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1. Secure World Foundation

Special, 2010

Introduction

Secure World Foundation is a private foundation dedicated to the long-term sustainability of outer space and the protection of Earth. The Foundation has extensive partnerships with many key academics, practitioners and advocates in the space and international affairs communities. The driving goal is to work towards the achievement of a safer space environment for all and the protection of Earth's environment from major threats. The Foundation acts as a research body, a facilitator and an advocate on key space security and other space-related topics and on how these affect other larger themes such as international governance and international development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation implemented a series of programmes designed to increase awareness of space security issues by building partnerships with key organizations. It developed a targeted approach to fostering space security research and is one of the major organizations dedicated to research and outreach in this sector. The Foundation acts as a key information resource on space and Earth security issues for policymakers in the United States of America and the global community through various partnerships. In addition to playing this information-provider role, the Foundation is engaged in advocacy using established links with China, Europe and the United Nations, which provide it with a unique perspective on global space issues. Efforts designed to raise the profile of space security issues in the United States Congress and in international political bodies represent a key element of the Foundation's platform. In addition, the Foundation supports certain education and outreach efforts that support its vision and focus areas as appropriate.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation undertook activities to advance the development agenda of the Economic and Social Council by actively promoting the development of sound policies on the use of space to benefit human and environmental security. It did so by attending, sponsoring and hosting conferences and developing publications on space sustainability, space debris mitigation, space security, planetary defence against near-Earth objects, space situational awareness and related topics. In 2010, the Foundation co-hosted a side event at a meeting of the First Committee of the General Assembly to discuss the draft code of conduct for outer space activities and the creation of transparency and confidence-building measures for outer space. In 2011, the Foundation promoted the national ratification of and adherence to international treaties related to outer space, as well as sound policies for the peaceful use of outer space. In 2012, it partnered with other organizations for a conference entitled "Space for human and environmental security in the Americas: space policy, long-term sustainability and cyberhealth". In 2013, the Foundation

co-organized the United Nations/Belarus Workshop on Space Technology Applications for Socioeconomic Benefits, which was held in Minsk.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation attended the fifty-third to fifty-sixth sessions of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and its two subcommittees, which were held in Vienna from 9 to 18 June 2010, from 1 to 10 June 2011, from 6 to 15 June 2012 and from 12 to 21 June 2013, respectively. At those sessions, representatives of the Foundation made statements and technical presentations. During the reporting period, the Foundation also attended and sponsored conferences on space security organized by the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) in Geneva on sustainability, space situational awareness and the role of civil society in sustainability.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation sponsored various technical advisory missions and regional expert meetings organized by the United Nations Platform for Space-based Information for Disaster Management and Emergency Response (UN-SPIDER). It participated in UNIDIR conferences focusing on peaceful uses of outer space, non-proliferation, and transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space, as well as in the work of the First Committee of the General Assembly.

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

The organization contributed to Goal 1 through a workshop held in Brussels in December 2013 on food security, Earth observation and environmental monitoring, and by assessing services to meet the needs of developing countries. The organization furthered Goal 7 by helping to develop the benefits that can be derived from space systems and technologies. In 2013, the organization further contributed to Goal 7 with workshops in Nairobi and in Chiapas, Mexico. The Nairobi workshop, which was held in May 2013 and organized in partnership with the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites, built capacity in the East African region for satellite-derived elevation data, with a focus on hydrological models, and furthered regional capacity-building and data democracy. The Chiapas workshop, held in November 2013, focused on making use of Earth-observation data and software to mitigate and respond to destructive flooding; special attention was paid to free data sources, open-source software and free online and on-site training. Both workshops also furthered progress towards Goal 8 by assisting the private sector in making available the benefits of new technologies and by furthering dialogue on policy, law and programmatic frameworks for technologies that can be used in responding to droughts, floods and other disasters.

2. Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation

Special, 2010

Introduction

Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation is dedicated to providing educational opportunities to children and youth throughout the world. It provides education for children and youth in primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities, trade or apprenticeship schools. The Foundation provides learning opportunities and employable skills training. It builds capacity for youth-led organizations and operates in Angola, Brazil, Germany, Ghana, Liberia and the United States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to provide meaningful educational and employment opportunities for children and youth throughout the world to effect positive change and offer opportunities for personal and professional development. The Foundation advocates ending the trafficking in children and youth and helps to eradicate extreme poverty through education and related resources.

