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1. Nour Foundation

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

Founded in 1985, the Nour Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is classified as a Public Charitable Organization under Section 509(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Service code, as well as an NGO in special consultative status.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Nour Foundation explores meaning and commonality in human experience through a multidisciplinary and integrative approach that blends the sciences and the humanities in order to raise greater awareness and understanding of the universal dimension of human beings and to promote equality, solidarity, tolerance, and shared responsibility.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In line with the Nour Foundation's primary objective of promoting a greater spirit of solidarity, tolerance, and understanding among human beings worldwide, which mirrors the fundamental values set forth in the Sustainable Development Goals, the Foundation organized and presented various public events between 2013 and 2016:

9 October 2013 through 5 February 2014: A four-part series in collaboration with the New York Academy of Sciences in New York City ("NYAS"), United States, entitled "Rethinking Mortality: Exploring the Boundaries Between Life and Death" gathered experts in emergency medicine and neuroscience, psychology and law, anthropology and philosophy to explore the new frontier at the intersection of life and death, and its potential implications for how we understand and approach our mortality from scientific, ethical, and spiritual perspectives.

5 August 2014 through 11 January 2015: An exhibition was held at The Metropolitan Museum of Art entitled "The Sacred Lute: The Art of Ostad Elahi." Ostad Elahi was a renowned Persian musician, thinker, and jurist whose transformative work in the art of tanbur paralleled

his innovative approach to the quest for truth and self-knowledge. The exhibition documented the interdependent, mutually transformative relationship between player and instrument through a presentation of nearly forty rare instruments and works of art. The exhibition was featured on the Museum's website and was presented under the patronage of UNESCO.

14 October 2014 through 4 February 2015: A three-part series in collaboration with the NYAS entitled “Beyond the Big Bang: Searching for Meaning in Contemporary Physics” gathered a wide array of leading physicists, philosophers, and writers to explore the scientific and philosophical dimensions suggested by modern physics, with an emphasis on understanding how recent scientific advances impact our enduring search for meaning.

8 October 2015 through 3 February 2016: A three-part series in collaboration with the NYAS entitled “From Knowledge to Wisdom: Science and the Good Life” convened leading scientists, philosophers, and scholars for an interdisciplinary investigation into the evolving nature of the human condition and the ultimate quest to discover how to lead the good life.

26 October 2016 to present: A three-part series in collaboration with the NYAS entitled “Unlocking the Unconscious: Exploring the Undiscovered Self” featured leading scientists and scholars exploring the realm of the unconscious mind through various disciplinary approaches (neuroscience, cognitive psychology, psychotherapy) to identify ways in which we can apply these critical insights to enrich the quality and depth of our lives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Nour Foundation's activities were focused on promoting a culture of dialogue, solidarity, and tolerance through various public events that highlight our shared commonality and experience.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Nour Foundation's activities include annual donations to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF and the exploration of a formal partnership to further our joint goals. The Nour Foundation also financially assists the Virtue Foundation, another public charitable and nongovernmental organization with special consultative status to the United Nations, in its global health and education initiatives.

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

As set forth in Question 2, the Nour Foundation's activities were focused on promoting a culture of dialogue, solidarity, equality, and tolerance through various public events that emphasize and highlight our shared commonality and experience. In addition, the Nour Foundation financially supports and collaborates with organizations supporting many of the Sustainable Development Goals, including goals devoted to ensuring healthy lives and promoting well-being, especially in terms of education and gender equality.

2. Observatorio Regional para la Mujer de América Latina y el Caribe AC

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

Observatorio Regional para la Mujer de America Latina y el Caribe AC is an organization based in Mexico.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Observatorio Regional para la Mujer de America Latina y el Caribe AC provides care and support to people, primarily women and marginalized groups who, because of their socioeconomic disadvantage or because of disability, are prevented to meet their basic living requirements in food, clothing or shelter.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has the purpose of promoting women's rights as United Nations requests. So the main activities from 2013 to 2016 have been: 20 courses for all education levels about gender equality; 10 conferences about women's rights; research in motherhood, childcare, women's Jobs, among others; and lobbying with national decision-makers for obtaining public policies for women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2013: 20 representatives attended the Commission on the Status of Women in New York from 4 to 15 March and sponsored one parallel event about the equal sharing of responsibilities between men and women.

