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1. European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of People

Special, 2005

Introduction

European Solidarity towards the Equal Participation of People is a network of autonomous European non-governmental development organizations working towards peace, justice and equality in a world free of poverty. Its members, rooted in their own societies, work together to influence the role of Europe in the world, particularly in pursuing the eradication of injustice and poverty.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization advocates changes in European policies and practices based on perspectives drawn from the direct experiences of its active members and their partners in development in over 100 countries across the world. Its members believe that the eradication of injustice and poverty and a more equitable distribution of resources are essential to achieve peace and stability in the world. These objectives can be achieved through concerted action and political will by Governments, civil society and corporate sector actors in developed and developing countries. Europe has a key role and responsibility to foster an environment where people can live in peace and security, enjoy their basic rights and a sustainable livelihood with respectful use of the Earth's resources. European responsibility extends beyond its own citizens to the worldwide community as a whole, both for current generations and for generations to come. Its social dimension works for the peaceful coexistence of all peoples so that they can flourish and inequalities, injustice and poverty can be eradicated.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the conferences on Financing for Development; to the review of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 and preparations for the fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries; and the assessment and implementation of the Millennium Development Goals, with a specific focus on the role of donors, especially the European Union.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings, among others: various preparatory meetings for the fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, including the informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly for the review of the Millennium Development Goals with non-governmental organizations (NGOs), civil society and the private sector, 14 and 15 June 2010 in New York; the fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, 9-13 May 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey; the United Nations Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, 24-26 June 2009 in New York; the humanitarian affairs segment of

the Economic and Social Council, 22-24 July 2009, in Geneva; the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, 20-22 September 2010, United Nations Headquarters; the second and third informal intersessional meetings of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held at United Nations Headquarters on 15 and 16 December 2011 and 26 and 27 March 2012 respectively; the third round of informal negotiations on the zero draft of the outcome document of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 28 May-2 June 2012 in New York; the third meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 13-15 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, 20-22 June 2012 in Rio de Janeiro. The organization also worked with the Government of Belgium and the organization LDC Watch in organizing a high-level panel on the least developed countries on the theme of development challenges for the least developed countries on 7 December 2010 and participated in the European Development Days on 6 and 7 December 2010 in Brussels.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In addition to the above, the organization was a member of the Civil Society Steering Committee for the Fourth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries. The organization also works with the Campaign for the Millennium Development Goals.

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

The organization contributed to promoting the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries in the following ways:

- (a) Promoting global partnerships by emphasizing the role of donors in providing resources and improving the enabling environment for development, focusing specifically on the role of the European Union;
- (b) Focusing on promoting gender equality;
- (c) Strengthening partnerships with civil society networks and coalitions from all parts of the world, including Social Watch and LDC Watch;
- (d) Promoting contributions that target investments in health, education and other social provisions;
- (e) Addressing obstacles faced by the least developed countries.

2. Fairleigh Dickinson University

Special, 2009

Introduction

Fairleigh Dickinson University is the largest private university in New Jersey. It offers over 100 undergraduate and graduate degree programmes, including doctoral programmes, and an accredited business school. The university supports

over 12,000 full- and part-time students from more than 100 countries with its mission of global education designed to prepare global leaders and citizens for a better tomorrow.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The university aims to provide diverse academic and co-curricular programmes, public access to lectures and events, research, collaborative educational, capacity-building and technical assistance initiatives with multiple educational institutions, businesses and international and national entities, as well as communities and population sectors.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The university assisted the Secretariat with drafting concept documents to launch the Academic Impact Initiative. It chairs the working group to revise the manual for the negotiation of bilateral tax treaties between developed and developing countries. In 2009, student volunteers assisted the Office for Disarmament Affairs with data research on educational institutions and served as interns in 2010 and 2011 in the Division for Public Administration and Development Management of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs and in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations. The university chaired the second annual Youth Pre-Conference on 16 June 2010 at United Nations Headquarters and reported to the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa on the African Youth Consultation on Higher Education in July 2011. It provided capacity-building technical assistance for the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations, has served on its Board since 2011 and conducted a survey.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The university attended the following meetings, among others: the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York, annually from 2009 to 2012; the Annual Conferences of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations, Mexico City, September 2009, Melbourne, Australia, August 2010 and Bonn, Germany, September 2011; sessions of the Annual Youth Assembly at the United Nations each year from 2009 to 2012; International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, 17 October 2011; seventh session of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters, Geneva, 24-28 October 2011; and Ashley Judd in conversation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), 14 March 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The university hosted senior United Nations staff at its New Jersey campuses and for videoconferences, including staff from the Office for Disarmament Affairs in April and November 2009, the Chef de Cabinet of the Secretary-General in April 2010, the head of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Adolescent Development and Participation Unit in October 2010, the Under-Secretary-General

and Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Africa in November 2011, the head of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs in October 2011, the Outreach Director of the Department of Public Information in April 2012 and the Deputy Secretary-General in April 2012. Additionally, eight permanent representatives were invited to speak annually at university campuses. The university is a partner of the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Academic Impact and the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, among others. It is also accredited with the Department of Public Information.

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

Since the summer of 2010, the university has co-hosted, with the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, the emerging global leaders seminar for 100-150 young people from China, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean on global leadership training, including on the Millennium Development Goals. Over the last three years at the seminar, the Millennium Development Goals have been introduced to the youth of the New Community Corporation in Newark, New Jersey, in order to identify how the Goals overlap with urban America, so that they can identify and share solutions for their own communities.

Additional information

The university offers a master's degree in administrative science designed for diplomats to strengthen their capacity to serve as representatives of Member States at the United Nations.

3. Family Care International

Special, 1997

Introduction

Founded in 1987, Family Care International was the first NGO dedicated to making pregnancy and childbirth safer around the world. It is based in New York and currently works in 19 countries in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, with activities including training health-care providers in village clinics and hospitals, educating young people about contraception and HIV, helping grass-roots organizations demand better maternity care and advocating globally for stronger commitments, improved policies and increased resources for maternal and reproductive health.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works at the global, regional, and national levels to create the political will for making maternal health a global and national priority and to build the capacity of Governments and civil society organizations to develop and expand programmes to improve maternal health through the following activities:

(a) Intensifying global advocacy and making a strong, clear case for investing in maternal and reproductive health;

(b) Building local capacity to develop and deliver high-quality, sustainable maternal and reproductive health programmes and services;

(c) Producing new publications and other materials that fill gaps and meet needs, especially around issues of maternal health, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and HIV/AIDS.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is a member of the H4+ stakeholder group of United Nations agencies and partners working on maternal and child health to advance the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health. It served as the NGO liaison for the development of the Global Strategy and was instrumental in collecting civil society commitments to it. From 2009 to 2011 the organization worked closely with H4+ partners in its role as Co-Chair of the Board of the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health at the World Health Organization (WHO).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings, among others: the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in 2011 and 2012 respectively; the forty-third, forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions of the Commission on Population and Development, to the last of which it submitted a written statement on the theme of the empowerment of rural women and co-hosted two side events on nutrition and the Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health; the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly, during which the organization co-hosted a side event on the role of private providers in expanding access to affordable, quality maternal health care; the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to review the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS from 8 to 10 June 2011, at which the organization co-sponsored a policy forum side event entitled "Prevention and protection save lives: girls, women, and HIV"; the United Nations High-level Meeting on Youth, in New York on 25 and 26 July 2011; the tenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York, 16-27 May 2011, at which the organization organized a side event on indigenous women, health and rights with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and other partners; the High-level Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, 20-22 September 2010; and the 15th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development in September 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works closely with UNFPA and WHO as the secretariat of the regional task force on maternal mortality reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean, helping to create synergies among United Nations agencies and civil society to meet the targets of Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5.

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

The organization has actively engaged in regional and national processes to establish accountability mechanisms for the Commission on Information and Accountability for Women's and Children's Health, in order to advance progress on Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5. It is also the lead advocate for "Countdown to 2015", tracking the Commission indicators for achieving Goals 4 and 5. It participated in an event in September 2010 of the High-level Taskforce on Innovative International Financing for Health Systems to mobilize additional resources for Goals 4 and 5.

