organized a Conference Meeting in Caltanissetta, and invited the Chief in Charge of UNODC Drug Prevention and Treatment Unit. During 2016 ACFR has also established ten help-desks different cities in Italy to contrast and prevent addiction, especially among the youth. Furthermore, on October 2016 ACFR together with Auxilium University of Rome, Italy, organized a double University Master Training course on Psycho-motor Rehabilitation and on Pathological Dependence. The Master courses consist in 1500-hour training sessions with both a theoretical and practical approach.

11. Asylum Access

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Asylum Access is headquartered in the United States, with 16 program offices, 92 staff and 40 volunteers based in Ecuador, Mexico, Thailand, Malaysia and Tanzania.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Asylum Access believes that all refugees deserve a fair chance at a new life. All over the world, we challenge barriers that prevent refugees from living safely, moving freely, working and attending school -- because when refugees can rebuild their lives, communities thrive.

Asylum Access's mission is to make refugees' human rights a reality in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Our model uses five interlocking tools to achieve our aims: legal aid, community legal empowerment, policy advocacy, strategic litigation and movement building.

Significant changes in the organization

Now in its twelfth year, Asylum Access operates in six countries: United States, Mexico, Ecuador, United Republic of Tanzania, Thailand and Malaysia. The organization consists of 92 staff members, approximately 100 annual volunteers, and a reported annual income of \$3,600,000.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Asylum Access provides direct legal aid to help refugees access protection mechanisms, find safe and legal work, and enroll their children in school. We do this so that refugees can be self-sufficient and rebuild their lives without relying indefinitely on humanitarian aid.

Through our community legal empowerment programs, we restore refugees' power by showing them and their host communities that refugees are people with agency and rights, not just people with needs.

We also build cooperative coalitions between civil society organizations, parliamentarians, international organizations, local governments, philanthropic foundations and the private sector in order to safely and sustainably address the refugee situation in host countries. For example, we recently launched a Hospitality Route that serves as a platform for refugees to find social, professional, economic and cultural opportunities in Mexico. This is especially important in preventing exploitation of refugee women and girls, because it increases safe, empowering options to rebuild their lives. In Tanzania, for the past few years we have been building a coalition of civil society organizations called TAREMINET (Tanzania Refugee and Migration Network) which will engage with the Tanzanian government to promote better realization of refugee rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2014: Participated at the 58th session on the Commission on the Status of Women and delivered written intervention. 2014: Participated at the 26th session of the Human Rights Council Session and delivered intervention on the Report of the Forum on Business and Human Rights. 2015: Submitted stakeholder submission for the United Republic of Tanzania's second Universal Periodic Review.

2015: Submitted stakeholder submission for Thailand's second Universal Periodic Review

2015: Participated at the World Humanitarian Summit

2016: Submitted stakeholder submission for the Human Rights Committee consideration of Thailand's second periodic report during its 109th session.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

2014: Participated at the UNHCR Annual Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations and organized a roundtable on strategic litigation and session on refugee self-reliance.

2014: Participated at the 7th Annual UNHCR High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges.

2015: Participated at the UNHCR Annual Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations and organized a roundtable on strategic litigation.

2016 Participated at the UNHCR Annual Consultations with Non-Governmental

Organizations and organized a roundtable on strategic litigation and refugee status determination. 2015: Participated at the 65th Annual UNHCR Executive Committee Plenary Session

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

The 2030 SDG Agenda starts from the principal to “leave no one behind”, including migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons. It embraces migration and migrants in three parts:

1. Explicitly in the Declaration accompanying the Sustainable Development Goals, is included the phrase; “We will cooperate internationally to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration involving full respect for human rights and the humane treatment of migrants regardless of migration status, of refugees and of displaced persons”
2. Under the 17 Goals and 169 targets, 7 targets refer explicitly to migrants and migration.
3. Throughout the rest of the goals and targets that are “migration or displacement-relevant”, such as access to education, health, decent work and more, because all Goals are explicitly “for all” and are also targeted towards vulnerable people — which the Declaration of the Agenda clearly says includes migrants, refugees and internally displaced persons.

12. Auspice Stella

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Auspice Stella is a French association ruled under the law of 1901. Founded in 1965 it is an NGO with Special Consultative Status at the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 2013.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organisation are to support the efforts of the Mapuche People in their aspiration for autonomy and self-determination and to maintain the memory of the Kingdom of Araucania and Patagonia and its founder Orélie-Antoine.

