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1. Abdul Momen Khan Memorial Foundation (Khan Foundation)

(Special; 2001)

Introduction

Abdul Momen Khan Memorial Foundation (KF) started in 1988 in Bangladesh to address destruction by flooding and to help those affected. In the beginning the Foundation worked only in the area of relief and rehabilitation. But gradually it expanded its working areas and built its reputation as one of the few non-profits linking different levels of the society from the highest level of the government to the grassroots level. At present, the main working areas of the organization are democracy, human rights, poverty alleviation, legal justice, climate change and development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

KF would like to see a future Bangladesh where millions of downtrodden Bangladeshis no longer suffer under the yoke of poverty. KF's mission is to strengthen and sustain true representative democracy from local government through to central government level while promoting a democratic culture in the country. Another goal is to improve the living conditions of the country's disadvantaged groups, in particular women, children and the poor, through the launching of effective social and economic development programs. -KF also aims to further the cause of the UN around the globe and has done considerable work towards achieving the MDGs in Bangladesh and currently taking on more initiatives to work towards the new SDGs.

Significant changes in the organization

KF in recent years significantly expanded its work on climate change and implemented a project called, Building New Constituencies for Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR): Climate Change & SRHR. The active work in this field created knowledge and awareness on the impacts of global climate change on sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of poor and marginalized people especially women in Bangladesh in an effort to improve SRHR services at the local community level as well as influence policy decisions at the national/regional level.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

KF works to fight against exploitation, injustice, corruption and re-establish a society that respects human rights for all, especially women, children, marginalized and disadvantaged communities. KF also works to raise awareness among citizens on socio-political issues of governance, human rights, legal aid, environment protection, development issues, among others, for the general welfare of the people, KF also works towards empowering network partners to further improve the effectiveness, impact and sustainability of their efforts by identifying best practices in the area of good governance, transparency and accountability.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 4th High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons Meeting on Post-2015 Development Agenda, Bali, 2013
- 13th Session of the Open Working Group (OWG), New York, 12-19 July 2014
- CSW59, New York, 9-20 March 2015
- Post-2015 negotiations in New York, February 17-20, 2015
- UNFCCC COP 21 and COP 22 Meeting, Paris, Dec 2015, Morocco, Dec 2016
- PGA High Level Meetings

KF has been following the Post-2015 and Rio+20 processes. Representatives from KF have attended various SDG meetings at the UN through the Women's Major Group and the Women's Rights Coalition which are stakeholder groups under the UN. KF has also been creating awareness about the Post 2015 process among ministerial delegations, civil society and youth at regional and national levels.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

KF engages with several UN bodies in its policy advocacy work including UN Women, UNDP and UNHCR. KF and partner NGOS organizes events around UN International Observances including International Women's Day, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, International Anti-Corruption Day and Human Rights Day and engages the different national UN bodies in these events.

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

KF has undertaken several initiatives in line with SDGs 1, 3, 5, and 13. Through the Climate Change and SRHR project, KF aimed to improve SRHR services at the local community level as well as influence policy decisions at the national/regional level. Through work in this project, KF aims to increase the resilience of communities so that women and girls can adapt with the climate change.

KF undertook "APARAJITA: Political Empowerment of Women" project to strengthen local government and build capacity of elected women representatives, while promoting gender awareness and equality.

KF also implemented "Monitoring Social Protection Programs: How best to deliver to the poor", project with a goal of enabling rural and urban poor (especially those currently excluded from social protection services) in Bangladesh to get local social protection services to reduce proportion of people in extreme poverty.

2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (Victoria)

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria (FVPLS Victoria) is an Aboriginal community-controlled organisation (ACCO) which provides assistance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (hereafter 'Aboriginal') victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault, and works with families and communities affected by violence. FVPLS Victoria provides culturally safe, holistic legal assistance; early intervention/prevention programs; and policy and advocacy work directed towards systemic change. 93% of clients are Aboriginal women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- provide assistance to victims/survivors of family violence;
- increase recognition and reduce the incidence of violence and abuse in communities through education and advocacy;
- facilitate long term solutions to violence and abuse in communities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As an ACCO promoting Aboriginal people's self-determination and enjoyment of cultural rights, all of FVPLS Victoria's work contributes to the agenda of ECOSOC and the United Nations (UN).

Examples include:

- Delivering legal services that protect and advance the rights of Aboriginal victims/survivors of family violence and sexual assault, predominantly women;
- Designing and delivering early intervention and prevention programs that reduce violence against Aboriginal women through promoting connection to culture and human rights;

- Policy and advocacy work, including submissions to Australian governments and community awareness activities, concerning disproportionate impacts of gender-based violence on Aboriginal women, forced State removal of Aboriginal children from their families, incarceration, access to justice and civil rights of Aboriginal people.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FVPLS Victoria (including through the National Family Violence Prevention Legal Services Forum ('NFVPLS')), contributed to UN shadow reporting processes concerning Australia's:

- Combined Eighteenth, Nineteenth and Twentieth Reports under the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination
- Second Universal Periodic Review
- Eighth Report under the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
- Combined Fourth and Fifth report under the Convention Against Torture. Contributed to NFVPLS' 2014 submission to the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Preliminary planning to host 2017 roundtable discussion with Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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

- FVPLS Victoria's 2015 "Solutions to Family Violence Campaign", which empowers Aboriginal women to lead efforts to reduce the disproportionate rates of violence against Aboriginal women.
- Collaborative development of NFVPLS' National Ochre Ribbon campaign and annual National Ochre Ribbon day, which raises awareness of the impacts of family violence in Aboriginal communities and calls for action to end violence against Aboriginal people.
- Participation in 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, observing the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women and Human Rights Day.