4. Family Welfare in Brazil Civil Society**Special, 2001****Introduction**

The Family Welfare in Brazil Civil Society, based in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, develops activities in Brazil, Africa and Latin America. Its mission is to advocate for social development and improvements in health, extending the access to services and products. Established in 1965, the organization develops partnerships with public and private sectors in the implementation of its projects. It is present in more than 500 cities in Brazil, Africa and other countries in Latin America. In Brazil, it has eight units of social action and six health clinics, nine regional representations which carry out programmes of technical cooperation, seven youth centres, eight distribution centres, a cytopathology lab and a centre for packing condoms. The organization has more than 200 professional staff.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to defend and promote individual and collective social, socio-environmental, sexual and reproductive rights, contributing to social development, improvement in the health of people and access to services and products.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to several online discussions regarding implementation of the Millennium Development Goals and other topics on which the Economic and Social Council consulted civil society through the website of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009 and 2011, the organization participated as an advisory member on the Economic and Social Council. It collaborated in strengthening the actions of the International Council on Management of Population Programmes, especially in the

South Region of Brazil, on population and development and focused on advocacy, innovation and institutional strengthening of civil society organizations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the following United Nations organizations: it developed the project “Cores de Atalaia” in partnership with the Brazilian Ministry of Health and UNODC in 2010; it developed a project on the prevention of neonatal and child mortality, the prevention of vertical transmission of HIV and congenital syphilis and the strengthening of SISVAN (the Brazilian food and nutrition surveillance system), in partnership with UNICEF in 2011; it also developed a project on expectant mother and baby rights and strengthening SISVAN in partnership with UNICEF in 2010; and developed a project on training in sexual and reproductive health for health professionals and youth centres in Cabo Verde in partnership with UNFPA in 2012.

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

The organization contributes to the following Millennium Development Goals: to Goal 3 on gender equality and women’s empowerment through a programme for the training of young multipliers; to Goal 4 on reducing child mortality through a project with families in the semi-arid region of Brazil; to Goal 5 on improving maternal health with a health mobile unit, conducting campaigns and training that contribute to improving maternal health; and to Goal 6 on combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases through workshops on HIV, co-infection of HIV-tuberculosis and endemic disease prevention.

5. Fazaldad Human Rights Institute

Special, 2005

Introduction

The overall aim of the Fazaldad Human Rights Institute is to change the mindset of people to counter extremism and terrorism and to foster a culture of human rights to prevent violence against vulnerable groups.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The institute works to eliminate human rights abuses by spreading awareness of human rights through educational institutions throughout Pakistan; empower Pakistani women, irrespective of caste, creed, religion or socioeconomic status; enable women to participate in the decision-making process and promote gender equality in the education system; change the mindset of the populace to prevent violence against vulnerable groups; and cater to the basic health needs of the poor.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In collaboration with the British High Commission, the institute implemented a project entitled “Changing the mindset countering extremism”, which was focused on training teachers, covering topics such as peace, tolerance, women’s empowerment, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, gender equality, protection for children against sexual abuse, minority rights and teaching methodologies, among others. It also implemented a project entitled “Enlightenment of youth for a safer world” to celebrate Youth Human Rights Days in 120 schools in the rural areas of the country, including five programmes for Afghan refugee schools. It established free medical clinics in Sindh and Southern Punjab for flood-affected victims and internally displaced persons.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The institute participated in the following meetings: training on “Heritage in young hands”, organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in May 2010 in Islamabad; a consultation on police reform, conducted by UNFPA and Rozan in October 2011 in Sukkur, Sindh; a seminar on reaffirming the commitment to girls’ right to education in Pakistan organized by UNESCO in collaboration with UNICEF and the International Labour Organization (ILO) in October 2012 in Islamabad; training on child protection information organized by UNICEF in November 2012 in Lahore, Pakistan; and training on child rights in emergencies and gender-based violence, organized by UNICEF in November and December 2012, in Lahore.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In collaboration with UNESCO, the institute organized a workshop on the teacher as a role model: issues, rights and obligations, on 5 October 2010. The objective of the workshop was to celebrate the day, discuss some crucial issues and problems faced by teachers during service and come up with practical solutions. Over 100 teachers were sensitized in this programme.

