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1. Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament

Special, 2002

Introduction

Founded in 1985, the Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament is the largest nationwide non-governmental peace association with a total of 25 influential member organizations in China. The objectives of the Association are to promote mutual understanding, friendship and cooperation between the peoples of China and the rest of the world in joint efforts to maintain world peace, oppose arms race and war, achieve arms control and disarmament, strive for complete prohibition and thorough destruction of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, protect environment, eliminate poverty and promote social harmony and sustainable development. The Association conducts cooperation and exchanges in various forms with more than 300 non-governmental organization (NGOs) and research institutions in about 90 countries, and takes an active part in multilateral activities of the international NGO community. With a large network of affiliated scholars and experts, especially with the affiliation of the Chinese Scientists Group on Arms Control, it focuses its research programmes mainly on issues of arms control and disarmament, non-proliferation, peace and security and sustainable development, among others, and holds bilateral or multilateral seminars regularly. It publishes the quarterly journal *PEACE* in English.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association has been working to achieve the aims through the following actions: (a) conducting people-to-people exchanges or field studies to promote mutual understanding, friendship and cooperation between Chinese people and the rest of the world; (b) organizing and participating in international symposiums with international think tanks and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); and (c) working with peace and development organizations in other countries to raise donations for planting trees to combat environmental deterioration, and for building peace schools in poor areas in China for the purpose of promoting sustainable development and implementing the Millennium Development Goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association co-sponsored the twenty-third and the twenty-fourth United Nations International Week of Science and Peace in Beijing, China, in November 2011 and 2012. It organized, with the United Nations system in China the Annual Commemoration of the International Day of Peace, advocated by the United Nations respectively in Beijing, Liaoning, Guangdong and Yunnan Province of China, 2010-2013. It also submitted written statements to the Human Rights Council on the universal periodic review of China and Viet Nam in February and June 2013, respectively.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 30 April to 4 May 2010, New York: Attended the Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, and distributed written statements on the theme “Non-first use of nuclear weapons: the key step in achieving a world free of nuclear weapons”.
- 3 to 5 September 2011, Bonn, Germany: Attended the sixty-third Annual Conference of the Department of Public Information/NGO.
- 27 February to 23 March 2012, Geneva: Attended the nineteenth regular session of the Human Rights Council.
- 27 February to 22 March 2013: Attended the twenty-second regular session of the Human Rights Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In joint sponsorship with the United Nations system in China, the Association commemorated the International Day of Peace on 21 September every year, from 2010 to 2013. The organization collaborated with the representative office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in China to co-sponsor the tenth and the eleventh “Ode to Peace” International Youth Culture and Art Festival in Penglai, China, from 23 to 25 August 2011 and 22 to 24 August 2013.

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

The Association contributed to the Millennium Development Goals by co-organizing the Peace and Development Forums in advocating for global partnership for development, including as follows:

- July 2012, New Delhi and March 2013, Russian Federation: The second and third BRICS (Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa) NGO Peace and Development Forum focused on partnership for development cooperation among BRICS countries.
- 2010-2013: The Peace and Development Forum, in parallel with the Commemoration of the International Day of Peace in China, focused on partnership for development cooperation between China and its neighbouring countries.
- October 2013, Nepal: Contributed to the Millennium Development Goals by providing \$12,500 of schoolbags and stationeries to 350 local children.

2. Chinese Young Volunteers Association

Special, 2010

Introduction

Chinese Young Volunteers Association supports the development of a sense of citizenship, a spirit of devotion and the abilities of teamwork and social practice among young people, to promote their ethical, scientific and cultural qualities and

promote the healthy growth of young people. The organization advances the establishment and improvement of China's market economic structure, and makes contributions to the coordinated development and progress of the economy and society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to build up and improve a national system to mobilize and organize voluntary service, which can guide the public to understand, respect and participate in voluntary service and promote the establishment of new good social relations. It carries forward the voluntary spirit of commitment, friendship, mutual help and progress through public promotion, to create a favourable social environment for the advancement of market economy. The organization attaches great importance to theoretical research and tries to win government support to set up an improved system of recruitment, training, management, assessment and appraisal to stimulate the establishment and improvement of the public voluntary services system. The NGO plans and carries out voluntary service projects focusing on social undertakings such as development-oriented poverty reduction programmes, community building, environmental protection, large-scale competitions and conferences, emergency rescue and disaster relief and overseas voluntary service, among others, to build a platform for youth. The Association promotes the establishment and improvement of a multi-level social security system through organizing and instructing volunteers all over the country in their service to senior citizens, handicapped people, street-children and social groups in need of a helping hand.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

By launching the voluntary service programme for the younger generation of migrant workers in 2010, the organization provided services such as tutorials, city travel and self-protection education, thus contributing to the rapid urbanization of China. About 5.5 million volunteers have been mobilized from 2,805 counties, a contact-making service was offered to 14.8 million children, some 50,000 activity spots were established and over 200 million RMB was raised.