Significant changes in the organization

The Foundation added human rights, the trafficking in children, and youth education for employment to its programme and opened offices in Ghana and Liberia.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Foundation supports measures aimed at preventing human trafficking, including the United Nations Global Initiative to Fight Human Trafficking. The “V sign” was created by the organization to allow children and youth to communicate whether they have been trafficked or stolen or are in trouble. The organization is committed to the United Nations Millennium Declaration and the Secretary-General’s Youth Employment Network, which it supports by facilitating youth education for employment and holding volunteerism conferences and workshops to provide employable skills training.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation attended a meeting to review the Millennium Development Goals, held in Monrovia on 28 April 2011, and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 19 to 22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Foundation cooperated with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Brazil to provide afterschool programmes by donating children’s schoolbooks and pianos, by hosting workshops for secondary school students and teaching them about the Millennium Development Goals, and by creating community service projects in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 2010. Moreover, the Foundation cooperated with the United Nations Volunteers programme in

Liberia to conduct research, organize meetings, and sponsor and prepare a national policy on volunteering.

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

The Foundation took the following initiatives:

- (a) It helped to organize and participated in the International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development in 2011;
- (b) In support of Goals 1 and 8, it hosted two conferences on education for employment through volunteerism;
- (c) In support of Goals 2 and 8, it donated six children's digital libraries;
- (d) Between 2010 and 2012, it hosted workshops and conferences attended by more than 200 youth organizations and 70 primary and secondary schools in Brazil and Liberia and developed projects to help both countries move closer to achieving the Millennium Development Goals;
- (e) In support of Goals 2 and 8, the organization funded scholarships in Brazil and Liberia.

3. Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

Special, 1998

Introduction

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas is an international faith-based organization that was founded in Dublin in 1831 and is committed to serving those who suffer from poverty and other forms of disadvantage, especially women and children, and to empowering them to live full and dignified lives within diverse social and cultural contexts. The organization has almost 10,000 members and 40,000 co-workers ministering in 44 countries worldwide. Its mission is to use collective power, in the form of an international network, to exercise global responsibility, contribute insights and values as a faith-based organization, and bring into public focus the circumstances and rights of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged, especially women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to alleviate extreme poverty in all its forms through a range of ministries that include health, education and other social services, both institutional and community-based, in partnership with local colleagues. In Africa, the sisters are involved in a wide range of educational ministries, including in HIV/AIDS prevention and the direct care of persons living with AIDS. In Latin America and the Caribbean, members are involved in projects that empower poor women through literacy projects and train them to advocate on behalf of those lacking social amenities. In Asia, members are involved mainly in education, while in France, Ireland, Italy, Romania and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, as well as in North America, members are involved in a wide range of activities, in addition to advocacy on behalf of poor people.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the work of the United Nations by focusing on sustainable development, poverty eradication and combating human trafficking. It is a convener of the Mining Working Group and is an active member of the NGO Committee to Stop Trafficking in Persons. The organization was involved in preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and is currently an active major group participant in the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. It engages more than 7,500 of its members and thousands of its mission partners using United Nations policies and conventions to build capacity and promote a just, sustainable and equitable world for peoples and the planet.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2011 and 2012, the organization participated in the following:

- (a) The regional preparatory meeting for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Latin America and the Caribbean, held in Santiago from 7 to 9 September 2011;
- (b) The regional preparatory meeting for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Geneva on 1 and 2 December 2011;
- (c) The seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held in Durban, South Africa, from 28 November to 9 December 2011;
- (d) The first, second and third intersessional meetings of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in New York on 10 and 11 January 2011, on 15 and 16 December 2011 and on 26 and 27 March 2012, respectively.

In 2013, the organization participated in the following:

- (a) A regional forum on business and human rights for Latin America and the Caribbean held in Medellin, Colombia, from 28 to 30 August 2013;
- (b) The interactive dialogue of the General Assembly on Harmony with Nature, held in New York on 22 April 2013;
- (c) The high-level meeting of the General Assembly on the appraisal of the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, held in New York on 13 and 14 May 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the following:

- (a) The Office of the Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children;
- (b) The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders;

(c) The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on its strategic management plan, by submitting written comments;

(d) Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes;

(e) The Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation;

(f) The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), on the Horn of Africa (2011);

(g) The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Mining Working Group (2013).

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

As mentioned above, the organization addresses Goals 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 at the grass-roots level in 44 countries.

4. Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, registered in Switzerland, is an umbrella organization with a centralized executive and legislative government. Each independent grand priory (voting group) is incorporated in its home country as a not-for-profit entity. The organization has 21 voting groups (Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Mexico, Norway, Portugal, Serbia, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the United States and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization), with a combined membership of more than 6,000 men and women in 2013.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization envisions a constructive dialogue between the great religions, individuals and nations in an atmosphere of mutual respect, understanding and peace. It focuses on charitable, cultural, humanitarian and reconciliation endeavours. In addition to implementing the local and national activities of each of its member grand priories, the organization implements collective programmes around the world to promote dialogue among the Abrahamic faiths and the other great religions of the world with a view to deepening understanding and increasing tolerance and to assist Christian communities around the world, especially in the Holy Land, whenever their human rights are at risk of being violated. The aim of the organization is to build bridges of understanding and support between the Eastern and Western churches of the Christian faith and to support the United Nations and international civil society organizations by participating in disaster relief, humanitarian aid, peacebuilding and sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's geographic coverage expanded from 14 grand priorities in 13 countries in 2009 to 21 grand priorities in 20 countries in 2013.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization carries out activities in support of peace and reconciliation, dialogue between faiths, and financial and organizational support to those engaged in providing humanitarian aid. The organization supports the efforts of the United Nations to control narcotic drugs and eliminate transnational organized crime. It supports the aims of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, which is based in Vienna. The organization provides direct financial support to a microcredit organization and it supports UNICEF.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the sixty-fourth annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, held in Bonn, Germany, in September 2011 and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization supports activities to promote gender equality and empower women (Goal 3), and supports the goals of the Commission on the Status of Women. It sponsors annual scholarships for women studying nursing in the Middle East. It sponsored the building of water wells in India and other nations, thereby contributing to a reduction in infant mortality and helping the economic development of local communities (Goal 1).

5. Teresian Association

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Teresian Association is a Catholic organization that affirms the dignity of each person and provides preferential options for the poor. Its members seek to promote human advancement and transform social structures through education and culture.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association promotes human rights and is committed to building a society based on justice and solidarity. Education is of paramount importance for the Association, which recognizes the transforming power of education and the role that education can play in building individuals as autonomous people and social agents.

The Association has its own schools and training centres for formal and non-formal education. It focuses its work on promoting women, families and youth and on fostering cooperation with other groups and organizations working for human and cultural advancement.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association contributed to the work of the United Nations by organizing the following events:

(a) A meeting entitled “International organizations: opportunities and challenges for the Teresian Association”, held in Spain from 28 to 30 August 2013, to address the role played by non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and opportunities for them to advance the objectives of the Economic and Social Council;

(b) A meeting entitled “Interculturalism, society and education”, held in Colombia from 5 to 9 October 2013, to address women’s rights and universal education;

(c) A meeting entitled “Educating in difficult times: school, memory and citizenship”, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 18 August 2012;

(d) A meeting on intercultural and interdisciplinary education, held in the Plurinational State of Bolivia from 4 to 7 July 2012;

(e) A congress on education entitled “Educa2011”, held in Madrid from 8 to 10 December 2011;

(f) A meeting on the transforming presence of education, held in the Philippines on 19 January 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

(a) A World Food Day seminar on the theme “Sustainable food systems for food security and nutrition”, held in Rome on 21 October 2013;

(b) The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 27 February to 9 March 2012;

(c) The fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011;

(d) The seventeenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 30 May to 17 June 2011;

(e) The high-level segment of the substantive session of 2011 of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 July;

(f) The sixteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 28 February to 25 March 2011;

(g) The fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 1 to 12 March 2010;

(h) The thirteenth session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 1 to 26 March 2010;

(i) The high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, held in New York from 20 to 22 September 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The Association supports Goals 1, 2, 3 and 8 through projects and by providing a children's library in Cameroon; helping street children in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; providing a medical laboratory in Equatorial Guinea; working with indigenous and marginalized peoples in the Plurinational State of Bolivia; providing human rights education in the Dominican Republic; promoting human rights in Mexico; providing assistance in Haiti after the earthquake of January 2010; supporting working women with limited income in India; making libraries available for refugees in Jordan and the State of Palestine; and providing teacher training and media education in Cuba.

6. To Love Children Educational Foundation International

Special, 2006

Introduction

To Love Children Educational Foundation International works to promote the education of girls, from early childhood to higher education, and to develop women into future leaders. The Foundation's mission is to create sustainable educational opportunities for the girl child in order to break the cycle of poverty. Its slogan is: "Educate a girl for a better tomorrow".