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

Every year the institute observes Women’s Day on 8 March, Teachers’ Day on 5 October and Human Rights Day on 10 December. Between 2009 and 2012, it conducted teacher training programmes and more than 20,000 teachers have been trained. These training programmes helped to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment in support of Millennium Development Goal 3. The institute established free medical camps in 2010 and 2011 in Sindh and Jammu and Kashmir. This initiative is supporting Millennium Development Goals 4, 5 and 6. Approximately 15,000 patients have been treated.

6. Federation of American Scientists

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Federation of American Scientists is a non-profit organization focusing on nuclear policy research and analysis.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to provide analysis of catastrophic threats to national and international security and solutions to protect against them. Specifically, its experts work to reduce the spread and number of nuclear weapons, prevent nuclear and radiological terrorism, promote high standards for the safety and security of nuclear energy and track and eliminate the global illicit trade in conventional, nuclear, biological and chemical weapons.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization worked in the following areas, among others, in support of United Nations goals: it co-authored a report published by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in February 2013 entitled “Reducing alert rates of nuclear weapons” on how the United States of America and the Russian Federation can reduce alerting levels of nuclear weapons; it served as a panellist at a conference hosted by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute on trends in international arms transfers on 22 March 2012 in Washington, D.C.; and served as a panellist on the panel on de-alerting nuclear weapons at the United Nations on 13 October 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization did not participate in United Nations field and/or Headquarters activities because it focused on independent, ongoing projects begun and implemented by it. Additionally, the organization was likewise focused on expanding its practical knowledge of certain United Nations goals, in order that it might be most useful in achieving its stated aims.

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

The organization contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in the United States, in support of Goal 7, to ensure environmental stability. The International Science Partnership brings together American scientists and engineers with counterparts in countries of security concern to the United States to build robust personal and institutional relationships and solve critical water and energy

issues. In June 2012, the organization brought together a team of young scientists and engineers from the United States and Yemen for a week-long workshop dedicated to designing projects that will help address water- and energy-related challenges in Yemen. In January 2012, the organization established a new programme area, the Earth Systems Programme, which seeks solutions to environmental and resource security challenges by developing and promoting sustainable, scientifically sound and inclusive policies, practices and technological developments. In 2011, it published a white paper and toolkit for Habitat for Humanity to make working on existing homes easier for Habitat affiliates. In 2012, the organization published a white paper which identifies best practices in United States transitional shelter frameworks in the case of natural disasters.

7. Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas

Special, 1997

Introduction

Founded in 1931, the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas is an international network of independent clubs and associations with more than 75 member clubs in 40 countries, and a membership of over 15,000.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization promotes the rights of American citizens overseas and contributes to the global community through its volunteer activities at the United Nations, its global task forces, its target programmes and the Federation of American Women's Clubs Overseas Foundation, which provides development grants and education awards. The primary interest of the organization is its focus on women and it concentrates its activities on four main areas of concern: human rights, education, health and the environment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization regularly participated in meetings of the Working Group on Girls and the Girl's Tribunal on Violence taskforce in New York. Through the Commission on the Status of Women, the organization has signed various statements with other organizations on women's issues. Since 2008, it has sponsored a website devoted to Eleanor Roosevelt and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. On 26 September 2011, during the eighteenth session of the Human Rights Council, the organization sponsored its first high-level panel on the topic of "Women and the right to water". In addition, the organization publicizes the work of the United Nations through its website, NGO bulletins, monthly electronic newsletters and printed publications. It has regularly joined with other American organizations in petitioning the United States Congress to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. It also joined other organizations to urge Congress to support the United Nations and pay its full dues on time.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the Annual Conferences of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations in Melbourne, Australia, from 30 August to 2 September 2010 and in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 5 September 2011. Representatives of the organization regularly attend briefings and communications programmes of the Department of Public Information in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization is a member of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) through the United States National Committee for UN-Women.