3. Academy for Mobilizing Rural-Urban Action through Education

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

AAMRAE was a nodal organization of UNICEF, accredited with Consultative Status from the Economic and Social Council, United Nations, in 2004 it was the recipient of the prestigious Dr. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR DALIT MITRA Award for protecting rights of vulnerable groups especially women and children in Maharashtra, India. It has been actively working towards guaranteeing children their right to survival, development, protection and participation since 1994. AAMRAE is a Civil Service Society, non-profit, non-political active in the State of Maharashtra, India, with its main office in Mumbai, India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to empower the poorest of poor, to protect the Rights of Women and Children and to work towards the holistic development of the poor through community action, capacity building of grassroot level organizations, policy advocacy, institution building, networking and action research.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization is collaborating with the University of Mumbai for rehabilitating the tribal population in the National Park of Urban Mumbai. Secondly in collaboration with the Japan Consulate we have started a training center for children and women with different abilities residing in the rural areas.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 57th session of the CSW held from 4 to 15 March 2013
- Commission on Sustainable Development - 20th session held on 20th September, 2013 and the High-level meeting of the General Assembly on Disability and Development held on 23rd

September 2013

- 6th Session of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities held from 17 – 19 July 2013
- Fifty-Second Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) held from 11th – 21st February 2014
- Fifty-Eighth Session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 10th – 21st March 2014
- Thirteenth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) held from 12 to 23 May 2014
- Fifty-Third Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) held from 4th – 13th February 2015
- Fourteenth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues(UNPFII14) held from 20th April 2015 – 1st May 2015
- Sixth Session of the Open-ended Working Group (OEWGA) on strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons held from 14 to 16 July 2015
- Fifty-Fourth Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD54) held from 3 to 12 February 2016
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- Sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 14 to 24 March 2016
- 15th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII15) held from 9 to 20 May 2016
- 9th session of the Conference of States Parties (COSP9) to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities held from 14 to 16 June 2016

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

Our work is directly related to sustainable development goals -- Goal No. 6 (Gender equality and empowerment) and Goal No. 14 & 15 (Leaving no one behind- ensuring continuity post 2015) and we have reached 1100 women with developmental disabilities. We are working with the women at the grass root level along with SHGs, community based organization, community leaders and family members and also network with the civil society and the government in the area of advocacy, policy research and public education. We also work closely with the government agencies at the ward/rural block level for developing resource support team for convergence of services for the adolescents and women and also work as trainer to create facilitators from NGO's and government sector to create a strong network to make the issues of women felt and visible.

4. Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy, The

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy is a not-for-profit nongovernmental organisation, registered in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, providing research and advocacy for humanitarian disarmament and security, environmental sustainability, and women, peace and security.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Acronym uses research, materials, capacity building and collaborative strategies to promote fuller participation of civil society and nations in developing and implementing effective measures to prohibit and eliminate inhumane weapons, demilitarise relations among peoples, promote human security and sustain a healthy environment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Acronym Institute for Disarmament Diplomacy has engaged in public education and published over 40 articles and book chapters to promote awareness of United Nations work and developments, including: Speaking on session panels at 2013 and 2016 Open-ended Working Groups on multilateral disarmament and contributing analysis and working paper A/AC.286/NGO/22/Rev.1, which fed into 2016 UNGA decision to convene treaty negotiations in 2017;

- Gave lectures on verification and science to CTBTO academic and technical courses in Vienna, Austria (2013, 2014, 2015), e.g. CTBTO Diplomacy and Public Policy Course, gave lectures on aspects of multilateral negotiations and the CTBT, and chaired eminent panel on Women, Leadership and Non-Proliferation (July 15-18, Vienna)

- Spoke on World Humanitarian Summit panel "Humanitarian Impacts of Nuclear Weapons: regional and global risks, accidental, mistaken or intentional detonations" (Istanbul, Turkey,

May 2016);

- Spoke at 25th UN Conference on Disarmament Issues (Hiroshima, Japan, August 2015),
- Lectured at Mexico's Diplomatic Academy, Summer School (Mexico City, Mexico, July 2014) and ISODARCO Winter School (Andalo, Italy, 2016)
- Undertook a speaking tour of UK towns and cities to highlight humanitarian impacts of nuclear weapons (October 2013-December 2014), accompanied by powerpoints and numerous articles published online by OpenDemocracy
- Organised with UNA Scotland, 2016 conference with parliamentarians and civic leaders on humanitarian risks of nuclear weapons, Edinburgh. The word limit means we cannot put full dates or titles of contributions, but would be glad to provide more information if allowed.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Acronym participated in and published reports on:

2013-16 UN First Committee meetings, Non-Proliferation Treaty meetings (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017), including speaking at various side events on nonproliferation, disarmament and Middle East WMD-Free Zone, together with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (of which Acronym is a founding steering group member), Pugwash, the Moscow Center for Policy Studies, and the League of Arab States, among others.

Fifth and Sixth Biennial Meetings on Small Arms and Light Weapons (2014, 2016), working closely with the International Action Network on Small Arms;

First and Second Conferences of Arms Trade Treaty parties (Mexico, 2015; Geneva, Switzerland, 2016), working closely with Control Arms.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Acronym cooperated with UNODA by writing a chapter for book on "Civil Society Engagement in Disarmament Processes", published by ODA, and speaking at book launch (NY, 29 March 2017);

Acronym spoke at UNIDIR meeting on Nonproliferation and disarmament after the 2015 NPT Review Conference (Geneva, 18 June 2015).