2014: 20 representatives attended the Commission on the Status of Women in New York from 10 to 21 March and sponsored one parallel event about the world we want to built.

2015: 20 representatives attended the Commission on the Status of Women in New York from 9 to 20 March.

2016: 20 representatives attended the Commission on the Status of Women in New York from 14 to 24 March 2016 and 1 representative went to the Commission on Population and Development (this one as an Official Delegate from Mexico). For the CSW, it was submitted a written statement: E/CN.6/2016/NGO/116.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Project in collaboration with PNUD to be electoral observers in the Distrito Federal elections of 2015. The objective was to cooperate to create a fair, transparent and democratic process. We worked together with 50 people approximately We provided training and material. The project involved several activities such as follow-up of campaigns, interview candidates (80), research the validation of proposals and observation of the election day. Participation at ECLAC meetings in México with 20 representatives and in Uruguay with one representative.

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

Our organization contributed to the MDGs by promoting gender equality through courses, conferences and training youth groups of about 500 students from Mexico, Spain, Ecuador, Colombia and Guatemala.

3. Omega Research Foundation Limited

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The Omega Research Foundation Limited (Omega) provides rigorous, objective, evidence-based research on the global manufacture, trade in, and use of, military, security and police (MSP) technologies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Omega's aims are:

- To monitor and document the international trade in MSP equipment in the pursuit of responsibility, transparency and accountability;
- To provide non-governmental organisations (NGOs), the media, key decision-makers and the public with timely and accurate information on the MSP trade;
- To build the capacity of and otherwise assist human rights bodies, NGOs and media agencies to highlight breaches in regulations governing transfers and use of MSP equipment;
- To assist torture survivor support groups to seek legal redress from the governments and/or companies that trade MSP equipment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Assisted United Nations (UN) bodies in standard setting, e.g. UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Resource Book on Use of Force and Firearms.

Worked to improve trade control instruments for the prohibition of technology with no purpose other than torture or ill-treatment (see particularly European Union Regulation [EC] No 1236/2005, amended in 2014 and again in 2016).

Carried out training and awareness raising activities on documenting MSP equipment for torture monitors and NGOs in countries including Senegal, Brazil, Indonesia and many others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Presentation at the 28th Session of the UN Subcommittee for the Prevention of Torture (SPT), 15-19 February 2016, raising awareness of technologies of torture.

Co-organised side event 'Use of Force and Social Protest: Protecting fundamental rights' at Human Rights Council on 9 March 2016.

Participated in UNODC expert meeting "Promoting the Application and Implementation of the 1990 Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials" in Vienna, Austria, on 10-11 April 2013 and "Expert Group Meeting on Handbook on Use of Force in Law Enforcement" in Vienna on 28-29 May 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Co-organised an Experts Meeting on Recording Equipment used in Torture and Ill-Treatment, attended by representatives from the SPT and the UN Committee against Torture (UNCAT), in Geneva on 11th March 2015.

Made submissions to UNCAT for its 54th session (April-May 2015) and on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Venezuela (submitted 9/3/2016) and Brazil (submitted 15/09/2016).

Provided the SPT with briefings prior to country visits to Azerbaijan, Nicaragua and Togo (all 2014).