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

In 2009, the organization began a four-year target programme designed to support the Millennium Development Goals. The project selected was “Wells for clean water in Cambodia”, aimed at Goal 7 to ensure environmental sustainability. The organization partnered with the Tabitha Foundation Cambodia to dig wells and provide pumps. Each year the organization has supported projects related to the Millennium Development Goals through development grants from the Federation of American Women’s Clubs Overseas Foundation of \$4,500 each to benefit programmes in Kenya, Ethiopia, the Russian Federation, South Africa, the Middle East, Uganda and Senegal.

8. Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Federation of Trade Unions of Ukraine is the largest voluntary association of all-Ukrainian trade unions, which consists of trade unions with all-Ukrainian status and trade union associations of the Republic of Crimea, of the regions and of the cities of Kiev and Sevastopol, with more than 8 million members. The structure of the organization consists of 43 all-Ukrainian trade unions and 27 territorial trade union associations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization represents and protects labour, social and economic rights and the interests of trade union members, workers and their families. It plays a leading role in the National Tripartite Social and Economic Council. In the framework of social partnership, it is an integral part of the general agreements concluded between the all-Ukrainian associations of trade unions, all-Ukrainian associations of employers and the Government of Ukraine.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

On 23 July 2009 in Kiev, the organization attended a round table on the theme of “The Millennium Development Goals: halfway to 2015, progress and new challenges”, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). In 2011, it collaborated with ILO on a technical cooperation project on improvement in collective bargaining and labour law observance in Ukraine. In April 2011 in Kiev, it held a joint tripartite conference with ILO on the theme of “A decent work profile in Ukraine”. In October 2011, it held a joint tripartite conference with ILO on the theme of “Decent work: a global goal and its promotion in Ukraine” within the framework of the World Day for Decent Work.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the annual International Labour Conferences organized by ILO in Geneva, 3-19 June 2009, 2-18 June 2010, 1-17 June 2011 and 30 May-14 June 2012. It also attended the fiftieth session of the Commission for Social Development in New York, 1-4 February 2012; the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, 27 February-2 March 2012; and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization actively cooperates with ILO and the United Nations Office in Ukraine. Since 2006, it has been a member of the United Nations Global Compact. The organization uses the ILO platform and its supervisory mechanism to protect the social and economic interests of workers and trade union rights and freedoms in Ukraine. It is involved in major ILO projects on the social dimension of globalization, labour migration, the fight against HIV/AIDS at the workplace and gender equality.

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

Representatives of the organization participated in the preparation of the national report entitled “Millennium Development Goals: Ukraine 2010”, which was presented on 3 September 2010 in Kiev. Its representatives also attended quarterly workshops on macroeconomic forecasting organized with the assistance of UNDP as part of the “Millennium Development Goals: Ukraine” project.

Additional information

The organization is engaged in the development of expertise of national laws related to the social and labour spheres and trade union and labour rights. Its activities are also aimed at youth policy, which is broadly discussed at various international youth forums.

9. Felix Varela Center

Special, 1997

Introduction

The Felix Varela Center is a Cuban civil, voluntary, non-profit NGO, legally registered at the Ministry of Justice in September 1993.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization teaches and promotes environmental responsibility for a sustainable development model with a gender perspective. It is part of a humanistic project whose essential elements are ethics and participation within an action framework for the constant improvement of the nation. The main work areas include ethics and development, the culture of peace and environmental management for sustainability. Organizational subprogrammes include capacity development, communications, networking and institutional management.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization was a member of the organizing committee and headed one of the round tables for the VII International Conference on Environment and Development, held in Havana from 6 to 10 July 2009. At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012, it participated in the establishment of Grupo Rio+20, a group of NGOs from Latin America and the Caribbean. The organization sent its contribution to the universal periodic review of Cuba in October 2012. It attended the ninth Cuban Civil Society Forum against the Blockade and Annexation in Havana in October 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information for Non-Governmental Organizations in Mexico City in 2009. It also attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization carried out two workshops as part of the programme on local support for agricultural modernization in Cuba that UNDP developed in 2012. As of 2012, it has been undertaking activities for the project supported by UNICEF "Water, the friend of children".

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

In support of Millennium Development Goal 3, the organization has incorporated gender perspectives into all its projects. During the reporting period, it finished a project on capacity-building on gender issues.