By implementing programmes such as "Go West", a college graduate voluntary service programme and voluntary teaching programme by post-graduates, the Association sent some 100,000 volunteers to underdeveloped western areas, offering services covering health care, agriculture, education, legal consultation and environmental protection. The Association also encouraged volunteers to work locally when they finish their service. Additionally, Chinese young volunteers were sent to 18 developing countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America in order to offer service involving agricultural technology, health care, education and socioeconomic development.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association attended the High-level Meeting on Youth at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly and addressed the round-table conference, at which

it proposed three suggestions on youth affairs of the United Nations, namely: support the significant role played by the United Nations in youth development; achieve coordinated development by encouraging youth participation; and establish a harmonious world by promoting interaction among different cultures.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

December 2013: Organized the visit of Richard Dictus, of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) headquarters, to China.

November 2011: Held a meeting with Bai Hua, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) China Country Director and Zhu Kaile, UNV Programme Officer.

April, June and August 2011: Participated in the activities and conferences held by UNDP and UNV, such as the International Year of Volunteers +10 conference in China and April, June and September 2011: Participated in conferences of the UNV National Steering Committee, offering policy consultation and experience sharing.

Association branches in Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai and Guangzhou conducted cooperative projects with UNV. The Association launched programmes aimed at assisting the younger generation of migrant workers, in cooperation with UNV in 2011, and promoted the concept of the United Nations in China.

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

Goal 1: With the aim of eliminating extreme poverty and starvation, the Association organized voluntary service in the field of poverty alleviation and development by supporting the agricultural technology development in underdeveloped areas of China. It sent over 8,000 volunteers specialized in agricultural technology to central and western regions and each volunteer served for one year.

Goal 2: In terms of expanding primary education, the Association sent over 40,000 voluntary teachers to support education in under-developed areas of China, mainly in the west, so that children living in those areas can enjoy equal opportunities as their counterparts in other regions.

Goal 4: The Association promoted the improvement of medical care in under-developed areas of China and beneficiary countries, by sending health-care volunteers to help reduce child mortality. The Association sent over 6,000 medical volunteers to central and western regions and nearly 40 to 11 foreign countries, and each volunteer served for one year.

Goal 7: In promoting sustainable development, the Association mobilized young volunteers to participate in tree-planting, controlling desertification, water pollution remediation, controlling white-pollution, protecting wild animals and the environment.

3. Commonwealth Human Ecology Council

Special, 1974

Introduction

Human Ecology is described as the interaction of human beings in society to the natural environment. The Council is an innovative and catalytic centre of human ecological network action that promotes awareness and action, by relevant organizations. The Council encourages the practical application of human ecological principles at local, national and international levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Since 1969, the Council has furthered ecological development in the Commonwealth. This work emphasizes the responsibilities of the individual and societal and global action to alleviate poverty through a holistic approach, and is based on collaboration between Governments, civil society, local governments and the private sector. It implements practical projects in Bangladesh, Barbados, Canada, India, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uganda and other Commonwealth countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Council has been closely involved with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Biosphere Integrated Rural Urbanization Programme (BIRUP) project in Chongqing, China. The Council organized two meetings on tropical rainforest field stations in Edinburgh, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Columbus, Ohio, United States of America. It has participated in all the preparatory sessions of the World Urban Forum, relevant sessions on sustainable development, youth development programmes and meetings on the post-2015 sustainable development goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2010, Shanghai: Attended the Meeting on Urban Futures and Human and Ecosystem Well-being in Shanghai, organized by the UNESCO Scientific Committee on Problems of the Environment and the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

2011, New York: Was represented at United Nations World Habitat Day and the World Urban Forum High-level Youth Assembly.

April 2011, Nairobi: Played a major role in the Commonwealth Consultative Group on Human Settlements Meeting in conjunction with the United Nations Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Governing Council 23 in Nairobi.

2010 and 2012: Was represented at the World Urban Forums.

June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Organized, at the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, a session on fisheries, with particular reference to the livelihoods of artisanal fisher folk.

It has also regularly participated in the meetings of the Caribbean Studies Association meeting in conjunction with UNESCO.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Cooperated with UN-Habitat through the Commonwealth Consultative Group on Human Settlements and with UNESCO through the BIRUP project in Chongqing, China, and through the Caribbean Studies Association.

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

Goals 1 and 7: Contributed to the Commonwealth fisheries policy “A call to action to secure sustainability for livelihood, food and biodiversity”.

Goals 3 and 8: Organized a series of training workshops on gender mainstreaming in water resource management in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania ; provided training in Australia for Pacific Island women in micro-business for adaptation to climate change.

Goal 7: Had a leadership role in the European Union Intelligent Energy Europe three-year project “SAUCE: Schools at University for Climate Energy”.

Goal 8: Provided training to area council officers with the Council branch in Nigeria, the New Partnership for Africa’s Development and the National Planning Commission in Abuja.

4. Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs

Special, 2010

Introduction

Cooperation and Participation in Overseas NGOs, based in Seoul, is registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Since its establishment in May 1999 and attainment of Economic and Social Council special consultative status in 2010, the organization has been operating overseas centres in Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Nepal and the Philippines, in cooperation with local NGOs. One objective of the organization is to increase the participation of young generations in global care. Other objectives of the organization are development and cooperation with developing countries and participation in international volunteering activities and raising awareness of global leaders.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization sent 1,000 long-term volunteers (for a six-month programme) and 10,000 short-term volunteers to 47 countries to provide educational, labour and cultural services.

It operates vocational schools and training programmes in Ethiopia, Indonesia, Mongolia, and Nepal and builds school facilities in Cambodia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mongolia, Nepal and Viet Nam. The organization has raised funds to send financial aid to children in Cambodia, China, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mongolia and the Philippines. It has also provided language education and job training to women in Cambodia,

Mongolia and Nepal, supported schools in need in Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, and Nepal, and promoted sexual health and HIV prevention programmes in Ethiopia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The contributions of the organization are mentioned above, under the section “Aims and purposes of the organization”.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the High-level Forum on Aid Effectiveness from 29 November to 1 December 2011 in Busan, Republic of Korea.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Goal 1: Ran vocational schools and job training programmes, and provided lunch meals for the children in need in Ethiopia and Nepal.

Goal 2: Constructed 2 elementary schools with 14 classrooms and 2 kindergartens with 11 classrooms in support of 1,400 children.

Goal 3: Provided language education and job training for women to improve literacy rates and job opportunity for women.

Goals 4, 5 and 6: Promoted sexual health and HIV prevention programmes in Ethiopia.

Goal 7: Provided solar energy lighting and rain water preservation in Ethiopia and installed water tank purifier in Nepal.

Goal 8: Cooperated with 140 worldwide NGOs in 43 countries to promote global partnership.

5. Dominican Leadership Conference

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Dominican Leadership Conference is a networking organization for elected leadership of Dominican congregations and provinces in the United States of America. It currently serves 19 congregations of sisters and 4 provinces of men, representing more than 6,000 Dominican men and women in the United States of America. The organization networks with the Conference of Dominican Sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean; Dominican Sisters International, based in Rome; Dominican Sisters of Africa; the International Dominican Commission for Justice,

Peace and Care of Creation, based in Rome; and the United States-based Dominican Sisters Conference.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization participates in a long-standing history of activity on behalf of human rights. The expertise and professionalism of its members is in service of human rights, educating people about what these rights are and challenging the systems and structures that perpetrate violations of these rights. The members are engaged in direct service ministries worldwide, and assume active roles in working for systemic change, and educating their constituencies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Members of the organization colleagues worldwide advance the cause of human rights and human dignity through formal education at all levels and skills-based training. The members are engaged in social service, ecological centres, communications, women's rights and the empowerment of women in the United States of America and abroad, law, social analysis, service to migrant and refugee populations, support for the victims of human trafficking, particularly in the United States of America and the Philippines, and work with indigenous peoples.

The organization meets regularly with the Dominican College and high school preaching conferences, as well as with Dominican volunteers United States of America and the North American justice promoters to provide orientation regarding the United Nations and its development agenda. The organization also posts United Nations briefings twice monthly on the Domlife website. It produces the quarterly newsletter "Dominicans at the UN," and hosts Dominican volunteers and other college student interns on a regular basis.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

20 to 22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

6 to 15 February 2013, New York: As Chair of the NGO Committee for Social Development, the organization offered a statement on behalf of civil society at the beginning of the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In capacity as Chair of the NGO Committee for the Committee for Social Development, the NGO interacts regularly with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Division for Social Policy and Development of the United Nations Secretariat.

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

Workshops on development, with a focus on the Millennium Development Goals, women, children and the Earth, were held in Zambia and Burkina Faso, drawing participants from Angola, Benin, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe. The organization participated in a meeting of Dominican Sisters Africa in Kenya, offering a presentation on the United Nations development agenda, and the Millennium Development Goals in particular. A similar presentation was made in Ghana, highlighting the Millennium Development Goals and women.

6. Dones per la Llibertat i Democràcia

Special, 2010

Introduction

Dones per La Llibertat i Democràcia was created in 2001 in Barcelona. The work of the organization is inspired by the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The organization belongs to the National Council of Women of Catalonia. It is also part of the National Council of Women of Spain, which is a member of the International Council of Women. It promotes women's rights and their participation in all the areas of society, defends women's human rights worldwide, promotes sustainable development in a globalized world through information, education and active participation, promotes networks at local, national, regional and international levels in order to elaborate common projects, and implements gender mainstreaming to avoid discrimination.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization protects and promotes the human rights of all the women, putting fully into practice all the instruments on human rights, especially the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. It supports projects for the promotion of peace and human rights. It promotes and supports the social participation of women in all aspects of civil society and supports the creation of networks of exchange and communication for women's associations in forums, meetings and fairs at the national, state and international levels. The organization participates in international meetings through the International Network of Liberal Women and contributes to resolutions in European countries, Africa, Central America, South America, the United States, Canada, the Middle East and Asia. It also provides training for women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

14 January 2010, Catalonia: Developed the participatory process "Make your voice heard" at the Beijing +15 forum for women's associations and their

experiences for a written statement submitted at the session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

14 January 2010, Barcelona: Organized an event on human rights with perspectives of the European Union.

23 October 2010: Organized a participatory Beijing +15 conference to disseminate the results of session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

17 to 20 October 2013, La Antigua, Guatemala: Organized an event on good governance, citizenship and equality for women.