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

By contributing to articles, briefing papers, training sessions for diplomats, education and international outreach, Acronym supported MDG and SDG goals for peace and security and environmental sustainability, notably: SDG 16.4; SDG 16.6; SDG 16.7.

In addition Acronym has supported SDG5 in various ways, e.g., by contributing to weekly vigils in London, United Kingdom, for women peace-makers and calling for an end to violence against women; by speaking at meetings organised by Nobel Women's Initiative in Belfast May 27-31, 2013, and co-convening a workshop on women's peace actions' organising a roundtable on security, nonproliferation and civil society, for Iranian human rights defenders (London, 19 September 2013).

5. Adalah - Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

Adalah ("Justice" in Arabic) is an independent human rights organization and legal center. Established in November 1996, it works to promote and defend the rights of Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel, 1.2 million people, or 20% of the population, as well as Palestinians living in the State of Palestine.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Adalah's aim is to promote human rights in the State of Israel in general and the rights of the Palestinian Arab minority in particular. This work includes defending the human rights of all individuals subject to the jurisdiction of the State of Israel (e.g., Palestinians living in the Occupied Palestinian Territory). To fulfill its aim, Adalah works in four main fields: Legal action before Israeli courts and state authorities; International Advocacy before the UN, EU and US; Legal Education (including training, publications and media outreach); and Institutional Development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Adalah reported extensively to the UN human rights treaty and charter-based bodies, as well as engaged with the UN Special Rapporteurs and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). This work included participation in UN Treaty Body review sessions, briefings to Special Rapporteurs and to the OHCHR, organizing side events during review sessions, submitting reports to UN bodies, and presenting before special UN fact-finding missions to Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2013, Adalah participated in the UN Human Rights Council (HRC) and hosted a side-event

with NGO partners entitled, “The Violation of Housing, Land and Rights in Israel and the OPT: Expert Testimonies from the Field,” featuring the UN Special Rapporteur on Adequate Housing. In 2013, Adalah attended the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) review sessions on Israel, and followed up with its report to the committee. In 2014, Adalah submitted reports to the UN Human Rights Committee (monitoring the implementation of the ICCPR), and attended the review sessions on Israel. In 2014, Adalah participated in a meeting with the UN Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict, and in 2015 submitted a report to this COI. In 2016, Adalah submitted a joint report with NGO partners to the UN Committee Against Torture (CAT) and attended the review sessions on Israel.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Adalah implemented three projects with funding from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) to promote the human rights of Palestinian residents of the Occupied Palestinian Territory from May 2012-August 2013, September 2014-March 2015, and June 2016-March 2017.

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

Child health/maternal health:

In 2014, Adalah demanded that the Israeli Health Ministry establish health clinics in two newly recognized Arab Bedouin villages in the Naqab (Negev) for around 1,800 residents; women and children are particularly affected as there is no public transportation and no medical services available in the villages.

In 2015, following Adalah's legal intervention, the Health Ministry re-opened a “Mother and Child” clinic in the Bedouin village of Abu Tulul in the Naqab, which serves around 1,040 people, and connected it to the electricity grid.

Primary education:

Following a petition by Adalah to the Israeli Supreme Court (SCT) in 2013, seven schools in Arab Bedouin villages in the Naqab (Negev) were connected to the national electricity network.

In 2016, Adalah submitted an NGO report to the UN CEDAW with data on state discrimination in budgets for primary education between Jewish Israeli and Arab students and

lower levels of educational attainment for Arab students, boys and girls; the Committee raised questions in its List of Issues on these points.

6. Adolescent Health and Information Projects

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

Adolescent Health and Information Projects (AHIP) is a non-profit, non-religious and non-partisan organization that focuses its activities the health and development of young persons and women for the purposes of improving their quality of live. It started programs implementation in 1992 and works in nineteen northern Nigerian states and Abuja, Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AHIP engages in research and documentation; programming and partnership to promote young people and women's health, sexuality, social and economic issues as they affect their wellbeing. AHIP focuses on Health (Reproductive Health; HIV/AIDS); Gender Issues; Sexuality Education; Civic Rights; Education and socio-cultural issues as they affect the wellbeing of Young People and Women.

Significant changes in the organization

a) A review of the organization's strategic plan to properly address safe motherhood for young females and address gender based violence; b) the organization expanded its program to cover 19 states of Nigeria from the 3 states it covered at the time of registrations; c) AHIP is in 14 networks that evolves in different collaborations and coalitions; (d) AHIP has developed a strong partnership with Medical Women Association Nigeria (MWAN).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AHIP have worked in the reporting period to fight the scourge of HIV in Nigeria. Worked with in partnership with Society for Family Health and Global funds in Scaling up gender sensitive HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, care and support interventions for adults and children in Nigeria. Working with Most At Risk Population (MARPs).