Significant changes in the organization

On 21 March 2015 the statutes of the organisation were modified and the home address changed to: Mairie de Tourtoirac, Le Bourg, 24390 Tourtoirac, France.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Alternative/Shadow/Parallel Report's Submitted by Auspice Stella to the United Nations - United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland 2013 – 2016;

1. 'Water as a Human Right' shadow report on the "Fourth periodic reports of States Chile - submitted by Auspice Stella in conjunction with multiple non-governmental organisations on 23 April 2015 to the United Nations Committee for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) -55 session – 1 June-19 June 2015.
2. Submitted by Auspice Stella to the United Nations Human Rights Council– 18^o session - 30 June 2013 – 'Mapuche report' Universal Periodic Review of Chile - Agenda item 6.
3. Submitted by Auspice Stella in conjunction with civil society and additional non-governmental organisation to the United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) – 2 August 2013 – 'A contribution to the Chilean Government periodic Report in relation to Article 9 of the Convention'.

4. 'Mapuche Alternative Report' submitted by Auspice Stella on 17 June 2013 to the United Nations Human Rights Committee (CDH) - for Consideration of the Report 6° Republic of Chile during the 108° session – 8 – 26 July 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Oral Statements Presented by Auspice Stella Before the United Nations Human Rights Council – United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland - 2013 – 2016:

1. 33° Session - 12–30 September 2016 - Agenda Item 3.
2. 32° Session – 14 June 2016 - Agenda Item 3.
3. 28° session - 20 Mar 2015 - Agenda Item 5 - Human rights bodies and mechanisms.
4. 27° Session – 16 September 2014 – Agenda Item 3.
5. 25° Session – 14 March 2014 – Agenda Item 3.
6. 24° Session – 19 September 2013 - Agenda Item 4 - Human Rights Situations Requiring the Councils Attention.

Written Statements Presented by Auspice Stella to the United Nations Human Rights Council – United Nations at Office Geneva - 2013 – 2016:

1. A/HRC/33/NGO/46- 'Institutionalised Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance Relating to the Rights of Indigenous Mapuche People'– Agenda item 9 - submitted to the Human Rights Council -33° session - 5 September 2016.
2. A/HRC/32/NGO/142 'Violation of National and International Legislation to Protect the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Chile' submitted to the Human Rights Council - 32° Session – 9 June 2016 – Agenda Item 3.
3. A/HRC/31/NGO/234 'Xenophobia, Racism and Related Forms of Intolerance Against the Mapuche People of Chile' submitted to the Human Rights Council – 31° session – Agenda Item 9 - 22 March 2016.
4. A/HRC/31/NGO/144 'The Mapuche Human Rights Situation' submitted to the Human Rights Council – 31° session – Agenda Item 3 - 22 February 2016.

(A further 2 side events; 5 oral statements and 2 written statements including information regarding our organisations other activities exist however word-count limitation prevents the

recording of this information)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

13. Australian Catholic Social Justice Council

(Special; 1997)

Introduction

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council ('ACSJC') is the national justice, peace and human rights agency of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACSJC undertakes research and advocacy, promoting human rights in Australia and globally via religious and secular networks.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACSJC prepares the Church's annual Social Justice Statement (distribution 40,000). 2013 Statement on world poverty promoted the Millennium Development Goals; 2014 Statement on sport promoted the work of the United Nations International Working Group on Sport for Development and Peace; 2015 Statement on refugees and asylum seekers defended the United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and core human rights instruments in domestic law; 2016 Statement on an ageing society promoted the 2002 Political Declaration and Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing.

A 2013 series paper, 'Time to Draw the Line: Finding a just settlement between Australia and Timor-Leste', considered boundary negotiations related to the International Law of the Sea. A 2016 paper, 'Human Trafficking and Slavery', drew on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

ACSJC quarterly journal 'Justice Trends' (distribution 9,000) regularly covered United Nations work on Australia's treatment of asylum seekers, Indigenous rights, poverty, climate change, and protection of civilians in armed conflict.

The monthly 'ACSJC Briefing' (distribution 1,900) promoted United Nations fora and reports, including: the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees ('UNHCR'), United Nations Committee Against Torture and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants on immigration detention facilities on Manus Island and Nauru; the UNHCR's 'Global Trends' reports; sessions of the United Commission for Social Development; the 70th anniversary of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

ACSJC's annual 'Social Justice Diary' promoted United Nations International Decades, Years and World Days.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In September 2015, ACSJC communicated the Catholic Bishops' position on Australia's treatment of asylum seekers to the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants, before an official visit to review offshore detention.

In September 2016, ACSJC joined a coalition including the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants to prepare for International Migrants Day, focusing on child detention.

ACSJC participated in annual Human Rights consultations with Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Attorney-General's Department.

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

ACSJC promoted the MDGs and SDGs extensively through its publications and networks.