December 2013, Catalonia: Developed a participatory process on achievements and challenges in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls to prepare for the session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

1 to 12 March 2010, New York: Attended and participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, and presented a written statement and oral statements on the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

22 February to 14 March 2011, New York: Attended and participated in the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women with the presentation of written and oral statements about access and participation of women and girls in education, training, science and technology and the promotion of women's access to full employment and decent work.

27 February to 9 March 2012, New York: Attended and participated in the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, with the presentation of written and oral statements about the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges.

4 to 15 March 2013, New York: Attended and participated in the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women with the presentation of written and oral statements on the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

30 May 2011, Madrid: Cooperated with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) regarding the equality factor in business leadership and competitiveness in the global empowerment of women.

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

Goal 3: April to June 2011 and March to June 2012, Barcelona, Spain: held a training programme was for women on personal marketing for employment.

29 to 31 May 2011: Organized a world committee of the International Council of Women, "Progress for Women is Progress for All".

3 June 2011, Catalonia: Contributed to the development of the Women's Policy Plan 2012-2015.

21 October 2012, Abidjan: Promoted and participated in the round table on the theme “The role of women in African countries in building”.

8 to 10 November 2012, Dublin: Participated in the round table on the theme “Female fees: an effective tool to boost up gender equality?”.

7. Drug Free America Foundation

Special, 2006

Introduction

Drug Free America Foundation, Inc. is a drug prevention and policy organization committed to developing, promoting and sustaining global strategies, policies and laws that will reduce illegal drug use, drug addiction, drug-related injury and death. Although the organization is based in the United States, much of its work is conducted in Latin America and the Caribbean, North America and throughout Europe and the Pacific region. This work is done through the organization’s divisions, which include the following. The Institute on Global Drug Policy, an alliance of physicians, scientists, attorneys and drug specialists advocating public policies that curtail the use of illicit and misuse of licit drugs and alcohol; the International Scientific and Medical Forum on Drug Abuse, a brain trust of the world’s leading researchers involved in drug-related research and physicians concerned about the drug abuse problem; this group helps to dispel misinformation related to current drug issues in the media. The International Task Force on Strategic Drug Policy, a network of professionals and community leaders who support and promote drug demand reduction principles, develop community coalitions and strive to advance communication and cooperation among non-governmental organizations that are working to stem illicit drugs and promote sound drug policy around the world; the Drug Prevention Network of the Americas, a coalition of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) from North, Central and South America dedicated to the promotion of effective demand reduction programmes and policies in the Americas through the exchange of information and the development of alliances among NGOs working towards the same goals; Students Taking Action Not Drugs, a growing, student focused movement to disseminate accurate, science-based drug information on campuses to promote awareness among students; National Drug-Free Workplace Alliance, a national network dedicated to the prevention of substance abuse in the workplace; it has a two-fold mission — to directly assist small businesses in the state of Florida in establishing comprehensive drug-free workplace programmes and to support a national coalition of drug-free workplace service providers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization organizes and hosts conferences worldwide, develops and disseminates drug prevention educational materials, builds coalitions, partnerships and networks to work collaboratively towards achieving the following objectives: analysing drug policy, opposing efforts that would legalize illicit drug use, encouraging citizens of all nations to strive for drug-free homes, schools, workplaces and communities, advocating abstinence-based drug education in schools and teaching children healthy alternatives to drug use, educating employers about the dangers of illicit drug use in the workplace and the important role of drug-free workplace

programmes, promoting cooperation between national and international leaders and governments to develop and implement policies and laws that will reduce drug use and abuse and improving global communication between scientists, researchers and physicians to advance knowledge of drug abuse, addiction and treatment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization initiated conferences, and materials disseminated often include a component about the conventions, how they apply to NGO work in the field of drug demand reduction, and how NGOs can engage with their respective governments and the United Nations to effect positive change. The International Task Force on Strategic Drug Policy, a division of the organization formed in 2001, is composed of policy experts from more than 35 nations around the world, including physicians, scientists, attorneys and those directly involved in drug policy and practice. The Task Force has worked together under the organization's leadership, and events have been held in numerous cities around the world reaching thousands of the elite in the field of drug demand reduction. These events have yielded substantial international collaboration, information exchange and media exposure. The Task Force has authored and adopted several policy documents and has published four editions of a thematic journal annually since its inception.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2010-2013, Vienna: Sponsored delegations at the fifty-third to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