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation advocates sustainable educational development opportunities for girls at the local, national and international levels. The Foundation consults with local governments, civil society organizations, private sector entities, NGOs, local community leaders and women's groups to achieve mutual goals. The organization aims to find solutions that are tailored to each culture and does not adopt a one-size-fits-all approach. It organizes workshops on early childhood educational development and supports free access to online university degree programmes and ongoing teacher and volunteer educational professional development. Other goals are peace education and conflict resolution through workshops for youth and values and ethics training that promotes social justice and equality.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted oral and written statements at the high-level segment of the substantive sessions of 2011 and 2012 of the Economic and Social Council, held in New York from 2 to 9 July 2012 and in Geneva from 4 to 8 July 2011, respectively. The Foundation hosts an online talk radio show to promote the Millennium Development Goals. It donates to UNICEF and meets regularly with UNICEF officials at the country level. The organization contributed to policy discussions on the post-2015 development agenda at the United Nations. The Foundation's core competency is its transdisciplinary, community-based approach to cooperating and collaborating with others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Foundation attended the event entitled "Advancing regional recommendations on post-2015: a dialogue between civil society, Governments and United Nations representatives", held at United Nations Headquarters on 22 September 2013, and participated in an online discussion on engendering empowerment, education and equality that was organized by the Commission for Social Development and held at United Nations Headquarters on 29 and 30 June 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization's initiatives include activities related to Goal 2. In cooperation with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), UNDP, UNICEF and other partners, the Foundation worked to fill a gap in the post-2015 development agenda. In Uganda, the organization introduced a train-the-trainer programme that reached over 1,000 young people. In 2010, the organization participated in an online discussion entitled "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women".

7. UNESCO Association of Guwahati**Special, 2010****Introduction**

UNESCO Association of Guwahati was established in Assam, India, and is recognized by the Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO of the Ministry of Human Resource Development of India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and objectives of the Association are to promote knowledge and create awareness about the ideals of UNESCO.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association organizes meetings and seminars on international days such as International Women's Day, World Health Day, World Environment Day, World Population Day, United Nations Day, Human Rights Day and World AIDS Day. It organizes seminars on environmental issues, human rights and HIV/AIDS. The Association has established United Nations reading libraries in 16 districts of India where publications of the United Nations and its agencies are available.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association cooperated with the UNESCO office and the United Nations information centre in New Delhi, as well as with the UNICEF Assam centre.

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

The Association's initiatives relate to Goals 2, 3, 6 and 7, namely gender equality, HIV/AIDS, the environment, forestry and education.

8. Unión de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba

Special, 1998

Introduction

Unión de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba is a social organization that promotes culture and the arts. Its members are writers, musicians and artists from Cuba.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Among the goals of the organization are the preservation of the Cuban cultural identity, the promotion of the moral climate and the physical conditions necessary for artistic and literary creation; the representation of the professional interests of its members; the expansion and development of the links between art and literature; the broadening of the participation of Cuban intellectuals in international debates; and the establishment of links with institutions, universities and foundations, both within and outside Cuba, to promote direct contacts and spread the universal values of culture.

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 eleventh session of the Human Rights Council Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, held in Geneva from 2 to 13 May 2011. It presented the report of Cuba to the Committee against Torture. The organization also contributed to the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

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

No activities were specified.

9. United Nations Watch**Special, 2002****Introduction**

United Nations Watch is based in Geneva. Its scope of work is international; of its 110 members, 50 per cent are from Europe, 38 per cent are from North America, 6 per cent are from Asia and 4 per cent are from Oceania. The organization's newsletter on United Nations issues reaches 45,000 subscribers around the world. It is very active on social media: it has 31,000 fans on Facebook (reaching up to 320,000 people per week), more than 10,000 followers on Twitter and approximately 5,700 subscribers to its YouTube channel, which has had nearly 3 million views.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization promotes the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, spreads knowledge of United Nations activities and advances human rights and fundamental freedoms for all. It does so by participating in and disseminating information about the work of various United Nations bodies. The organization participates in United Nations meetings, liaises with fellow NGOs in the preparation of United Nations events and produces a regular newsletter, as well as other occasional writings, on events related to the United Nations. The organization also fosters understanding of the United Nations system through its student seminars and fellowship and internship programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