Ford Foundation have over the years supported AHIP to do comprehensive and integrated development program for young people focus on promoting sexual and reproductive health, rights and choices in Kano and Jigawa states. The program includes integration of Family

Life and HIV/AIDS Education (FLHE); mentoring leaders to provide community social education for vulnerable girls and boys; promoting sports for development; empowering young people with integrated livelihood skills and entrepreneurship. From 2014 to date AHIP Expanded Partnerships for Scaling Family Life Education, Sexual and Reproductive Health Service Delivery and Livelihood Skills Building for In-School Adolescents in Northern Nigeria.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AHIP presented on the Health effect of Violence Against Women at a session hosted by the Women Consortium and FGN in the 2013 CSW; AHIP in partnership with Medical Women Association of Nigeria participated in CSW 2014 and MWAN organized a session with the title “MWAN’s Role in Achieving the MDGs/SDGs for the Women and Girls in Nigeria”; Sponsored 11 persons to participate in CSW 2014; 9 persons participated in CSW 2015; 9 persons participated in CSW 2016 and all participating members are active in a lot of parallel session presenting and contribute idea.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Working with in Guaranteeing the productivity and wellbeing of the people and (b) Fostering sustainable social and economic development. Contributing to Good governance; Social Capital, and Human Security and Risk management. Using an integrated programmatic approach that is results-oriented and in line with the UNFPA Strategic Plan.

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

(Goal 1/SDG 1) Over 2000 females and 500 male trained through the AHIP Institute for human development; aimed at improving the economic condition of young people. Over 500 benefited from a micro-credit scheme and business management; (Goal 2/SDG 4) Reach 100,000 students with FLHE. Strengthened School-based-Management-Committees (SBMCs) in over 200 schools. Improving the health status and quality of education of over 20 million Nigerians through improving quality of basic education; (Goal 3/SDG 5), AHIP uses sports for development to promote gender equality and equity through sports include being role models and promoting gender equality; (Goal 4/SDG 3). Worked with Partners on a Child

Survival programs; In addition, promoted routine immunization under the child survival component its, also involved in Polio eradication; (Goal 5/SDG 10), Promoted maternal health Targeting young people in and out-of-school, persons of reproductive-age, leaders from Governmental and NGOs. Mentoring NGO/CBO/FBO, media practitioners, traditional and religious leaders, health providers, and the Non-Formal-Structures; AHIP worked through improving access to comprehensive information and providing a range of safe, reliable reproductive and sexual health care services.

7. Adventist Development and Relief Agency

(General; 1997)

Introduction

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is the global humanitarian organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Through an international network, ADRA delivers relief and development assistance in more than 130 countries. ADRA has an international headquarters in the United States of America and eight Regional Offices that provide technical and financial oversight, assist with strategic and operational planning and facilitate the recruitment and support of personnel.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ADRA delivers relief and development assistance by partnering with communities, organizations and governments. ADRA's aim is to improve the quality of life for millions of people. ADRA's sectors of activity include social justice, children, health, education, water, sanitation and hygiene, disaster preparedness and response, gender equity, hunger, nutrition, economic growth and livelihoods and agriculture.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During this quadrennium the ADRA network has supported the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). In 2016 the ADRA signed on to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs are published and promoted on ADRA's website. In multiple ADRA materials ADRA brings the SDGs to the attention of the general public. At the country level, ADRA representatives interact with the representatives of the United Nations agencies and contribute to the conversations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the World Humanitarian Summit, Istanbul, Turkey, May 2016,

during which the ADRA President delivered a statement on behalf of the ADRA network.

Representative attended Annual UNHCR - NGO Consultations, Geneva, Switzerland.

Representative attended Annual WFP - NGO Consultations, Rome, Italy, 2013-2016.

Representative attended WFP Executive Board meetings, Rome, Italy, 2014, 2016.

Representative attended FAO meeting, Rome, November 2015, 2016.

Representative attended 71st UN General Assembly, New York, USA September 2016.

Representative attended Global Nutrition Cluster Meeting, Rome, Italy, March 2016.

The President of ADRA International participates in the WFP FBO meetings to end hunger by 2030.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ADRA has a global agreement with UNHCR and WFP. ADRA invites UN representatives to make presentations at the Annual network meetings but also at the country and regional levels.

ADRA offices at the country level implemented projects in collaboration with the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF): Cameroon, Chad, Ecuador, Democratic Republic of Congo, Mauritania, Vanuatu, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Rwanda, Somalia; World Health Organization (WHO): Democratic Republic of Congo, Yemen; World Food Programme (WFP): Cameroon, Liberia, Ukraine, Fiji, Myanmar, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Sudan, Rwanda, Ghana, Afghanistan, Tanzania, Madagascar, Mozambique, Lesotho; Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO): Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Burkina Faso; United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA): Nepal, South Sudan, Cameroon; United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): Burkina Faso, Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo; United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR): Argentina, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Tunisia, Ghana, Liberia, Yemen, Sudan, South Sudan, Thailand, Ukraine, Serbia, Syria, Ethiopia, Togo, Rwanda; Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA): Ethiopia, Somalia, Syria, Yemen, Zimbabwe.

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

During the last quadrennium, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency supported and contributed towards the Millennium Development Goals at the global level through

publications and through programmatic activities like Food Security, Livelihood and Disaster Risk Reduction. The ADRA network's program designs align themselves with multiple SDG's and is consulting with the network to seek their input before launching new initiatives to support the SDGs. During this quadrennium ADRA offices worldwide took initiatives to organize special public events in support of the United Nations special days including: Water Day, World Refugee Day, World Aids Day. A special edition of the worldwide church paper set aside one edition in June 2016 to focus on the refugees and migrants crises to promote tolerance and acceptance in their communities.