11 to 15 March 2013, Vienna: Encouraged and assisted, at the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, member organizations of the World Federation Against Drugs, which the organization helped to establish, to organize a couple of side events. The organization is also an active member of the Vienna NGO Committee and regularly contributes to it, including its side events at Commission on Narcotic Drugs meetings in Vienna.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has supported the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) every year by conducting activities and web features on the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, and has been a supporter of the Blue Heart Campaign against Human Trafficking. The organization pushed for tougher laws on human trafficking in the United States of America and sponsored a press conference that involved the Governor of the State of Florida and several members of the legislature to highlight this issue and witness the signing of two new laws pertaining to human trafficking victims.

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

The organization is improving child health under Goal 4. The correlation between child abuse/neglect and substance abuse is unmistakable. The organization

is also working towards Goal 6 because substance abuse is directly linked to risky behaviours, drug-related infections and other health problems. Human trafficking and criminal enterprise that disproportionately affect women and children are most often linked to the drug trade.

8. Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration

Special, 1966

Introduction

The Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration is an organization of States, groups and individuals in Asia and the Pacific. The Organization was established in 1960 in response to a common desire among developing countries to promote regional cooperation in improving knowledge, systems and practices of government administration to help accelerate economic and social development. It was the first organization in the region to be devoted to the development of public administration in order to advance the economic and social development of countries in Asia and the Pacific. The organization consists of member States, institutions such as institutes or schools of public administration, universities, agencies, municipal corporations and individuals whose achievements in the field of governance and public administration are recognized.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The vision of the organization is to build a solid regional community promoting regional cooperation to improve government administration for sustainable economic and social development in the Asia-Pacific region.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As part of an online regional centre of the United Nations Public Administration Network, the organization continues to upload news and events on public administration and governance in the Asia-Pacific region.

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 organization holds annual regional conferences that serve as a venue for public administration scholars and practitioners to share knowledge, systems and practices in public administration. It helps foster partnerships among government and other sectors for sustainable development according to Goal 8.

9. Eastern Sudan Women Development Organization

Special, 2010

Introduction

East Sudan Women Development Organization was established in 2000 in Khartoum. It works in the field of women's development, conflict resolution, peacebuilding and human rights. It works in Khartoum, Port Sudan, Kassala and Gedarif State in the Sudan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to develop eastern Sudan in general and human resources in particular. It promotes respect for culture, peacebuilding, conflict resolution and education and enlightens citizens about their rights and duties, especially social, civil and political rights, and strengthens the capacity of civil society organizations operating in eastern Sudan, especially in the field of human rights and advocacy of humanitarian issues in eastern Sudan, such as early marriage, female genital mutilation and human trafficking. The organization achieves its aims through project implementation, capacity-building and advocacy, community orientation and encouragement of women participation.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization has expanded its geographical range to address major challenges and emerging issues in states in eastern Sudan, especially rural areas. It has extended its operations to new areas such as human rights of children and women, trafficking in persons, protection of refugee women, legal orientation in the refugee camps in the bordering areas, tuberculosis and HIV for affected women.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization leads an advocacy campaign, in collaboration with grass-roots organizations for the protection of children who were involved in camel racing. The organization was part of the national campaign to ban landmines and the mine-risk awareness programme in Kassala, in eastern Sudan. The organization participated in monitoring the elections in the Sudan in February 2010, in collaboration with the National Elections Commission and UNDP. The organization contributed to the preparatory process for the South Sudan referendum in January 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

1 to 26 March 2010, Geneva: Attended the thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council, and submitted written and oral statements.

9 to 18 February 2011, New York: Attended the forty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development.

22 February to 14 March, New York: Attended the fifty-fifth session of Commission on the Status of Women.

28 February to 25 March 2011, Geneva: Attended the sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council, and submitted a written statement on agenda item 4.

18 June to 6 July 2012, Geneva: Participated in the twentieth regular session of the Human Rights Council.

12 and 13 November 2012, New York: Participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

25 February to 22 March 2013, Geneva: Submitted a written statement at the twenty-second session of the Human Right Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization promoted education for women and girls in eastern Sudan states, in partnership with the United Nations Children's Fund. It contributed to training and capacity-building of women and girls in eastern Sudan states in the field of legal aid, in collaboration with the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM). The organization worked to combat tuberculosis and HIV in eastern Sudan states, in partnership with the Global Fund.

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

The organization organized a series of orientations workshops about the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women in order to ensure women's empowerment in keeping with Goal 3. It launched an advocacy campaign in collaboration with women's organizations about the human rights challenges in the Sudan in general and in the eastern Sudan in particular. It also launched a campaign to combat harmful traditional practices affecting women and girls, especially female genital mutilation.