United Nations Watch engaged with relevant United Nations human rights bodies and made numerous contributions, written and oral, to advance all human rights, including in the areas of health, education, gender equality, the defence of victims, the prevention of genocide and atrocities, ending violence against women and combating all forms of oppression, racism and discrimination. United Nations Watch engages with United Nations bodies and agencies in Geneva, New York and elsewhere.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- (a) The thirteenth special session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva on 27 and 28 January 2010;
- (b) The seventh session of the Working Group on the Universal Period Review, held in Geneva from 8 to 19 February 2010;
- (c) The ninth session of the Working Group on the Universal Period Review, held in Geneva from 1 to 12 November 2010;
- (d) The fourteenth special session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva on 23 December 2010;
- (e) The fifteenth special session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva on 25 February 2011;
- (f) The twelfth session of the Working Group on the Universal Period Review, held in Geneva from 3 to 14 October 2011;
- (g) The nineteenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 27 February to 23 March 2012;
- (h) The thirteenth session of the Working Group on the Universal Period Review, held in Geneva from 21 May to 4 June 2012;
- (i) The twenty-first regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 10 to 28 September 2012;
- (j) The fifteenth session of the Working Group on the Universal Period Review, held in Geneva from 21 January to 1 February 2013;
- (k) The twenty-fourth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 9 to 27 September 2013;
- (l) The seventeenth session of the Working Group on the Universal Period Review, held in Geneva from 21 October to 1 November 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

United Nations Watch held private meetings with, and/or public events featuring, several United Nations officials and experts with the aim of promoting

and protecting human rights. Among those officials were heads of United Nations agencies, presidents of the Human Rights Council, several OHCHR officials and special rapporteurs.

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

In human rights conferences and in statements submitted to the Human Rights Council, the organization, together with civil society partners, raised the issues of access to education for women and girls and of sexual violence against women and girls, including rape, in support of Goal 3. United Nations Watch statements highlighted harmful traditional practices such as honour killings, sexual abuse and forced marriages.

10. United Network of Young Peacebuilders

Special, 2010

Introduction

United Network of Young Peacebuilders is an international network connecting 60 youth peace organizations across 35 countries. The vision of the organization is a future in which youth play a critical role in contributing to a world where peace, justice, solidarity, human dignity and respect for nature prevail.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to strengthen youth-driven peacebuilding initiatives based on the needs of its members, facilitates a safe space for dialogue and conflict transformation, develops the organizational capacities of its members and brings the voices of young people to policymakers at the regional and global levels. The organization contributes to the work of its members through its programmes on capacity development and advocacy. There is also a strong gender dimension to its work.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The *World Programme of Action for Youth* is the United Nations development policy document most closely related to the work of the organization, which supports the contents of the document through the following activities, among others: promoting peace education through its regional training sessions in Africa and its project “Mainstreaming peace education”; strengthening intercultural dialogue through its project “Gender and youth in fragile States”; and strengthening young people’s participation in decision-making processes through its “Youth advocacy team” project.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

(a) The fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011;

(b) The sixteenth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 28 February to 25 March 2011, where it submitted an oral statement on empowering children to transform cultural violence, co-sponsored two oral statements on the draft United Nations declaration on human rights education and training and provided inputs on a resolution on children's rights;

(c) The high-level segment of the substantive session of 2011 of the Economic and Social Council, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 July 2011, where it presented an oral statement on education as a resource;

(d) The preparatory meetings for the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on the Draft United Nations Declaration on the Right to Peace, held in Geneva from 18 to 21 February 2013, where it presented written and oral statements on implementing the right to peace.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization takes part in the work of the United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development, especially its Sub-Working Group on Youth Participation in Peacebuilding. The organization hosted two discussion events jointly with the Sub-Working Group, one on 10 July 2013 and one on 11 October 2013. The organization also co-organized and spoke at an event in celebration of the International Day of Peace, organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Liaison Unit of the United Nations Office at Geneva, on 21 September 2011.

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

No activities were specified.