8. Advocates for Youth

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

Advocates for Youth (Advocates) is a non-profit organization based in Washington, DC, United States of America, with in-depth programming in Asia, sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, and a global youth network.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Advocates partners with youth leaders, adult allies, and youth-serving organizations to advocate for policies and champion programs that recognize young people's rights to honest sexual health information; accessible, confidential, and affordable sexual health services; and the resources and opportunities necessary to create sexual health equity for all youth.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Advocates promoted United Nations observances and provided updates and trainings to young people on United Nations processes, including the post-2015 development agenda, through its International Youth Activist Network, International Youth Leadership Council, Girl Engagement Advisory Board, and in-country programming, reaching at least 3,500 young people per year with information about the United Nations. Specific yearly activities included organizing events and participating in campaigns for World AIDS Day, International Women's Day, International Day of the Girl Child, Malala Day, and International Youth Day; training other young people on United Nations processes and international agreements; and developing and distributing fact sheets on United Nations agreements as well as campaign materials calling on delegates and other stakeholders to prioritize adolescent' girls rights in the post-2015 development agenda. Advocates also served on numerous working groups and coalitions to inform the post-2015 development agenda process, particularly with regard to young people's sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Advocates' staff and youth leaders participated in the following meetings by working in coalition, submitting oral and written statements on behalf of Advocates for Youth, training young leaders, co-hosting side-events, co-organizing youth and girls' summits, participating in women and youth caucuses and Major Groups, live-tweeting, and providing resources and information on youth sexual and reproductive health and rights:

2013

- 46th Session of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), 23-26 April, New York, United States.

2014

- 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 10-21 March, New York.
- Open Working Group 13 on Sustainable Development Goals, 14-18 July, New York.

2015

- 59th Session of the CSW, 9-20 March, New York.
- 59th Session of the CSW, 9-20 March, New York.
- Post-2015 Intergovernmental Negotiations, 20-24 July, New York.
- United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development, 25-27 September, New York.
- 60th Session of the CSW, 14-24 March, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Between 2013 and 2015, Advocates collaborated with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on numerous efforts in support of sexuality education: 2015• conducted national level trainings in the Republic of Burundi and Republic of Mozambique and a regional training for East and Southern Africa (ESA) on sexuality education curriculum development and the International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education (UNESCO. International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education. UNESCO: Paris, 2009). 2014 •provided technical support on sexuality education curricula to the ESA region, developed and pre-tested a sexuality education teacher training in the Republic of Uganda, and hosted a regional technical consultation for the ESA region on curriculum peer review. 2015 •developed and pre-tested sexuality education lesson plans for the ESA region and chaired a review board. 2016

•participated in UNESCO's technical consultation to update the International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education (UNESCO. International Technical Guidance on Sexuality Education. UNESCO: Paris, France, 2009). In 2015, Advocates also participated in the All In consultation hosted by the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the PACT, 25-26 November in the Republic of Zimbabwe.

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

Initiatives in support of Millennium Development Goals 4, 5 and 6 and Sustainable Development Goals 3, 4 and 5 included implementation of programming in the Republic of Ghana, Burkina Faso, the Republic of Kenya, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Jamaica on adolescent sexual and reproductive health and rights through out-of-school and school-based sexuality education, community mobilization, youth-friendly services, parent-child communication on sexuality, girls' empowerment, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender safe spaces, peer support, and provider training, youth leadership development, information, education and communication, and advocacy, reaching approximately 10,000 young people with sexual and reproductive health and rights information, skills-building, and access to services in the global south.

9. African Citizens Development Foundation

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

African Citizens Development Foundation (ACDF) is a National Non-Governmental Organization established in 1995 with the goal to promote active citizenship in Africa. This becomes imperative if good leadership must to emerge in the continent. ACDF was registered in Nigeria in 2000 and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland in 2009. It was registered as Charity in London and Wales in 2010. ACDF was established as a private initiative to join global development forces to reverse the tragic effects of weak mind, and indiscipline which produces inactive and docile citizenry often prone to cutting corners and reducing the individual uniqueness and national value system. Disorderliness, corruption and sustained poverty are the consequences of such negativity with all the attendant evils, such as insecurity to life and property, ethnic violence and wars.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To promote affordable and accessible qualitative education for African children irrespective of social class. To raise awareness of the cultural differentials within the continent. To instill the pride of positive and refined culture in African. To foster rural growth and agrarian development. To inculcate human virtues and integrity in the African Citizens. To raise the moral tone of best practice, accountability and transparency in the African society. To advocate for effective rule of law, civic responsibility, good and, responsive governance in the continent. To provide Counseling Centers in all places where African citizens domicile in order to promote positive culture. Economic empowerment for women

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We have been actively involved in the activities of the United Nations in the past four years;

1. We have been with the Department of Public Information in New York, United States,

and United Nations Information Centre in Lagos, Nigeria, and have been participating in general UN conferences. We hosted a side event at the 2017 Conference on the Status of Women while we have attended the previous conferences in New York. 2. We have started new initiative designated; "Lightup Africa" to revolutionize small scale industries in Nigeria in partnership with private sector to empower 3000 micro entrepreneurs, women and to also promote apprenticeship amongst the youths. This is to promote industrialization and decent job 3. We continued to promote our tuition free qualitative education from our own college; Citizens Comprehensive College located in Epe, a suburb of Lagos State. The first phase of Lightup Africa's project will run in Nigeria up till November 2018.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We have been actively participating in the UN meetings at the UN Headquarters in New York; the DPINGO weekly briefings and major conferences. This year we hosted a side event at the conference on the Status of Women, March 21, 2017.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We actively work with the Department of Public information in partnership with the Lehigh University of Pennsylvania, U.S, and we have been involved in several programs. We also work with the United Nations Information Center (UNIC) here in Lagos Nigeria.

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

The ACDF Lightup Africa project is an initiative to promote industrialization and decent jobs, zero poverty from the 17-point agenda on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targets for 2030.