14. Australian Lesbian Medical Association

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The Australian Lesbian Medical Association (ALMA) is an association for Australian lesbian doctors and medical students.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association's aims are general support for members and advocacy for them in their professional roles and workplaces, provision of role models and mentoring for lesbian medical students, advancing the visibility of lesbian medical professionals, and creating links with other like-minded health professionals and organizations, as well as advocacy in relation to lesbian health issues, supporting visibility, research and education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ALMA had correspondence with the Australian Government urging support for human rights initiatives of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

In 2014 ALMA supported the Emergency Summit Meeting on Climate at the United Nations in New York and participated in the related Action Meeting in Sydney, Australia. Also in 2014 ALMA made submission to the Australian Office for Women in relation to Australia's position at the Commission on the Status of Women 59th session. ALMA participated in Australia's Universal Periodic Review and was a co-signatory to the Joint Non-Governmental Organizations Report of the Civil Society Submission. In 2016 ALMA was a signatory to the Civil Society Joint Statement to the 3rd Committee of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, United States, as a response to the resolution tabled at the 3rd Committee regarding the creation of an Independent Expert in Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2015 two ALMA members, as ALMA delegates, attended the Commission on the Status of Women 59th Session. An ALMA member, in her role as ALMA delegate, spoke at the Marginalized Women Session at the Commission on the Status of Women 59th Session on 18 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ALMA liaises and co-operates with the Australian Federation of Medical Women, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Outright Action International.

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

ALMA supports the Millennium Development Goals by its work in promoting Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and also in its work in education. At each annual ALMA Conference there are sessions which address gender equality and empowerment of women. We also support the goal of Ensuring Environmental Sustainability by providing education at our conferences on the issue of Climate Change and providing speakers on Climate Change to Australian Federation of Medical Women meetings. ALMA participated in the Climate and Health on line Forum discussing National Strategy on Climate Change.

15. Centre for Climate Change & Environmental Study

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Centre For Climate Change and Environmental Study was founded in January 2006 as a Non-Governmental, Non-Profit and Non-Political Organisation that is geared towards addressing environmental challenges, climate change and global warming with present in Nigeria, Ghana, Niger, Chad, United States of America, South Africa, Republic of Togo and Cameroon. The goal of the organisation is to combat climate change, promote sustainable development and pave ways for Environmental Sustainability.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim and purpose of the organization is to combat climate change and global warming through awareness creation, education, public enlightenment, promotion of renewable energy, implementation of community-based climate change mitigation and adaptation programmes. To achieve its aims, the organization implemented the following project activities in the scope of programmes, Strengthening capacities of Governmental and civil sectors on climate change awareness and education on sustainable development, Introduction of Eco-Friendly Charcoal Briquettes in Rural and Urban areas as an alternative and renewable sources energy to prevent the traditional cutting down of trees for fuel-wood which is the major cause of deforestation, Afforestation and Reforestation of degraded lands in Safana community in Katsina State, Ankpa Local Government Area of Kogi State and Climate Change Vulnerable communities in Jigawa State in Nigeria by planting trees and promotion of Agro-Forestry and Conservation of Forest Resources, Eco-Systems and Bio-diversity, Nigeria.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Centre for Climate Change and Environmental study have made significant contribution to the work of the United Nations. Some of the contributions are; Sponsored and host side events

during the 21st sessions of conference of parties to the United Nations frameworks conventions on climate change in Paris, France, on " The Impact of Climate Change on Health and Wellbeing. 20th November, 2015.

Co-Host a side event during the 22nd Sessions of conference of Parties to the United Nations framework convention on Climate Change in Marrakesh, Morocco. 18 November, 2016 "Implementation of Clean Development Mechanism Project in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Co-Host and Sponsored World Environment Day Annually with tree planting activities and climate change awareness creation across several schools in rural communities in Nigeria.

Submitted written statement during the United Nations Conference to Combat Desertification in Windhoek, Namibia, 2015 as a contribution to the call for the role of civil society organisation on Afforestation.

Co-Sponsored the Billion Tree Planting Campaign " Plant For the Planet" by the United Nations Environmental Programme. Regional Office for Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Centre for Climate Change and Environmental Study attended series of meetings organized by the United Nations; Representative attended the informal interactive hearings with non-governmental organizations, civil society and the private sectors. Held on 14 and 15 June 2010 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States. Organized by department for economic and social affairs office for ECOSOC support and coordination.

Representative attended the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women which was held from 14 to 24 March 2016 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA and was organized by the United Nations entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Representative attended the Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, held from 14 to 18 March 2015 at the Sendai International Center in Sendai City, Japan. Organised by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has gained accreditation to the following UN entities UNFCCC, UNCCD,

UNEP and the GEF-CSO Network.

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

The organization has contributed to the Millennium Development Goal Number 7 which is to Ensure Environmental Sustainability with focus on target 7A and 7B in Nigeria, Cameroon, Chad and Republic of Niger. The organization also contributed to the Sustainable Development Goal Number 13 which calls for urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts through implementation of the following activities in climate change impacted communities, Introduction of Eco-Friendly Charcoal Briquettes in Rural and Urban areas as an alternative to cutting down of forest trees for Fuel-Wood causes deforestation, Afforestation of degraded lands in Safana community in Katsina State Nigeria, Strengthening capacities of Governmental and civil sectors on climate change awareness and education on sustainable development, Co-Host World Environmental Day annually on 5th June every year and Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR) Programmes.