10. Education International

Special, 1950

Introduction

Education International is the global federation of teachers and education personnel. It brings together 396 national trade unions and professional associations of teachers and education employees in 171 countries, with a total membership of 30 million. It works in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, North America and Latin America and the Caribbean and maintains regional and subregional offices in each of them. It is based in Brussels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the organization are to promote all peoples and in all nations peace, democracy, social justice and equality, the application of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights through the development of education and of the collective strength of teachers and education employees, to enhance the conditions of work and terms of employment of teachers and education employees and to promote their professional status in general, through support for member organizations and representation of their interests before the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other appropriate and relevant intergovernmental organizations. The organization combats all forms of racism and bias or discrimination in education and society

owing to gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, religion, political opinion, social or economic status or national or ethnic origin. Its main course of action is advocacy and cooperation with intergovernmental organizations, including the United Nations and its specialized 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 defends human and trade union rights of teachers and education personnel worldwide through extensive use of United Nations supervisory mechanisms. The organization provides information to the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council and complaints to the International Labour Organization (ILO) Committee on Freedom of Association. The organization participates in annual worldwide Education for All activities during Global Action Week (April), in cooperation with partners in the course of the Global Campaign for Education. It works on:

- Union strengthening and capacity-building programmes in many countries, for the purpose of helping teacher unions become active and powerful partners in the social dialogue and public policy setting in their national context
- Engagement in multiple cohesive initiatives to protect teachers, students and education from targeted attacks against education worldwide
- Promotion of gender equality and the education of girls, centred on participation in the annual sessions of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women
- Partnership with the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative to address school-related, gender-based violence
- Action to combat discrimination based on sexual orientation in education
- Activities to eradicate child labour in cooperation with the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour of ILO
- Activities in support of education of indigenous peoples
- Promotion of codes of professional ethics for teachers

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- November 2011, Copenhagen: Attended the Global Partnership for Education Pledging Conference.
- June 2010, June 2011, June 2012, June 2013, Geneva: Addressed the plenary of the International Labour Conference, outlining key issues affecting the terms of employment, working conditions and trade union rights of education personnel worldwide.
- 1-12 March 2010: Attended the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.

- 22 February to 14 March 2011: Attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- 27 February to 9 March 2012: Attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- 4 to 15 March 2013, New York: Attended the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women. The organization participated and submitted joint statements, together with Public Services International and the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour, and made statements in panels and side events.
- 25 October to 10 November 2011, Paris: Attended the thirty-sixth session of the General Conference of UNESCO.
- 5 to 20 November 2013, Paris: Attended the thirty-seventh session of the General Conference of UNESCO, with meetings of the UNESCO Education for All High-Level Forum; UNESCO Global Education for All meetings; and other UNESCO Education for All meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with UNESCO on the implementation of the six Dakar Education for All Goals. Through 2012 the organization was also an elected and active member of the UNESCO NGO Liaison Committee and as such attended the International Conferences of NGOs in consultative status with UNESCO; and it attended and actively participated in some UNESCO governing bodies through the nomination of speakers. Every year the organization organizes, usually in partnership with UNESCO, ILO and/or UNICEF, activities around the world on the occasion of World Teachers Day (5 October).

The organization had exchanges with the ILO departments on a daily basis throughout the reporting period, on matters relating to employment conditions in the education sector worldwide, as well as trade union rights, child labour, gender equality and discrimination. The organization submitted four new complaints to the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association on behalf of education unions in Bahrain, Canada, Honduras and Lebanon.

The organization also provided the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations with evidence documenting violations in 22 countries.

The organization is also a member of the Global Task Force on Child Labour and Education for All with ILO, UNESCO, UNICEF, the World Bank, UNDP, the organization and the Global March Against Child Labour.

The organization has observer status on the Technical Advisory Group of the Global Education First Initiative of the United Nations Secretary-General. The organization contributes to the perspective of the teaching profession to the Initiative, which seeks to guarantee access to quality education for all children around the world, especially girls.

The organization is the Global Partnership for Education Board representative for the teaching profession constituency and a member of the Partnership's Financial Advisory Committee.

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

Goal 2. Achieve universal primary education: advocacy work and numerous activities arising from the role of the organization as a founding member of the Global Campaign for Education, with a focus on increasing teacher recruitment, improving teachers' salary and working conditions, promoting girls' education and abolishing school fees to address the shortage of teachers in many countries, especially in sub-Saharan Africa.

Goal 3. Promote gender equality and empower women: advocacy with the appropriate intergovernmental institutions for the application of standards and the development of programmes advancing gender equity in education and the society at large.

11. Egyptian Association for Educational Resources

Special, 2010

Introduction

Egyptian Association for Educational Resources is a non-governmental and not-for-profit organization founded in 2005 under the Ministry of Social Solidarity. It serves youth ages from 12 to 29 years all over Egypt through non-formal and informal education.

