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1. International Federation for Family Development

General, 2011

Introduction

The International Federation for Family Development (IFFD) is present in 65 countries as a union of non-denominational, non-profit, independent, and private Family Enrichment Centres.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary mission is to support parents in their child-rearing work, helping them develop their full potential as educators, and share knowledge and best practices about the family.

Significant changes in the organization

On July 2011, the federation was reclassified from special to general status with the Economic and Social Council.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFFD gave special significance to the 20th anniversary of the Year of the Family. The different activities organized reached 7,000 people worldwide. In cooperation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) Focal Point on the Family, the federation organized expert group meetings for Europe, in Brussels, Belgium, 6-8 June 2012, and for North America in Mexico City, Mexico, 19-20 May 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The federation has participated and submitted written statements in all the sessions of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), New York. It also took part in the expert group meetings held in Doha, Qatar, in March 2011, and in New York, in June 2011 and May 2012, and the celebrations of the International Day of Families on 15 May.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The IFFD contributes, among others, to the activities of World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Children's Fund and United Nations (UNICEF), and Human Rights Council (HRC).

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

The organization's programmes worldwide contribute to the MDGs. IFFD also publishes the IFFD Papers on a monthly basis, which cover development issues. They are distributed members of the federation and other stakeholders. The federation also participated in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Regional Conference, Geneva, Switzerland, July 2013, and the High-level Meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the realization of the MDGs, New York, 23 September 2013.

2. International Federation of ACAT

Special consultative status: 1995

Introduction

The International Federation of Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture (ACAT) comprises some 30 national associations that are present on four continents.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACAT raises awareness against torture with major institutions and assists its affiliates to engage in similar advocacy with international and regional bodies.

Significant changes in the organization

ACAT Liberia and ACAT United States of America recently became affiliated with the Federation, while ACAT Ghana and ACAT Niger are in the affiliation process. ACAT Burkina has been suspended from the Federation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACAT attended all the universal periodic review sessions of the Committee against Torture, the Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Enforced Disappearances. It presented 24 alternative reports to those sessions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACAT participated inter alia in the following meetings:

- sixty-seventh and sixty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations to support resolutions 67/176 and 69/186 that called for a universal moratorium on the death penalty;
- regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, 2012, 2013 and 2014; ACAT submitted three reports to the Secretary-General as its input for the reports on the death penalty;
- joint oral statement on the third joint report of seven United Nations experts on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo;
- oral statement on the follow-up to the human rights commitments of the United Kingdom;
- two parallel events on the International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances, 2011 and 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

Every year, ACAT organizes communication activities and produces communication aids for the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture and International Human Rights Day.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2014, ACAT has been supporting the Special Fund established by the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture on a project in Benin concerning “Informing detainees of their fundamental rights and reducing overpopulation in

places of detention through improved identification of cases of arbitrary detention by State actors and civil society”. ACAT also facilitated the interviews of the Sub-Committee on the Prevention of Torture.

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

No activities were specified.

3. International Federation of Associations of the Elderly

General consultative status: 1991

Introduction

The International Federation of Associations of the Elderly (FIAPA) is an umbrella organization that represents associations of the elderly at major international organizations. It is present in 16 countries around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation advocates for the protection of the elderly and establishes ties with international organizations. It holds symposia, initiates discussions and undertakes surveys and research.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since September 2012, FIAPA has moderated a non-governmental organization working group established to craft a draft international convention to promote access by elderly citizens, who might be discriminated against, to human rights. It promoted this draft convention at the Economic and Social Council sessions held in New York on 6 to 15 February 2013 and 9 to 17 February 2014. Since 2014, the Federation has been participating in the meetings of the NGO Committee on Ageing in Geneva, Switzerland. It also followed the discussions of the Human Rights Committee of the Conference of International Non-Governmental Organizations of the Council of Europe on 19 February 2014, which culminated in the adoption of recommendation CM/REC (2014)2. FIAPA made statements at the international days for the elderly at the World Health Organization (WHO) and at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland. The Federation held a symposium which led to the ratification and adoption, in Rome, Italy, in October 2011, of the Universal Charter of Legal Protection of Vulnerable Elders.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FIAPA participated in the intersession public consultation on the promotion and protection of the basic rights of older persons, on 15 April 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. The Federation submitted a contribution to the session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, 12-15 August 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2012, FIAPA has been promoting the French-speaking network of the World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Cities project.

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

In its international activities, FIAPA gives priority, inter alia, to financial abuse, the rights of older persons and isolation.