11. Viva Rio

Special, 2010

Introduction

Viva Rio is a civil society organization based in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, created in direct response to the increasing levels of armed violence in the State of Rio de Janeiro. Its main goal is to promote peace and development at the local level, creating the means to overcome urban violence and social exclusion. Viva Rio holds the idea of human security as a guiding concept and views development, peace and security and human rights as interlinked and mutually reinforcing, as stated in the 2005 World Summit Outcome (see General Assembly resolution 60/1). Although there is no simple causal link between poverty and social exclusion on the one hand and urban armed violence on the other, once violence starts, those three factors reinforce each other in a vicious cycle. To break the cycle, security, social inclusion and development must be integrated into specific policies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To achieve its goals, Viva Rio works on three broad areas: communications, local actions and human security. Viva Rio's ultimate purpose is to promote successful solutions through advocacy and communications strategies in order for the solutions to increase in scale, become public policy and get replicated by the State, the market or other NGOs. In the past 15 years, Viva Rio has acquired a solid network of partners, supporters and donors, and has participated in several national, regional and international networks operating in its areas of expertise. Viva Rio has become known in its fields of expertise not only in Brazil but also in other Latin American countries, in Haiti and in some African countries.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since 2010, Viva Rio has been involved in activities aimed at increasing human security as defined by UNDP. It implements a police training programme to promote community policing practices, campaigns for voluntary firearms submission and has maintained a collection point for the national disarmament campaign since 2011. Viva Rio has established a partnership with the Pacifying Police Unit to promote best practices among law enforcement agencies. It developed a youth apprenticeship programme to promote the well-being of impoverished communities by placing at-risk youth in the job market.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Following an interministerial conference of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) held in Vienna in March 2009, Viva Rio was in charge of the secretariat of the Latin American Commission on Drugs and Democracy, which presented a report calling for a review of drug policies at the regional level at several United Nations meetings. The organization was part of the commission in charge of writing the independent report of the Senior Advisory Group chaired by Jean-Marie Guéhenno, former Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, on civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict, which was submitted to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council in 2011 ([A/65/747-S/2011/85](#)).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization was involved in the following:

- (a) From 2010 to 2013, it cooperated with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH) Community Violence Reduction Section in the neighbourhoods of Bel-Air and Cité Soleil in Port-au-Prince;
- (b) In 2011 and 2012, it worked on a UNDP cash-for-work programme in Haiti for the clean-up of waste and the remediation of canals and streets in the municipalities of Cité Soleil, Port-au-Prince and Delmas;

(c) In 2012 and 2013, it contributed to a United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) cash-for-production programme for the removal of debris after the 2010 earthquake;

(d) In 2010, it provided assistance during emergency situations in Haiti in coordination with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat;

(e) From 2010 to 2012, it developed, with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), an integral bio-digester system in Haiti.

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

The organization contributed to Goal 1 by distributing hygiene and food kits in Haiti in 2010-2011; to Goal 2 by giving one-year scholarships to children as part of the peace and violence reduction agreements in Haiti; to Goal 3 by supporting research on gender roles and relationships in impoverished neighbourhoods in Haiti in 2013; to Goals 4 and 5 by promoting, in partnership with local and state governments in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the family health strategy, which is a national programme aimed at reducing child mortality and improving maternal health since 2010, as well as by implementing health projects in primary schools and the Kay Nou clinic in Haiti in 2010-2012; to Goal 6 by maintaining cholera treatment centres in Haiti, in 2010-2011; to Goal 7, by promoting environmental education in Rio de Janeiro as a member of the consultative councils for the national monuments of the Cagarras islands and the Serra dos Orgãos mountain range, by implementing in 2010 a project engaged in recycling solid waste produced in the municipalities of Port-au-Prince, Cité Soleil and Delmas in Haiti and by offering, since 2011, technical courses on ecotourism in partnership with EcoBrasil, through the Raymond Louis Roy Training Center.

12. Wildlife Conservation Society

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Wildlife Conservation Society, founded in 1895, works to save wildlife and wild places. It has forged the power of its global conservation work and the management of its five parks in New York City to create the world's most comprehensive conservation organization. The Society currently manages about 500 conservation projects in over 60 countries and has a total of 4,000 staff.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Society envisions a world in which wildlife thrives in healthy lands and seas and in which societies embrace and benefit from the diversity and integrity of life on Earth. The Society saves wildlife and wild places worldwide through science, conservation action and education and by inspiring people to value nature. It achieves this through long-term, on-the-ground work in wild places around the globe and through the management of the world's largest system of urban wildlife parks, led by the flagship Bronx Zoo in New York.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Society participates in the work of the United Nations through the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council and works in close collaboration with United Nations organizations at the global, regional and national levels in support of country-led development strategies and policies. The Society plays a technical advisory role with the States Members of the United Nations with regard to environmental and conservation issues, both terrestrial and marine. The Society follows closely the work of the Security Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Society attended the regular and standing committee meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, the Convention for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Western Indian Ocean and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

The Society hosted an event to celebrate the International Year of Biodiversity, which was attended by delegates preceding the high-level meeting of the General Assembly on biodiversity, held on 22 September 2010. It attended and presented at meetings of the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals in 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Society cooperated with the following United Nations bodies during the reporting period:

- (a) Six United Nations agencies to support the conservation and sustainable management of the Yasuni Biosphere Reserve in Ecuador;
- (b) UNDP, to train South Sudanese wildlife authorities on all aspects of professional park management in South Sudan;
- (c) UNODC, on illegal wildlife trafficking in Viet Nam;
- (d) The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and others on the avian influenza A (H7N9) virus.