It is a professional grass-roots organization working to promote youth development through civic education, information and communications technology in education, professional development, cross-cultural understanding and youth empowerment and leadership.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization believes that human beings are the main pillar of development and sustainability. It cares for people's welfare, aspirations and education. Its programmes help students to reach their full potential and design non-traditional solutions for the current global and local challenges. It has a variety of programmes and activities to develop students' character and leadership. The programmes are gradual and help students to consider development at the individual, group/team, community and local/national/global levels.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the period 2010-2013, the organization worked on the economic empowerment of more than 1,500 girls and women in underprivileged areas in Upper Egypt and Cairo through education, training and employment. In addition, it focuses on building the capacity of youth through entrepreneurship (social and economic).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization works closely with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations information centres in Cairo.

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

No activities were specified.

12. Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs**Special, 2006****Introduction**

The Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs was created on 2 May 1999 as a forum for expert discussion of pressing regional and international issues, to promote public understanding of such issues, as well as for the introduction of new approaches and initiatives to the debate. The organization also serves as a forum for foreign figures, both official and non-official, to meet and discuss matters of concern with representatives of Egyptian civil society. In addition, it maintains close working relationships with similar centres and organizations around the world with an interest in foreign policy. Members of the organization are public figures dedicated to its principles and goals, which include diplomats, academics, economists and businessmen, bankers, writers, journalists and military and security experts.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objective of the organization is to promote public debate and understanding of foreign policy issues, both regional and international. Foremost among them are Egypt's strategic, economic and political interests. To achieve this mission, the organization draws on the diverse knowledge of its members and other recognized experts, including Government officials. Many Egyptian and foreign public figures are regularly invited by the organization to participate in discussing a wide range of political and economic questions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in a seminar on nuclear security held by a group of non-governmental organizations in parallel with the summit called by United States President Obama on nuclear power in Washington, D.C. from 11 to 14 April 2010. The organization participated in a meeting convened by the President of the General Assembly on the future of disarmament, held at United Nations Headquarters on 19 April 2010.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

1 to 12 March 2010, New York: Participated in the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women. The session focused on the theme of poverty in developing countries and stressed the importance of protecting women from poverty through income support, short-term assistance to families and the provision of children care.

8-12 March 2010, Vienna: Participated in the fifty-third session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. The conference dealt with many key issues, such as combating drugs and public health.

May 2010, New York: Participated in the Review Conference of the States parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

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. Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness

Special, 2010

Introduction

Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness has been a leading organization in social mobilization and community development. It is affiliated with the Social Welfare Council, Kathmandu. It has a network of over 4,000 trained workers in 46 districts of Nepal and in Bhutan and India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization implements various programmes in order to raise the quality of life through use of available local resources and application of alternate and renewable technologies. Its mission is to be a model professional volunteer organization dedicated to natural resources management; to organize programmes to secure children's ecological future; and to support the development of conservation-related entrepreneurship. Its field of work includes environment and natural resource management, culture and heritage, education for sustainable development, appropriate and renewable technology, poverty alleviation and advocacy.

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 the country focal point of Nepal for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) South Asian Youth Environment Network. The organization has been mobilizing the youth in various campaigns and in

programmes related to World Earth Day, World Environment Day, World Heritage Day, etc. It contributed (and was recognized by UNEP in 2011) to the “Billion Tree Campaign”, a worldwide tree planting initiative facilitated by UNEP.

It is a member of the United Nations Global Compact and has been contributing in the United Nations Global Compact Local Network-Nepal as a steering committee member in meetings and workshops.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- August 2012: Inception and training workshop on South Asia Environment Outlook, Kathmandu, organized by the UNEP Regional Office.
- May 2013: South Asian Environment Outlook 2013 Consultation, Kathmandu, organized by South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme and UNEP.
- May 2013: regional consultation workshop on Post Rio+20 South Asia development agenda, organized by South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme and UNEP.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The UNEP Bangkok office requested the organization to assist the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea in strengthening its education system on environmental education at all levels of educational institutions (primary to secondary schools and universities).

In agreement with UNEP, the organization carried out, from September 2012 to January 2013, a preliminary identification of essential and desirable ecosystem services in the Panchase area of Nepal under the Ecosystem-based Adaption Project for Mountain Ecosystems in Nepal, Peru and Uganda (joint programme of UNEP, UNDP and the International Union for Conservation of Nature).

In agreement with UN-Habitat Nairobi Water for Asian Cities Programme, the organization implemented the Human Values-based Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Education Programme (from November 2007 to July 2010). The programme supported the implementation of water and sanitation-related Millennium Development Goals in Asian cities.

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

In support of Goal 2, the organization is implementing a programme to replace kerosene lamps with solar photovoltaic-based household lamps (known as solar tuki) through the integrated approach of community mobilization and technological intervention. The tuki is charged in a solar photovoltaic multiple charging station, which is placed in the village school. Thereby local school enrolment and attendance rate has increased, since the children need to come to school regularly, in order to recharge their tuki.

The organization also promoted the Safe Drinking Water Campaign in Nepal through an integrated approach to awareness campaigns. In the last six years (2008-2013), 400,000 beneficiaries have been reached through 94 schools in different parts of Nepal.