10. Feminist League

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Feminist League fights against discrimination in all spheres of human activity and works to expand legal rights for women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The overall objective of the organization is to improve the social status of women by promoting the self-realization of women; fighting against sexism and cultural bias in the media and advertising; creating space for a feminist-friendly culture; improving the legal rights of women; and continuing the struggle for equal civil and legal rights and opportunities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributed to the “Reality of Aid” report in 2011 for the Fourth High-Level Forum for Aid Effectiveness held in Busan, Korea, 29 November-1 December 2011; it also contributed to the alternative report on the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women in Almaty in 2011; it participated in the twelfth International Forum on Women’s Rights and Development, sponsored by the Association for Women’s Rights in Development in Istanbul, Turkey, 19-22 April 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following events: the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, 1-12 March 2010, during which it participated in the 15-year review of the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcomes of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly; the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, 22 February-4 March 2011, at which it gave a presentation on violence against women; and the fifty-sixth session of the Commission in New York, 27 February-9 March 2012. It also participated in the Fifth Asia-Pacific Urban Forum sponsored by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, 22-24 June 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization provided technical support to UN-Women in Kazakhstan to organize a round table and conference on women in political parties in Astana, 24-25 November 2012.

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

Under Millennium Development Goal 3, experts from the organization were the basic developers of the bill on gender equality in Kazakhstan. Although the law was adopted in 2009, it still does not guarantee equal rights and opportunities for men and women and does not meet the recommendations under the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women. The organization intends to continue its work in order to bring about the necessary changes to the law.

11. Feminist Majority Foundation

Special, 2001

Introduction

The Feminist Majority Foundation was founded in 1987 to create new strategies and programmes for women's equality and empowerment, promote non-violence, work for the elimination of social and economic injustice and promote learning and research for the furtherance of feminist ideas and studies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The research and programmes of the organization focus on advancing the legal, social and political equality of women with men, countering the backlash to women's advancement and recruiting and training young feminists to encourage future leadership for the feminist movement in the United States. Since its inception, the programmes of the organization have incorporated a global perspective and participation in specific initiatives on behalf of global women's human rights, economic security and justice, health and education.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works with a broad coalition of NGOs to inform and educate them on the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women and works to secure its ratification by the United States. It is on the steering committee of the task force of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights for the Convention, which is leading an effort to engage in outreach and education about ratification of the Convention by the United States. The organization also works as part of an international family planning coalition in the United States to promote reproductive health and sexual rights and maintain the funding levels stipulated at the International Conference on Population and Development in 1994.

The organization is also actively working for ratification by the United States of the International Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It participates in a broad coalition of United States NGOs in advocating ratification of the Convention by the United States Senate.

In coalition with other NGOs, the organization worked in support of the Beijing Platform for Action and participated in the 15-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization supports UNFPA and advocates for United States funding of UNFPA. It also supports the programmes of UN-Women. Together with the NGO coalition, the Working Group on Girls, the organization contributed to the effort to host a “Teen orientation” for students attending the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women at United Nations Headquarters in New York. Specifically, it worked with UN-Women on the orientation, at which the Executive Director of UN-Women spoke and held an extensive question and answer session.

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

The organization has a special focus on Millennium Development Goals 3 and 5, as gender equality and maternal health are a key focus of its global programmes. It is the owner and publisher of “Ms.” magazine, the oldest feminist publication in the United States. In 2010, the magazine did a three-part series of educational reports to raise public awareness and stimulate debate on maternal health and mortality and related United States foreign aid and policies. It sent a reporter to the United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda to examine issues of reproductive health education, modern contraception, safe abortion, HIV/AIDS and prevention of sexually transmitted infections, maternal health care, fistula care and skilled obstetrics. The series also included an overview of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Millennium Development Goals. The organization also works for the reduction of maternal mortality in Afghanistan.

At the non-governmental teen orientation for the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, representatives of the organization led a session for adult attendees on the importance of the United States ratifying the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women and of support in the United States for family planning and safe abortion.