10. Agrenska Foundation (Grosshandlare Axel H. Agrens Donationsfond)

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

Ågrenska is a national competence centre and provides programs for children, teenagers and adults with disabilities, their families and professionals supporting the family, based in Sweden.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Ågrenska focuses on support for children and young people with rare diseases, their families and their daily life. In all our programs, activities and projects we have taken the UN Standard Rules into consideration. The majority of our activities focus additionally to families, also on staff, managers and decisionmakers concerned of the above-mentioned areas. We give support, exert influence and supervise in many different ways.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Ågrenska contribute within the international commitment to support the UN goal of human rights and part of both the MDGs and the SDGs. Ågrenska also contribute by participating in various meetings and projects in this achievement. Especially to events proceeding the inauguration of NGO Committee for Rare Diseases, CfRD.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Because of work to develop platform for rare diseases linked to UN different bodies, Ågrenska participated in several meetings of UN. This work have led to the inauguration of the NGO Committee for Rare Diseases.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Ågrenska participated in meetings organized by UN bodies, like WHO, ECOSOC, SDSN,

DSPD and DESA. See box above. As a result of the start of CfRD, our presence have increased.

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

-Access to healthcare differs among countries. Therefore PACT started as an independent organisation involving all parties and Mr. Olauson is chair. -Agrenska with several parties set up a researchfund focusing on rare diseases. The “Sallsyntafonden” was inaugurated in 2015.

-In 2015 the SDSN was inaugurated in Gothenburg. CfRD is focusing on SDGs so Agrenska was invited.

-Agrenska together with CoNGO and patients NGO worldwide created the CfRD in November 2016. -At the event, in the UN headquarter in New York; patients communities, UN bodies like WHO, ECOSOC, SDS, DSPD and DESA, national governments, academia, research, industry and other civil society met, total 100 persons.

-The Swedish government appointed Agrenska to lead NFSD. This work have led to the start-up of Centre for rare diseases at every University Hospital.

-The Nordic council wrote a report around cooperation among the Nordic countries in the area of health. Agrenska, which is a mayor partner in Nordic cooperation, participated to push for rare diseases as one area of cooperation, which resulted in point 3 in the report; “Establish a Nordic network for rare diagnoses”. Today a Nordic network for rare diseases is established.

-Minister of health Mrs. Li Bin from China visited Sweden in 2016 to meet minister of health Mr. Gabriel Wikström. The result is an ongoing discussion how to set up a cooperation between Agrenska Foundations work and China in the area of rare disease.

-Other countries that is in discussion of cooperation is Japan and India, who both are interested in our experiences.

-The Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions established a program committee for Primary Care. Mr. Olauson is a member to represent the well-being for patients.

-Millions of children worldwide suffer from different types of chronic diseases and are undiagnosed. To create awareness and share knowledge globally The Willefoundation was created in close cooperation with NIH in United States, Agrenska is always are invited to share the experience.

-The demographic development for ageing population made Blackrock,

(www.blackrock.com), started to work and organised three workshops. London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, New York and Tokyo, Japan. To the London workshop, they invited Mr. Olauson to present the view of the way forward for elderly persons with a chronic disease.

-DG Research, where Mr. Olauson still is a member of the advisory council for health.

-The Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) is Europe's largest public-private initiative aiming to speed up the development of better and safer medicines for patients. In Mr. Olauson role as President for EPF and from 2016 Honorary President, he represents the patients view and give thereby the experience from Agrenska Foundations program to the leadership of IMI.

-Agrenska is involved, in several project and workgroups in the area of e-health. After the presentation of the report; "Redesign E-health 2020" in 2012, Agrenska has been invited to several conferences.

-At a meeting in the US Congress Mr. Olauson pushed for activities and changes of working models for persons with rare diseases. Experiences from the Agrenska programs was presented.

-Every year organisations who either work or have an interest in health meet in Gastain Austria. Mr. Olauson been invited at several occasions to speak about patients view and challenges.

-ICORD is a global independent organisation. Agrenska been invited every year to present results from the programs at Agrenska.

11. Aids Vaccine Advocacy Coalition

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

We are now referred to as AVAC, and not the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition. Our scope remains global in nature.

Aims and purposes of the organization

When AVAC was founded in 1995, we were called the AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition. Our singular goal was to advance swift, ethical research for a vaccine that was then — and is today — essential to bring the epidemic to a conclusive end. Twenty years later, AVAC is still focused on swift and ethical research, but our scope has expanded. Along with vaccines, we advocate for PrEP, microbicides, voluntary medical male circumcision and more. Through it all, our message has been the same: prevention is the center of the AIDS response. Not just any prevention but smart, evidence-based, community-owned, rights-based strategies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AVAC works closely with UNAIDS as a partner and stakeholder. AVAC staff consults with UNAIDS regarding prevention planning. Most recently AVAC staff have advised UNAIDS on guidelines for pre-exposure prophylaxis for prevention and circumcision. AVAC also has collaborated with UNAIDS on an annual survey of funding for HIV prevention research.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AVAC staff has participated in UN organized meetings external to the UN grounds at meetings such as the International AIDS Conference. In addition AVAC staff regularly attend UNGAASS and CSW meetings in New York, United States of America.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As noted above we collaborate routinely with UNAIDS.

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

AVAC is committed to support for the achievement of the MDGs, particularly MDG6 with its HIV goals. We have worked to ensure that HIV prevention research and planning ensure the rapid achievement of the MDGs.