4. International Federation of Business and Professional Women

General, 1947

Introduction

The International Federation of Business and Professional Women (IFBPW) is an international network of business and professional women from over 100 countries worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of the organization is to develop the professional, leadership and business potential of women on all levels, through economic empowerment programmes and projects around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFBPW forged global partnerships for the Post-2015 sustainable development agenda. It provided input to: the global thematic consultations on inequalities of the United Nations Development Group; and the report “Realizing the Future We Want for All”. It was involved with United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Headquarters and Local Networks; brought together key stakeholders in twelve pilot countries to develop a working model and ensured the Women’s Empowerment Principles (WEPs) inclusion in the first International Organisation of Employers’ (IOE) Policy Brief on Women’s Empowerment and Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), 30 June, 2012. The IFBPW collaborated with different bodies to include migration in the Post-2015 agenda and develop indicators for the SDGs.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFBPW attended the following meetings:

- side events during the UNGC Leaders’ Summit, 19-20 September 2013, New York;
- side events during all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW);

- preparatory meetings of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, 20-22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;
- UNGC Business Focal Point on “Missing for Rio: Women and Youth”, May 2012, New York;
- 5th Annual WEPs Event, during which it delivered a session summary to United Nations Secretary General; and
- high-level event during the 68th Session of the General Assembly. It delivered an oral statement: “The Contributions of Women, the Young and Civil Society to the Post-2015 Development Agenda”, 6-7 March, 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IFBPW is a founding member of the International Trade Centre (ITC) Global Platform for Action on Sourcing from Women Vendors. It lobbied for inclusion of WEPs; signed agreements for further collaboration; contributed articles to ITC official magazine, International Trade Forum, and contributed to design and market the official WEPs tools and resources. The federation contributed to: the Post-2015 Development framework with an active participation in Major Groups; the International Labour Organization’s (ILO) decent work campaign (Equal Pay Day campaigns); and the World Health Organization (WHO) Red Belt Campaign to prevent cardiometabolic risk.

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

IFBPW improved education facilities and provided literacy programmes for the Business & Professional Women (BPW) Quality School, Azam Town, Karachi, Pakistan. It funded programmes toward women’s education and the end violence against women.

5. International Federation of Medical Students Associations

Special, 2003

Introduction

The International Federation of Medical Students’ Associations (IFMSA) represents associations of medical students from 118 countries internationally. IFMSA envisions a world in which all medical students unite for global health and are equipped with the knowledge, skills and values to take on health leadership roles locally and globally.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFMSA aims to build more capacities in the field of health care, focusing on the priorities targeted by the new generation of health professionals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFMSA focuses on improving health by combatting HIV/AIDS in 118 countries through a network of 12,000 clinical and research exchanges. IFMSA has relations with several NGOs and promotes collaborative actions in the field of health, education, employability, human rights and peace. IFMSA promotes sharing good practices between organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFMSA participates in the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland every year. IFMSA also participated in more than 10 World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Committee sessions. IFMSA took part in all the United Nations Climate Change Conferences. It participated in several Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals meetings. It participated in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) 36th and 37th General Conference, October 2011, and November 2013; the International Conference of NGOs, December 2012 and 2014; and the Youth Forum, October 2011 and 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IFMSA collaborates with WHO on many topics, including patient safety and environmental health. IFMSA participated in the UNESCO Participation Programme 2012-2013, receiving a grant to conduct trainings based in peer-education.

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

The IFMSA organized international, regional and national trainings. Several IFMSA General Assembly themes were dedicated to the MDGs, such as “Health Equality and Disparity among the MDGs”, March 2011, Jakarta, Indonesia and “Health beyond 2015”, March 2014, Hammamet, Tunisia. IFMSA and its member organizations carry out over 300 community based projects in the field of communicable and non-communicable diseases. The federation also participated in various Sustainable Development Goals Open Working Groups, advocating for the inclusion of health and youth rights in the future development agenda.

6. International Federation of Psoriasis Associations**Special, 2011****Introduction**

International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA) supports 53 national psoriasis member associations and four regional members in Asia, Latin America, Europe and Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFPA’s goals are to secure universal access to treatment to psoriasis, to raise awareness and understanding of it; change the treatment paradigm; and end discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFPA contributed to the work of the United Nations by promoting the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). It also educates the public that psoriasis is non-communicable. It developed materials and capacity-building workshops.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs); New York, 19-20 September 2011;
- 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), New York, 1-7 February 2012;
- 5th, 6th and 7th Session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 12-14 September 2012, 17-19 July 2013, and 10-12 June 2014, New York; and
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development to advocate that psoriasis is a disabling disease; New York, 23 September 2013.