14. Environmental Rights Action/Friends of the Earth Nigeria

Special, 2010

Introduction

Environmental Rights Action was founded in 1993 as an environmental pressure group, and joined Friends of the Earth International in 1996. The organization is dedicated to the defence of human ecosystems in terms of human rights, and to the promotion of environmentally responsible governmental, commercial, community and individual practice in Nigeria through the empowerment of local people. Much of its efforts have concentrated on multinational oil companies and the protection of the Niger Delta. The group works locally, nationally and globally on the following campaigns: forest and biodiversity; energy and extractives; democracy outreach programme; food sovereignty and genetically modified organisms; corporate accountability and environmental health.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to promote the observance of environmental human rights of all Nigerians, Africans and the rest of humanity through grass-roots mobilization, advocacy, lobbying, influencing government policies, networking, research, publications, media campaigns and empowering local people; and using non-violent strategies. The organization aims to protect the environment and democratize development in Nigeria.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Litigation for the protection of livelihoods of rural fishermen using court cases in Nigeria and outside Nigeria is strengthening their economic and social cultural rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 29 November to 10 December 2010, Cancun, Mexico: Attended Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and contributed to calls for rich nations to commit unconditionally to an extension of the Kyoto Protocol, to cut their emissions by at least 40 per cent by 2020 (without carbon offsetting), and the establishment of the green climate fund.
- 28 November to 11 December 2011, Durban, South Africa: Attended the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Durban, South Africa, and contributed to a call for moratorium on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation by indigenous peoples and allies.
- 26 November to 7 December 2012: Attended the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Doha, Qatar, and contributed to calls to leave two-thirds of the known reserves of coal, oil

and gas underground, if we want an 80 per cent chance of staying below 2 degrees, and to institutionalize the green climate fund.

- 20-22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil: Participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization collaborated with UNDP to draw attention to the environmental degradation of Ogoniland in Nigeria's Niger Delta and called for the implementation of the recommendations of the UNEP assessment report.

20 October 2010, Abuja, Nigeria: Participated in the United Nations-Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (United Nations-REDD) Mission in Nigeria: Stakeholders Workshop, organized by UNDP.

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

The organization contributed to Goal 1 by initiating a social security campaign for unemployed Nigerians, which is now being partially implemented in five states. The organization contributed to Goal 3 by empowering civil society groups across Africa on women empowerment and leadership training. It also contributed to Goal 7 through advocacy to ensure transparency and accountability in the oil sector.

15. Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Families of Victims of Involuntary Disappearance is a nationwide human rights organization of families, relatives, friends and colleagues of disappeared victims, which is guided by the principles of truth, justice, freedom and democracy. After 16 years of lobbying, the President of the Philippines signed Republic Act 10353, the "Anti-Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance Act of 2012", the first of its kind in Asia. The organization actively participated, as legally mandated, in the joint government-NGO drafting and promulgation of the law's implementing rules and regulations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization continuously documents cases of enforced disappearance; assists families with their search for missing relatives, and overcoming anxiety and economic dislocation, and to bring perpetrators to justice; it joins with local and international human rights advocates to stop impunity and end enforced disappearances and other human rights violations.

In particular, it campaigns for the enactment of domestic legislation condemning enforced disappearance, and for States to accede to the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.

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 been at the forefront in nationwide information dissemination forums, training workshops and round-table discussions with the police and the security sector. The campaign for the strict and full implementation of the law has been the organization's priority, along with a heightened lobby for the Philippines' signing and ratification of the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. This is the basic impact on the organization brought about by the enactment of the anti-enforced disappearance domestic law and the seeming reluctance of the Philippines to be a signatory and State party to the convention.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

9 November 2011, Geneva: Participated in a side event on enforced disappearance, which was attended by over 100 participants, including the Chairs of the United Nations Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance and the Committee on Enforced Disappearance.

10 November 2011, Geneva: Participated in the session of the Working Group and the session of the Committee and the meeting with NGOs, in order to express the commitment of the coalition to cooperate with the Committee in addressing enforced disappearances.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

26 and 27 November 2012, Bangkok: Participated in the Regional Workshop on the Special Procedures Communication Mechanism, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner of Human Rights. The organization reports to the Working Group on Enforced Disappearance cases that the organization is actively assisting and acts on the comments of the Working Group.

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

The organization strongly supported the efforts of the Philippines to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, particularly the reduction of infant mortality, the improvement of maternal health and women empowerment by lobbying for the enactment of the reproductive health law. Through various forms of financial assistance, the organization has helped economically dislocated families (owing to the disappearance of their breadwinners) cope with financial difficulties, thereby helping the government work towards the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger, in accordance with Goal 1. The organization has repeatedly underscored the direct linkage between violations of economic, social and cultural rights and transgressions of civil and political rights, such as enforced disappearances. This has encouraged the organization's constituents to be proactive in addressing the issue of poverty and sustainable development as they steadfastly protect and promote civil and political rights.