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

Most of the Society's work globally is related to Goals 1, 7 and 8. Examples include:

- (a) Implementation of the "Sea and sky" initiative in Argentina to protect the vast oceanscape in the south-west Atlantic, an epicentre of biological productivity;
- (b) Conservation of the Prek Toal forest in Cambodia;

- (c) Biodiversity conservation, conservation of the Amur tiger and raising public awareness regarding the importance of the environment and of conservation in China;
- (d) Support to land-use planning, community-based resources and extractive zones in the Okapi Reserve, a world heritage site in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- (e) Protection of Ivindo National Park and its forest elephants in Gabon;
- (f) Scientific surveys of wildlife populations and support for the development of conservation strategies in the Lao People's Democratic Republic;
- (g) Conservation of the MaMaBay landscape, which includes more than 10 per cent of the rainforest remaining in Madagascar, and of the largest calving and breeding ground for humpback whales in the Indian Ocean;
- (h) Technical assistance for the management of the national parks of the Congo and direct management of Nouabale-Ndoki National Park;
- (i) Training, research, monitoring, institutional support, education, reforestation, planning and new species discovery in the United Republic of Tanzania.

13. Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building

Special, 2010

Introduction

Women Organization for Development and Capacity-Building develops the educational, economic and social skills of war-affected women. It contributes to promoting a healthy environment and to raising women's awareness about health, nutrition, women's rights and gender issues. The organization empowers women to play a positive role in increasing their income and participates in poverty-reduction efforts in Blue Nile, Southern Kordofan, Central Darfur, Kassala and Khartoum States.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to eradicate illiteracy and promote adult education for high school dropouts. It provides educational support to young school girls and training courses on information technology, first aid, administration development, needlework and sewing, food processing and crafts. It promotes environmental health campaigns and organizes lectures on health, women's rights, gender issues, HIV/AIDS and endemic diseases.

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 an active member of the cluster coordination mechanism included in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs humanitarian

workplan for the Sudan. It is regularly involved in the nutrition, protection, education and health sectors. The organization has received funds from several United Nations agencies and other international donors to implement projects in different locations in the Sudan. It has worked with stakeholders to implement the recommendations arising from the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council on the Sudan. In 2013, it participated in reviewing the periodic reports of the Council. It is also a member of the network of the Commission on the Status of Women in the Sudan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 22 February to 4 March 2011, and submitted a written statement at an event held in parallel to the session. It also participated in the fifty-sixth session of the Commission, held in New York from 27 February to 9 March 2012, which focused on the empowerment of rural women and their role in poverty and hunger eradication, development and current challenges.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization implemented several projects and programmes in collaboration with UNICEF on education and nutrition in South Sudan before the separation of Blue Nile State and South Kordofan State in 2012. The organization was funded by UNDP to implement multiple outreach projects in Northern Kordofan State in 2012, as well as in White Nile State and Sennar State, and projects related to violence against women and HIV/AIDS. UNDP supported the organization's reintegration programme for returnees in Central Darfur in 2013. The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) funded the organization to operate its reproductive health programme in Central Darfur State and South Kordofan State in 2013. The African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur has supported the organization on peacebuilding, education, poverty reduction, health and women's development as of 2012.

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

The organization took the following initiatives:

- (a) In support of Goal 1, it provided livelihood and skills training for youth on food processing, financing small-scale projects, providing livestock and distributing seed, food items and goats;
- (b) In support of Goal 2, it helped improve the quality of and access to basic education to conflict-affected children by constructing and rehabilitating schools, providing literacy classes for adults and accelerated education for school dropouts and training teachers to provide psychological support;
- (c) In support of Goal 3, it raised awareness among women about their rights and about violence and abuse committed against women and girls;
- (d) In support of Goal 4, it provided training to midwives, promoted awareness of reproductive health, provided infant and young child feeding centres and mobile clinics;

(e) In support of Goal 5, it conducted immunization campaigns and provided nutritional support to breastfeeding women;

(f) In support of Goal 6, it raised awareness about HIV/AIDS through plays in the local language, conducted campaigns to control malaria and promoted safe delivery to prevent the transmission of diseases;

(g) In support of Goal 7, it provided training on natural resources management, campaigned for environmental awareness and implemented environmental health programmes;

(h) In support of Goal 8, the organization worked in partnership with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, UNDP, FAO, the World Food Programme (WFP), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM), among others.