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

Our organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

4. Open City International Foundation, Inc.

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

The Open City International Foundation, is a public foundation representing a worldwide network of professional's affiliates, adding value to society by joining their knowledge on behalf of educational and sustainable development projects. Values such as respect, responsibility, Ethics, Trustworthiness and concepts such sustainability. Multicultural and peaceful living are present in all projects. Open City projects are also committed to comply with Economic and Social Council Sustainable Development Goals and UNESCO, UNICEF, UNDP aims. Open City relies very much in volunteered know how and very strict expenses rules.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Open City educational activities are based on important methodological assumptions such as: The education of the first years of life are an essential key for peace, sustainability achievement and to overcome poverty;

Disciplines, from kindergarten to high school, cannot be taught in isolation but in relation each with the other and every discipline has to contain cross cutting themes (i.e. Implies the reference to topics such environment, health or respect or ethics);

Education has to be aimed to explain the "why" of things rather than the "how" and to privilege the concept of "process" rather than of "measure". The first consider facts in their interrelation and corresponds to the organic view of the life; the second considers facts in isolation according to the mechanistic and theoretical view.

Open City economic activities aimed to 'reduce poverty by identifying economic activities, taking in consideration local and international market, sustainability, cooperative entrepreneurship and professional training.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Last four years Open City professionals were dedicated to just one new project the Educational "Uere and Friends" due to its important aims and goals. For two years pedagogic, psychologic, cultural, religious, historic, biologic, geographic, marketing researches were made to identify materials and approach. Two other years to develop first materials and to do a pilot in three idioms and four continents (North America, South America, Africa, Europe). The two years field work complied with UNESCO children education aims with books for children that teach values, multiculturalism, environmental sustainability. It also divulge UNESCO world and environmental heritage regions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The project developed and the pilot actions with schools and students complied and complies with the Millennium Development three; seven; and eight; and with the Sustainable Development Goals four; five; six; twelve; fourteen; fifteen; sixteen; seventeen.

5. Open Society Institute

(Special; 1997)

Introduction

The Open Society Foundations (OSF) consists of more than 30 foundations established by George Soros. OSF works with local communities to support justice and human rights, freedom of expression, and access to public health and education.

Aims and purposes of the organization

OSF seeks to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. On a local level, it implements a range of initiatives to advance justice, education, public health, and independent media.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Served on the UNAIDS reference group on HIV and human rights, the UN reference group on HIV and Injecting drug use, and strategic advisory group on HIV and injecting drug use, 2013-2015.

Part of the first and second steering committee organizing the first and second global conferences on Access to Legal Aid a) in Johannesburg, South Africa, June 2014 and in Buenos Aires, Argentina, November 2016.

Contributed to the Report on Protection of Sources and Whistleblowers by UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression - UN Doc. A/70/361,2015 and to the January 2017 Civil Society Guide by UN Special Rapporteurs Maina Kiai and Christof Heyns.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

UN Human Rights Council (HRC) panel discussion on the protection of the human rights of persons deprived of liberty as part of the HRC's 27th Session, Geneva, Switzerland, 2014 on pretrial justice reform and what states can do to improve their pretrial justice systems.

8th session of the UN Forum on Minority Issues, in Geneva, Switzerland, 2016.

Expert consultation with UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, attended the meeting in preparation of a final report with a special focus on safeguards against torture, July 2016, Washington D.C, United States.

Final expert group meeting that finalized on the review of SMRs-proposed draft submitted to vote at the UNODC Crime Commission, March and May 2015, Cape Town, South Africa.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Co-published with UNDP 3 country reports on socioeconomic impact of pretrial detention for Guinea Conakry, Ghana and Sierra Leone, 2013.

Member of the UNODC and UNDP steering committee, producing a global study of legal aid, 2016.

Worked with the UNODC to develop a UN handbook on early access to legal aid.

Collaborated with UNDP on publication: of The Socio-Economic Impact of Pre-Trial Detention in Kenya, Mozambique and Zambia, 2016.

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

Made a submission on Japan's Secrecy Act to the UN Human Rights Committee, June 2014.

Co-organized a side-event with Fair Trials International and UNODC Data Development and Dissemination Unit, on "Inclusion of Pre-trial Detention in the 2030 development Agenda: Opportunities for Driving Real Changes on the Ground", May 2016 - (SDGs Goal 16).