Representatives attended the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, 2012, 2013, and 2014, in New York.

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.

7. International Federation of Social Workers**Special, 1959****Introduction**

The International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) is a global federation of national organizations of social workers.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFSW works to build a global partnership to promote social work as a profession and their participation in the formulation of social policies and social planning.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFSW transmits information about United Nations activities and initiatives on its website (United Nations Social Work Hub) and newsletter. Also, its Human Rights Commission fosters a broad discussion on human rights issues. Finally, IFSW has been organizing the Annual Social Work Day at the United Nations for the past 30 years in New York and since 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFSW participated in several meetings, including:

- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW): IFSW endorsed the Statement on “Gender, Economic, Social and Eco-logical Justice for Sustainable Development, A Feminist Declaration for Post-2015”;
- NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs: IFSW participated in the regular meetings of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs and in the events during the 56th and 57th annual sessions of the High-level Segment and Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND);
- NGO Committee on the Status of Women (CSW), Vienna, Austria: Joint Formulation of a Statement on Challenges and Achievements in the Implementation of the MDGs for Women and Girls; and
- 27th Session of the Human Rights Council: IFSW submitted a joint statement, 15 September 2014, and organized a panel on the protection of the family and its members.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IFSW cooperates with the following United Nations bodies:

- World Health Organization (WHO): The IFSW is represented in the WHO Advisory Group for the Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10);
- Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) in preparation of World Social Work Day 2015;
- United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to focus on children without parental care. IFSW Disseminated two handbooks; and
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): Participation in UNHCR’s Annual Consultation with NGOs and UNHCR’s ExCom, 2011-2014.

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

IFSW’s World Conferences for Social Workers focus on several topics related to United Nations initiatives. IFSW, in cooperation with Child Rights Connect, has been working towards educating stakeholders as a means to achieve universal primary education.

As a core group member of The Global Coalition for Social Protection Floors, IFSW advocates for the implementation of the International Labour Organization’s (ILO) Social Protection Floors Recommendation, 2012.

8. International Federation of University Women

Special, 1947

Introduction

The International Federation of University Women (IFUW) is represented in over 60 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFUW aims to promote the empowerment of women and girls, notably through education; advocate for the advancement of the status of women and girls; and encourage and enable women and girls to apply their knowledge and skills in leadership and decision-making in all forms of public and private life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFUW has submitted statements and co-organised panels with other organizations, including United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) and at the sessions of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). IFUW actively participates in the NGO networks, notably Conference on NGOs (CoNGO), and the NGO Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). IFUW policy resolutions passed in 2010 and 2013 urge IFUW affiliates to promote national implementation of the Convention on Elimination of all form of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), CSW, and the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons. Organizations such as United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) and UNESCO took part in the federation's triennial conference in Istanbul in 2013. Workshops were held on the theme of human trafficking and torture.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFUW participated in the following meetings:

- 100th Session of the International Labour Conference, 1-17 June 2011, Geneva, Switzerland;
- all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- 20th and 25th regular Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Economic and Social Council, July 2011, Geneva, Switzerland: IFUW held a high-level panel “Underlying causes and Impact on Development of Denying Girls Access to Secondary Education”;
- CEDAW Half-Day General Discussion on Girls’/Women’s Right to Education, Geneva, Switzerland, 7 July 2014; and
- United Nations General Assembly High-level Meeting on the 25th Anniversary of the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 20 November 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IFUW regularly gives input in United Nations consultations with NGO partners. Its members and representatives are active in CoNGO, NGO CSW, among others. IFUW collaborated with UNESCO and CERN in a side event on Women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), Geneva, Switzerland, in 2013 and participated in the United Nations-NGO panel on International policies on Human Rights Education (HRE), organized by the working group on HRE, in 2012.

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

IFUW and its members have carried out grassroots projects worldwide to enhance literacy and numeracy of girls and women: A literacy programme has been developed for market women in Sierra Leone; literacy and vocational courses and seminars have been provided to adolescent girls and young women in India.

Centres education, maternal health programmes and five manifestos to promote education for girls and women have been developed in Turkish Cyprus and El Salvador for expecting and existing mothers.