12. Femmes autochtones du Québec

Special, 2009

Introduction

The mission of Femmes autochtones du Québec is to support the efforts of indigenous women to improve their living conditions by focusing on health, non-violence, suitable accommodation, justice and public security and promoting equal rights within their community.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization focuses on the following areas: at the political level, it works for legislative and constitutional changes to incorporate equal rights for all aboriginal women of Canada and autonomy for this group, while advocating full participation of women in the process; on the socioeconomic front, it promotes and creates new training initiatives to assist aboriginal women to improve their living conditions and those of their families; it aims to bring about acknowledgement of the needs and priorities of aboriginal women among managers and decision-makers; and it seeks to be involved in economic and social development issues within the United Nations system in order to discuss these issues in international forums and develop partnerships with the various United Nations agencies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the publication of a booklet on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It has also participated in national activities, including the governmental consultations during the universal periodic review of Canada in 2009 and preparatory meetings related to the negotiations on the Convention on Biological Diversity in 2009 and 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended various sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York: the eighth session from 18 to 29 May 2009, at which it presented an oral statement and a report on the issues of concern for indigenous women in Canada and organized a side event on a gender-based analysis of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; the ninth session from 19 to 30 April 2010, at which it presented an oral statement and report on the theme of “Development with culture and identity: issues of concern for indigenous women in Canada” and organized a side event entitled “Development with culture and identity: perspectives from indigenous women”; the tenth session from 16 to 27 May 2011 and on the eleventh session from 7 to 18 May 2012.

The organization attended the fifth session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva, from 9 to 13 July 2012 and a seminar on the theme of “Strengthening partnership between States and indigenous peoples: treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements” organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva on 16 and 17 July 2012.

The organization attended the following meetings related to the Convention on Biological Diversity: the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Access and Benefit Sharing in Cali, Colombia, 22-28 March 2010; the International Conference on Biological and Cultural Diversity in Montreal, 8-10 June 2010; and the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity in Nagoya, Japan, 18-29 October 2010, among others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

At the invitation of the International Bureau for Children's Rights, the organization met the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography in Montreal on 18 February 2010 to convey its concerns regarding indigenous children; it also met the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples to discuss the situation of indigenous women in New York on 23 April 2010.

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

The organization attended the international symposium on the theme of access to fundamental rights for all under the Millennium Development Goals in Laval, Canada, 26-29 May 2010. In support of Millennium Development Goal 3, the organization has political representation on the working group on the Quebec Government action plan for gender equality to ensure a culturally and gender-adapted analysis. In support of Goal 5, the organization is collaborating with the Professional Order of Midwives of Quebec to provide expertise and share the traditional knowledge of indigenous women concerning midwifery. In support of Goal 6, the organization appointed an HIV/AIDS project coordinator to develop an educational programme on raising awareness and prevention adapted to indigenous culture (2007-2012). For Goal 7, the organization helped to organize the Plan Nord Forum on sustainable resource development in Quebec City on 2 and 3 May 2012. In support of Goal 8, the organization is a member of the Continental Network of Indigenous Women of the Americas, which brings together 52 indigenous women's organizations from 19 countries to provide capacity-building projects for indigenous women and facilitate knowledge transfer.

13. Fondazione Opera Campana dei Caduti**Special, 2009****Introduction**

On 18 January 1968, by an ordinance of the President of Italy, the Fondazione Opera Campana dei Caduti was created. The organization aims to educate new generations in a peaceful, non-violent culture of human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is the upkeep and maintenance of the monumental bell, "Maria Dolens", which was created by melting the bronze cannons offered by the countries involved in the First World War to honour the fallen of every war and to maintain the memory of the horrible events in which many people were killed. By doing so, it aims to promote events in Italy and abroad that focus on education, training and research on cooperation, diplomacy, peace and non-violent resolution of conflicts and the respect of human rights. It promotes contacts with diplomatic representatives of Europe and the rest of the world for the support of countries for the "Peace Pact" according to the inspirational principles of the organization.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, 1-12 March 2010 and 27 February-9 March 2012, at the latter of which it organized a parallel event entitled: "Peace Bell Foundation for African women".

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Initiatives in support of the Millennium Development Goals include projects in Senegal to help the population, and in particular young mothers, to build a centre for young mothers and a centre for abandoned children, as well as the creation of a vegetable garden of about three hectares in the area of Ziguinchor, Senegal.