6. Organisation Internationale pour la Sécurité des Transactions Electroniques OISTE

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The acronym OISTE corresponds to Organisation Internationale pour la Sécurité des Transactions Électroniques. The OISTE Foundation, created in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1998, is a not-for-profit organization regulated by article 80 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

Aims and purposes of the organization

OISTE offers solutions to a problem that threatens the Internet: its inability to provide a simple, affordable, secure, user-centered, user-friendly, robust, and interoperable digital identity that will also be respectful of the human right to privacy. OISTE's mission is to transfer the control and management of technologies dealing with digital identities to neutral authorities working for the public interest. Its vision is an Internet where users engage in online transactions and communications under systems of digital identity management that offer robust protection against fraud and theft, while protecting the fundamental right to privacy.

Its objectives are:

1. Represent the voice of civil society in the debate about the social and political dimensions of different solutions to digital identity management;
2. Represent the voice of civil society in the debate about the legal, economic and technical dimensions of Public Key Infrastructures (PKI) as a solution to strong digital identification of persons, objects and content;
3. Reach-out to public and private entities offering solutions to digital identity.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

OISTE organised a round table at the WSIS Forum 2012 under the title « Matching the speed of the running code: public awareness and digital identity management ». During the final quarter of 2013, the OISTE Foundation worked towards organising a parallel event during the

25th regular session of the UN Human Rights Council, under the theme: “A human rights compliant Internet: the challenges of privacy and personal data management”.

In November 2013 the OISTE was among the organizations that encouraged the Swiss Federal Government to submit a strong-worded resolution on the right to privacy in the digital age to the UN General Assembly.

The OISTE Foundation follows closely the policy developments of the Internet Corporation for Applied Names and Numbers (ICANN) and the work of the Diplo Foundation in Geneva.

The 12 of November 2013, OISTE participated at a meeting with executive officers of the International Trade Centre (ITC) to offer its contribution towards the setting-up of a technological infrastructure to secure international electronic transactions and promote trade.

The 13 October 2016 took place a meeting between officers of the OISTE Foundation and the Economic Affairs Officer, Market Access Section (UNECE) to explore a possible collaboration with Belarus in setting-up a single window.

OISTE is collaborating with the ITU for the organisation of a workshop on 12th June 2017 (WSIS Forum) under the theme “The Electronic World Trade Platform’s contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

OISTE, the UNOG, the SGD – Lab, Perception Change and GVA – DATA. OISTE is working with the above initiatives and registered on the www.gvadata.ch site, underlining its commitment towards target 16.9 of the Sustainable Development Goals: providing a legal identity to all human beings by 2030. In pursuit of target 8F of the Millennium Development Goals, OISTE has participated in the following initiatives:

- GV – ID (Globally Verifiable Digital Identity for Migrants)
- Globally Verifiable Seafarers’ Identity Document and Services Platform
- January 2014 and 2015 round tables at the WEF Davos: “Addressing Identity Management, Privacy, Security and Trust in Digital Communication”; “Searching new business models for digital identity management: empowering the end user”.
- Assessing the role of cryptography in protecting privacy and ensuring trust in modern communications, ongoing conversation with government missions, United Nations bodies and international NGOs in Geneva.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2005, OISTE pointed out that whilst the state fulfils a role of identity management in the physical world, in cyberspace nobody holds the same level of authority. As a result, digital identity becomes an ad-hoc matter, with many, often improvised solutions, none of them more authoritative than the others. In the Internet, the citizen mutates into the end user: e-mail addresses, user-names and passwords replace national identity. OISTE insisted on the importance of setting up the basis for certified digital identities using Public Key Infrastructures (PKI), building and respecting international standards, under the coordination of a Policy Approval Authority (PAA), using a primary root key that guarantees universal technical and legal interoperability.