9. International Federation on Ageing**General, 1995****Introduction**

The International Federation on Ageing (IFA) is a NGO with members from all around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFA advocates for the improvement of the quality of life of older persons around the world.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IFA holds biennial conferences on the three priority areas of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA): older persons and development; advancing health and well-being into old age; and ensuring enabling and supportive environments. IFA held its 11th and 12th Global conferences on ageing from 28 May-1 June 2012 in Prague, Czech Republic and from 10-13 June 2014 in Hyderabad, India respectively. Two international workshops were convened: on Human rights for Older Persons in Asia-Pacific Region, 4-6 June 2012, in Thiruvananthapuram, India; and on Ageing and Age Friendly Environment, 27-28 May 2013 in, Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Statements were provided for:

- Economic and Social Council Annual Ministerial Review, 2012, New York;
- all sessions of the Commission for Social Development (CSD), New York;
- all sessions of the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland;
- all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York; and
- all sessions of the Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing, New York.

The IFA also participated in the following meetings:

- High-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, 19-20 September 2011, New York;
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Conference on MIPAA and Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) Implementation, 19-20 September 2012, in Vienna, Austria.
- High-level meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development, 23 September 2013, New York; and
- First Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) on 17-18 September 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IFA is Chair of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Older People (GAROP). IFA, in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) Department of Ageing and Life Course, has arranged a WHO Age-friendly Environments Programme. The federation is a member of numerous Committees, including NGO Committee on Migration; NGO Committee on Ageing; NGO Committee on Social Development and the Committee on the Family.

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

IFA focused its MDG-related efforts towards the health problems of women and elder people. The IFA has participated in the United Nations Business Council and moderated discussions emphasising the importance of women and ageing as global health priorities in the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

10. International Fellowship of Reconciliation

Special, 1979

Introduction

The International Fellowship of Reconciliation (IFOR) is an international movement committed to Active Nonviolence as a way of life and a means of political, social and economic transformation. It is based in the Netherlands and is represented in more than forty countries worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IFOR works for a more peaceful, humane, and just society by promoting a culture of nonviolence, dialogue, and reconciliation.

Significant changes in the organization

The Women Peacemakers Programme has become an independent NGO in 2012. Servicio Paz y Justicia (SERPAJ) has officially become a branch of IFOR, increasing its geographical representation in Latin America.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IFOR participates and shares information in United Nations events.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IFOR participated in the following meetings:

- 55th and 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- Preparatory Committee Meetings for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT);
- 108th and 112th Session of the Human Rights Committee, 8-26 July 2013 and 7-31 October 2014, Geneva, Switzerland; and
- the regular sessions of the Human Rights Council, March 2013-September 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IFOR participated in United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Executive Board Committees, and contributed to "Africa and Gender Equality Action Plan for Africa"; and "Road Map for Democracy in the Arab World". IFOR also attended meetings of the United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs in New York.

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

IFOR re-established a Gender Working Group. It increased its focus on environmental issues and the intersection between climate change and conflict. It supported the creation of a Pan African Nonviolence Network and adopted a plan for increased coordination and growth in Africa.

11. International Human Rights Observer

Special, 2011

Introduction

International Human Rights Observer (IHRO) is an advocacy, research, monitoring and training human rights organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

It aims at implementing a better environment for human rights through education, advocacy and assistance to victims of human rights violations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IHRO contributed to the United Nations through advocacy campaigns, free legal advice, and training programmes. It commemorated the International Day of Human Rights, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and the International Day of Peace, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

- sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- sessions of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Geneva, Switzerland;
- sessions of the Commission for Social Development (CSD), New York;
- 12th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 20-31 May, 2013, New York; and
- 23rd Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, 12-16 May 2014, Vienna, Austria; and
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IHRO has worked on the reconstruction and rehabilitation of victims of various natural disasters in Pakistan since 2011, in cooperation with United Nations bodies. IHRO followed the United Nations World Programme for Human Rights Education phases 1-2-3.

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

IHRO led a National MDGs Advocacy Campaign in Pakistan. It organized workshops, conferences and distributed printed material on the MDGs. IHRO worked with the government of Pakistan and United Nations bodies for the eradication of poverty. It introduced “Child for Human Rights” programme and public campaign in 2013. It established its “Women Rights Department” to provide basic research, training, and documentation and case studies on Women Rights in Pakistan.