Additional information

Every year the organization celebrates the International Day of Peace on 21 September, with events involving hundreds of people across Italy.

14. Fondazione San Patrignano**Special, 1997****Introduction**

The San Patrignano Foundation welcomes and rehabilitates social outcasts and drug addicts without any social, political or religious discrimination.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The foundation offers its services free of charge to the people who need it and to their families. It aims to end any type of addiction or marginalization by showing individuals the path to a life of dignity, honesty, responsibility and respect for oneself and others. It uses professional training as a means to total social rehabilitation of the people it helps and supports families and prevention through public initiatives in favour of a drug-free world. It also works to develop economic resources through the community's own production activities, as well as the private and public contributions necessary for the development of the mission.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

To help with recovery from drug addiction and social integration, the foundation provides technical assistance to countries that are interested in using the San Patrignano recovery model. It supports the right of children to be protected from the harmful effects of drugs and to live in a drug-free environment and promotes healthy lifestyles among the youth through the “WeFree” drug prevention project.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The foundation attended the fifty-second session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna, 11-20 March 2009, and delivered a speech at the round-table discussion on countering illicit drug traffic and supply and alternative development during the high-level segment of the meeting. The foundation also attended the fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions of the Commission in Vienna from 8 to 12 March 2010 and from 21 to 25 March 2011 respectively and hosted a joint side event. The foundation also attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission in Vienna, 12-16 March 2012, and spoke at a side event on specific interventions targeted to better meet the specific needs of drug-addicted women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The foundation organized annual events sponsored by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) which were attended by UNODC representatives during the reporting period. It also participated in missions related to UNODC projects for cooperation and technical assistance including the Doi Tung development project in Thailand in January 2009; UNODC alternative development projects in Colombia and Peru in March and April 2009; and UNODC alternative development projects in Afghanistan in September 2011.

In collaboration with UNODC field offices, it implemented the “Shared responsibility” project and alternative development in Colombia in 2009-2011, and a joint project on the Somsanga Center in Laos in 2010 and 2011. The foundation has been collaborating with the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute as experts for the project on the Drugs, Alcohol and Women Network (DAWN) since 2010.

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

In support of Millennium Development Goal 1, the foundation helps vulnerable and socially marginalized youth with drug addiction problems and supports their employment and social reintegration. In support of Goal 3, it provides drug rehabilitation programmes for pregnant women, female minors and mothers to ensure self-sustainability and the empowerment of women. For Goal 6, the San Patrignano hospital offers beds and treatment to HIV/AIDS patients.

15. Foundation for Preventing Youth Violence

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Foundation for Preventing Youth Violence aims to protect teenagers from being victimized by violence and create a safer school environment and a safer society through offering training programmes on preventing youth violence, counselling services and emergency rescue services, as well as monitoring government policies, making recommendations for improvement and leading the human rights movement for teenagers and the non-violent peace movement for youth.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization conducts yearly investigations into youth violence threatening the school system and seeks ways to eliminate delinquent, criminal behaviour. It develops and delivers to all schools nationwide effective violence prevention plans and operates counselling centres that offer therapeutic counselling to victims of violence in schools and their families. Trained staff members offer emergency rescue services through immediate crisis intervention and provide a wide range of individual and group counselling programmes to reach out to both juvenile offenders and victims.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The foundation signed a memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Korea and manages a centre for the reconciliation and dispute mediation of violence in schools. Through its eEducation centre “Edujikim” it is helping to prevent violence in schools. It has also developed booklets on prevention of violence in schools to improve public awareness. The foundation also conducts research and gathers data and statistics for the national survey on violence in schools, in order to report on the gravity of the situation and raise national awareness. The organization has conducted 25 professional seminars on violence in schools and undertakes international exchanges with Japan, the United States and Germany.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The foundation strives to support educational projects in developing countries, with the goal of protecting the human rights of alienated youth. In this regard, it carried out an education and emergency relief project in Laos in 2012. The project includes after-school support, establishment of a library, literacy activities and environmental improvement such as toilets and wells. The project also includes a sponsorship programme to promote a home-based care business, and a scholarship programme.