12. Albert Schweitzer Institute, The

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

The Albert Schweitzer Institute has been affiliated with Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Connecticut, United States of America, for the past 15 years. The President and Executive Director is Professor David T. Ives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main goal of the Albert Schweitzer Institute is to promote the ideas and philosophies of the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Dr. Albert Schweitzer. Although he was known as a renowned interpreter of the music of Johan Sebastian Bach, as a philosopher, a theologian, and a medical doctor in what is now the country of Gabon, he thought his most important contribution to the world was the concept of reverence for life, and that applied to the environment, animals, and humans.

Significant changes in the organization

Professor Ives has been made a senior advisor to the Permanent Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates founded by the Gorbachev Foundation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We have participated in the Oxford Consortium events at the UN each fall in conjunction with the UN, Yale, and Quinnipiac's Albert Schweitzer Institute. We have especially contributed to attending with about 20 people the annual commission on the status of women meetings. Last year we presented at a side event on the need for Occupational Therapy to be a part of the emphasis in order to help disabled people function in their societies. Often the physically disabled are completely ignored in terms of their needs in many countries. We have cooperated and co-sponsored events with the Peace Islands Institute and with various youth related events. We have also worked with the Middle Powers Initiative on nuclear weapons, and on the committees related to the Arms Trade Treaty, and the review meetings of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We have participated in the annual meetings of the commission on the status of women and we have attended meetings sponsored by ECOSOC, The Academic Impact Program, and the UN Department of Public Information. We have also cooperated with the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica on a seminar on the Arms Trade Treaty and on our mutual desire to teach human rights education in elementary schools and get them started early on this important subject!

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

I have mentioned that we have cooperated with ECOSOC by attending their meetings, the UNDP, and the Academic Impact Program. We brought in 3 female Nobel Peace Prize Laureates last September to Quinnipiac and then to the UN for meetings on the Sustainable goals. They were Lehmah Gbowee from Liberia, Tawakkal Karman from Yemen, and Shirin Ebadi from Iran.

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

Each year, Professor Ives is instrumental in organizing summit meetings of Nobel Peace Laureates for the past ten years or so. Each summit meeting addresses the sustainable development goals, especially gender issues, in some way shape or form. Last year's summit in Barcelona, Spain, raised the issues in the Mediterranean basin which included the environment, small business opportunities, and education for all children through the 8th grade.

13. All India Movement for Seva

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

AIM for Seva, a registered public charitable trust began its journey to educate and empower the lives of children in rural India in 2000.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIM for Seva enables and empowers children from underprivileged backgrounds living in rural and tribal regions of the country to have access to education through its successful model of Free Student Hostels. With over 16 years of experience, the organization is now in the process of consolidating and streamlining each project based on continuous review.

Significant changes in the organization

From modest beginnings to being a nearly two-decade old public charitable organization, a steady growth in all activities has been a constant. Since 2013, an additional 25 new Free Student Hostels have been set up across India. Alongside infrastructure, over 700 students were given admission and have directly benefitted from this steady growth.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Just as the UN promotes higher living standards, employment and focuses on economic and social progress, and as per ECOSOC's goal of identifying solutions to international economic, social and health problems; facilitating international cultural and educational cooperation; and encouraging universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and eradicating poverty, AIM for Seva has also believed in and practiced the same goals and value systems, which are also taught to the resident children.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Although the organization is not physically present at meetings due to geographical constraints, we constantly keep up to date on the exchange of dialogue on important issues.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

AIM for Seva's continuous work in development supports and contributes in its own small way to some of the The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). For instance we work towards eradicating extreme poverty and hunger - Over 3000 children who reside in the 97 Free Student Hostels are free from poverty and hunger. The children receive well-balanced, nutritious food, regular health checkups, extra coaching, and training and support in sports and extra- and co-curricular activities, all of which keeps them healthy in body, mind, and spirit. With basic essentials provided, the students focus on their studies without distraction, and hence exam results are consistently over 90%, particularly for Class 10 and Class 12 students. In line with India's Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi's 'Swachh Bharat' (Clean India) campaign on hygiene awareness, AIM for Seva has set up mobile toilets in Manjakkudi, Tamil Nadu.

14. All-China Environment Federation

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

All-China Environment Federation (ACEF) is a Chinese nationwide non-profitable civil society organization (CSO) in the field of the environment. It is composed of CSOs and individuals who are enthusiastic about and support environmental protection.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objective of ACEF is to serve as a bridge between the government and the public in implementing the sustainable development strategy, achieving national objectives on environment and development, and protecting the environmental rights of the public. By fully utilizing its organizational advantage, ACEF aims to promote environmental protection and sustainable development in China and the world at large.

Significant changes in the organization

- Change in Leadership and Legal Representative: Due to ACEF's statutes, the Secretary General of ACEF has been Mr. Yonghong Zhang since 2016.
- GEF-CSO Network Focal Point: ACEF has become a focal point in China