12. International Indian Treaty Council

General, 2011

Introduction

The International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) is an organization of Indigenous Peoples from North, Central, and South America, the Caribbean and the Pacific.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IITC works for the respect of the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IITC worked with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It participated in all the sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC) and submitted Alternative Reports in conjunction with 28 Indigenous groups. It filed documents to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Special representative of the Secretary General and the United Nations' Special Rapporteurs for Human Rights Defenders and Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The IITC, among other things:

- was involved in the High-level Plenary Meeting of the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (HLPW-WCIP);
- participated in and made presentations at the International expert group meeting on combating violence against Indigenous Women and Girls; January 2012, New York; and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) Expert Group Meeting on Sexual Health and Reproductive Rights, January 2014, New York; and
- worked within the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) on the 15th UNEP Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum (GMGSF), December 2013, Washington DC, United States of America.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The IITC works with the Committee on Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR), and the Committee on the Right of the Child.

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

IITC participated in the Post-2015 discussions in the Committee for Food Security and Indigenous Peoples Major Group.

13. International Informatization Academy

General, 1995

Introduction

The International Informatization Academy (IIA) has offices all over the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IIA is engaged in the informatization of the activities of the MDGs.

Significant changes in the organization

New branches opened in in Baku, Azerbaijan, and Nanjing, China.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Academy published the United Nations Millennium Declaration in Russian and English for the wider public as well as a Declaration learning guide. The Academy held a seminar on sustainable development and an international conference “The United Nations Millennium Declaration after 10 years: Outcomes and prospects”. This was followed by the publication of research papers.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Meetings were held with the leaders of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Academy collaborates with the United Nations Information Centre in Moscow and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Office in Russia.

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

IIA developed and submitted a programme proposal called “A global landscape network — natural sites and balanced cultural landscapes”, and a draft paper entitled “Preserving and increasing the number of clean surface and underground water resources: a strategic interest of nations”, calling for support for the creation of sustainable major water features when strategic development issues are being discussed.

14. International Institute for Child Protection

Special, 2011

Introduction

The International Institute for Child Protection (IICP), based in Serre Kunda, The Gambia, was founded by child rights experts and concerned individuals in response to the social crisis in Africa and The Gambia in particular.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IICP is committed to children's rights protection. Its aim is to educate and mobilize a partnership of community residents and organizations to advocate for social inclusion and integration of children in effective child protection policies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IICP organized a side event and submitted a statement during the 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), 9 February 2012, New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IICP participated in the following meetings:

- 2011 Resumed Session, Committee on NGOs, 16–24 May 2011, New York, “Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world”;
- 7th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, Vienna, Austria, 6-10 October 2014; and
- 50th Session of the Commission on Social Development (CSocD), 1-10 February 2012 on Poverty Eradication.

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.

15. International Institute for the Rights of the Child

Special consultative status: 2013

Introduction

The International Institute for the Rights of the Child has member non-governmental organizations in some twenty countries around the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Institute's goal is to strengthen the rights of the child, especially respect for human dignity. It also seeks to strengthen the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute celebrates Universal Children's Day every year. It organized the following seminars:

- “Rights of the child and the private sector: getting States and businesses to live up to their commitments”, 10 October 2013, Berne, Switzerland. The final recommendations were transmitted to the Committee on the Rights of the Child;
- “Child sex tourism, prevention, protection, prohibition and caring for the victims”, 15-18 October 2013, Sion, Switzerland; and
- “Human rights week: symposium on rights of the child versus right on a child”, 7-10 October 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

The Institute also requested the administrative authorities to expedite the ratification of the third optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 10 October 2013, Berne, Switzerland.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IDE participated in the general debate of the Committee on the Rights of the Child on: “The Rights of All Children in the Context of International Migration” and “Digital Media and Children's Rights”, on 28 September 2012 and 12 September 2014, respectively, in Geneva, Switzerland. IDE submitted Switzerland's alternative report to the Committee's pre-session meeting in Geneva on 19 June 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IDE participated in several meetings, including:

- “Teaching and international discussions on the rights of the child” in collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)-China, 2011;
- A meeting at IDE of United Nations experts on youth, health, education, science and culture, and human rights which developed tools for assessing the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 11-12 February 2012, Sion, Switzerland;
- Mission on international adoption and ratification of the Convention by Haiti, Haiti, 27 February-2 March 2012; and
- Training in juvenile justice for Tajik judges, prosecutors and lawyers in collaboration with UNICEF Tajikistan, Sion, Switzerland, 21-25 January 2014.

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

IDE taught a course on the rights of the child, violence against children, female genital mutilation and the Millennium Development Goals to medical students at the University of Geneva, in 2011-2013. The Institute trained community interpreters on protecting girls from female genital mutilation, 18 October 2011, Neuchâtel, Switzerland. It organized seminars and published a manual “Experiences in Education on Children's Rights for the Czech Republic”, 2011, Brno, Czech Republic.