14. Women Power Connect

Special, 2010

Introduction

Women Power Connect is a network organization in India that works as an advocacy body. The organization has more than 1,400 members, in all 29 states of the country.

Aims and purposes of the organization

An integral aspect of the organization is its commitment to addressing gender discrimination and creating a gender-just society by working towards the political, social and economic empowerment of women.

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 worked on various issues, including: reducing violence against women; providing support to community mobilization and a people-driven response to preventing sex selection and arresting the decline in the child sex ratio; creating an environment conducive to the effective implementation of women-friendly laws through advocacy and civil society participation; ensuring women's access to and control over land; carrying out a study on college students' perspective of sexual harassment in Bangalore; being a strategic advocacy partner in enhancing mobile populations' access to HIV/AIDS services, information and support; and empowering girls by addressing child marriage.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in a discussion on the theme "Advancing women's economic and political leadership: transforming lives, transforming India" at a round table organized by UNDP, held in New Delhi on 14 March 2012. The organization also participated in the national consultations on strengthening social

protection in India organized by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific and the Institute of Social Studies Trust, held in New Delhi on 4 July 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the reporting period, the organization:

(a) Organized, in collaboration with UNFPA, a national-level workshop at which NGO partners shared experiences on the project on the decline in the child sex ratio; the workshop was held on 15 and 16 November 2010;

(b) Organized, in collaboration with the Ministry of Women and Child Development and UN-Women, a consultation on human trafficking and HIV/AIDS that was held on 29 June 2010;

(c) Implemented, with support from UNFPA and in partnership with 31 NGOs from 11 states in India, a three-year project aimed at supporting community mobilization and a people-driven response to prevent sex selection and arrest the decline in the child sex ratio;

(d) Organized, in collaboration with the Planning Commission of India and UN-Women, consultations on issues affecting women and provided inputs for the twelfth approach paper; the consultations were held on 18 and 19 December 2010;

(e) Reviewed, for the International Labour Organization (ILO), the gender policy of the Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (2011-2012); that initiative was part of an international commitment to mainstream gender in public sector enterprises;

(f) Developed, for ILO, a manual for India on child labour, as part of the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour project of ILO in India (2012-2013).

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

In support of Goal 2, on 28 November 2013, in New Delhi, the organization called for the development of women to be included in the election manifestos of political parties running in the Indian general elections in 2014, and demanded that political parties commit themselves to addressing issues of discrimination against women in their manifestos.

With regard to Goal 3, the organization developed a document entitled “Ending child marriage: an indicator to measure progress on the needs and rights of adolescent girls” to promote the inclusion of child marriage as an indicator in the post-2015 development agenda.

The organization initiated programmes on International Mother Earth Day (22 April) to create awareness about the Earth Day Network and Earth Day in India, focusing on women and the green economy in 2012.

In support of Goal 8, the organization collaborated with government officials, NGOs and youth from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Nepal, Turkey and the United States on women’s issues and advocacy in India.

15. Women's Right to Education Programme

Special, 2006

Introduction

Women's Right to Education Programme is a voluntary organization that aims to provide a platform for women, youth and other stakeholders in education, as well as to establish liaisons and initiate projects to facilitate the quest for quality education for all. The organization seeks to engender development by promoting women's empowerment and values that promote self-reliance, democracy, equality and sociopolitical and economic justice. The organization tackles illiteracy and lack of access to school among women and young people in the communities. It recognizes that a functional education is important for the empowerment of women and young people in all facets of life and, most importantly, for assisting them in developing their skills and becoming self-reliant and enterprising.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization envisions a Nigeria where men and women are treated equitably and enjoy equality and where socioeconomic justice prevails. It aims to promote a true culture of lifelong learning and transparency and accountability in the mobilization, allocation and utilization of community, state and national resources in such a way as to achieve an acceptable standard of living for all Nigerians.

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-sixth and fifty-seventh sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York in 2012 and 2013, respectively, and organized side events. The organization also participated in all the processes linked to the meetings of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty, as well as the biennial meetings of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperates with UN-Women in Nigeria, as well as with UNDP and UNICEF country offices. The organization has organized programmes jointly with UN-Women on women and peace and security and helped with a mission to northern Nigeria.

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

In support of Goal 8, the organization convened, together with Action on Armed Violence, a civil society meeting on armed violence and development that was held in Abuja in 2011.