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- 2009-2014: ACEF implemented the China Biodiversity Partnership and Framework for Action (CBPF) at the provincial level with local municipal support. CBPF was overseen by the United Nations Development Programme.
- 2014: ACEF and the United Nations Environment Programme jointly organized the International Forum on City Wastewater Technology Transfer.
- 2016: In order to raise awareness regarding the seriousness of the food waste situation in China, ACEF – in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme - organized a multi-city Food Waste Education Tour to disseminate current data on Food Waste and Loss in China and the World.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 2013: The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's 19th Convention Meeting took place in Warsaw, Poland.
- 2014: ACEF attended the "46th Meeting of the Global Environment Facility and 5th Global Environment Facility General Assembly" in Cancun, Mexico.
- 2014 and 2016: ACEF attended the 11th and 12th Asia-Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption and Production by United Nations Environment Programme as a representative of Chinese environmental Civil Society Organizations in Bangkok, Thailand and Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- 2015: ACEF attended the 21st Conference of Parties to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21 Summit)
- 2015: ACEF and United Nations Environment Programme jointly organized "The 11th Forum on Environment and Development Sub-forum on Sustainable Consumption and Green Community Development Partnership" in Beijing, China.
- 2016: ACEF attended the United Nations Human Rights Council's 33rd Annual Meeting, as an NGO representative in Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- United Nations Environment Programme: ACEF and the United Nations Environment Programme jointly organized and implemented the "Survey and Policy Recommendations for Beijing Community Families Awareness of Sustainable Consumption" project. The two organizations cooperated to create a comprehensive portfolio based on the concept of Sustainable Consumption in China.
- Food and Agriculture Organization: For the "Sustainable Development and Our Food - Youth Environmental Creative Contest": the China Representative of the FAO and the United Nations Environment Program is part of the expert judge panel for the contest's submissions. FAO has also provided technical support for the entire project

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

- EU-China Environmental Governance Programme – Guizhou: In effort to localize and realize the 5th SDG on Gender Equality, the 10th SDG on Reduced Inequalities, and the 16th

SDG on Peace and Justice, ACEF and the Swedish Environmental Research Institute jointly implemented the EU-China Environmental Governance Programme (EGP-Guizhou) Project.

- “Phasing Down on Dental Amalgam” Initiative: In effort to phase down on harmful mercury content in medical dental amalgam in China, and to respond to the 3rd SDG on Good Health and Well-Being, ACEF, World Alliance for Mercury-Free Dentistry, and the Environment and Social Development Organization united for the planning and implementation of the initiative “Phasing Down on Dental Amalgam in China” in 2016.

- Sustainable Consumption and Green Communities Partnerships: effort to localize the 17th SDG on Partnership for the Goals, ACEF and the United Nations Environment Programme jointly organized and co-hosted the international initiative “11th Environment and Development Forum – Sustainable Consumption and Green Communities Collaborative Partnerships” in Beijing, China.

15. AUA Americas Chapter Inc

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The Assyrian Universal Alliance Americas Chapter (AUA Americas) is a regional branch of an international organization with branches in the Middle East, Australia, and Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AUA Americas' aim is to conduct right-based advocacy for the Assyrian populations of the Middle East, including Iraq, Syrian Arab Republic, and Turkey. AUA Americas seeks to engage with United Nations-based mechanisms to raise the level of dialogue on the plight of ethnic and religious minorities in the Middle East. In so doing, AUA Americas cooperates with civil society organizations in the Middle East in order to obtain first-hand information on the human rights situation facing the community on the ground.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The United Nations' principle goal is to maintain international peace and security, and AUA Americas strives to help the United Nations achieve this goal by helping to build stronger, more cooperative states in the Middle East. The United Nations is the sum of its parts, and it cannot complete its task without meaningful participation in this mission from all United Nations member states. AUA Americas conducts rights-based advocacy with civil society groups in such states as Iraq, Syrian Arab Republic, and Turkey, most of which exist in a post-conflict state. Believing that a strong civil society is a cornerstone to any democracy, AUA Americas has engaged with active civil society groups either on the ground or in diaspora so that it can offer peace building recommendations for better practices for these states.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AUA Americas has participated in a number of United Nations meetings, including:

1) November 2013: The 6th Session of the United Nations Forum on Minority Issues, Geneva, Switzerland. AUA Americas gathered a delegation of Assyrian civil society groups from Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic to participate in the UNFMI to hold advocacy meetings with NGOs and United Nations officials, including the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues, to discuss human rights and humanitarian concerns facing Assyrians in Iraq and the unfolding civil war in the Syrian Arab Republic.

2) May 2014: The 13th Session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, United States. AUA Americas sent three delegates to attend the session and propose an agenda item on indigenous Middle Eastern peoples, a category which was at the time, and to this day, remains missing from the Forum's work.

3) March 2015: The 28th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland. AUA Americas held a side event during the Second-Cycle Universal Periodic Review of the Republic of Iraq, for which AUA Americas submitted an alternative stakeholder submission in March 2014. For this side event, AUA Americas again sought the help and participation of Assyrian civil society groups in Iraq and the Syrian Arab Republic to speak as panelists at an event titled "Assyrian Christians under the so-called Islamic State: A continued legacy of persecution." This event took place on Tuesday, 24 March from 15:00 to 17:00 at the Palais des Nations, Room XXI, Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AUA Americas has not been able to cooperate as frequently as it would like to United Nations bodies and specialized agencies. It did, however, communicate with the office of the Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues in her country visit to the Republic of Iraq in 2016. Upon learning of the Special Rapporteur's visit, AUA Americas contacted her office in order to facilitate communication between the fact-finding team visiting Iraq and our civil society partners in Iraq. AUA Americas' aim in doing so was to ensure that the Special Rapporteur met with Assyrian civil society organizations to understand and report on the issues facing the Assyrian minority of Iraq.

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

AUA Americas did not undertake any initiatives in direct support the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) because its mission in obtaining ECOSOC consultative status is advocacy driven, as opposed to developmentally focused. That being said, the issues plaguing the region in which AUA Americas advocates are largely conflict-related and stem from issues that could be solved from increased development. As such, AUA Americas looks forward to exploring opportunities for increased involvement in not only human rights advocacy, but developmental work in the future.