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. Osservatorio per la Comunicazione Culturale e l'Audiovisivo nel Mediterraneo e nel Mondo

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

Osservatorio per la Comunicazione Culturale e Audiovisiva nel Mediterraneo e nel Mondo (OCCAM) was created in 1996 by UNESCO. Since 2005, OCCAM enjoys ECOSOC Special Consultative Status and is affiliated to UN DPI. OCCAM is an active member of the International Council for Film, Television and Audiovisual Communication at UNESCO (IFCT-UNESCO). OCCAM's President, Arch. Pierpaolo Saporito, was also President of CICT-IFCT and he is currently its vice President.

Aims and purposes of the organization

OCCAM is led by the core principle of 'becoming a pilot explorer of the digital revolution', fighting poverty through the development of ICTs and promoting a model of sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Infopoverty World Conference (IWC) and the related Infopoverty Programme, started in 2001, is the main action realized by the Observatory, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States, and in parallel videoconference sessions with the European Parliament Information Office in Milan, Italy, and other prestigious locations and shared worldwide by UN WebTV.

As mentioned in UNSG report A/68/186, the Conference is a UN flagship event.

From 2013 to 2016, the following editions of the IWC were organized:

- 13th IWC, March 2013, UNHQ, 'ICT Innovations for nation building and the empowerment of people';
- 14th IWC, April 2014, UNHQ, 'How the digital innovation can accelerate the

achievement of the MDGs and help launch the Sustainable Development Goals?';

- 15th IWC, April 2015, UNHQ, 'Next SGDs: the challenge before the digital era';
- 16th IWC, April 2016, UNHQ, 'ICTs as the tools for everyone to achieve dignity and freedom'.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- 3rd UN-SIDS Conference, September 2014, Apia (Samoa), resulting in the creation of UN-SIDS Registered Partnership #2765;
- Infopoverty Seminar held at COP22, September 2016, Marrakech (Morocco), where the World Food Security e-Center was validated after a preliminary validation at 16th IWC.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

OCCAM cooperated with UNESCO to organize:

- 19th Euro-Mediterranean Conference, September 2013, Venice (Italy), 'I circuiti della conoscenza e dei servizi culturali per lo sviluppo';
- 20th Euro-Mediterranean Conference, September 2014, Hammamet (Tunisia), 'E-health for all', in the framework of the 'ICT4All' organized by the Government of Tunisia;
- 21st Euro-Mediterranean Conference, February 2016, Catania (Italy), 'The Mediterranean in the Digital Era. The health safety in the migrants' emergency for the joint development of the coastal populations';
- 22nd Euro-Mediterranean Conference, September 2016, Venice (Italy), 'Nuove Espressività per l'incontro fra i popoli'.

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

Since the declaration of the MDGs in 2000, OCCAM has operated to foster a model of development in line with such objectives. The Infopoverty World Conferences have actively contributed to the spread of new ideas and to the presentation of innovative solutions aiming at achieving the MDGs through the use of ICTs, with a special focus on MDG 1, 4, 5, 6, 8; moreover, since the launch of the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015, OCCAM has

further adopted the SDGs as the guiding light of its activities, with a special focus on SDGs 1, 2 and 3.

In the framework of the promotion of a sustainable and innovative model of socio economic progress applicable to emerging countries and perfectly in the line with both the Millennium and the Sustainable Development Goals, the sixteen editions of the Conference led to the creation and the development of the Digital Platform for Global Services, which constitutes the basis upon which two main projects are now being developed: the e-MedMed initiative and the World Food Security e-Center.

In the wake of MDGs 4, 5, 6 and SDG 3, e-MedMed was designed as an IT platform aimed at enhancing medical care through technological innovation, by activating configurations of cooperation between service providers and final users, and progressively acting upon all related areas of development.

In the wake of MDG 1 and SDG 2, the World Food Security e-Center was designed as a digital hub aimed at applying new food security methodologies and practices for specific support and assistance interventions by linking knowledge and competencies through ICTs with the communities in need.

In the framework of EXPO Milan 2015-Feeding the planet, Energy for life, OCCAM also joined the ‘The Zero Hunger Challenge. United for a sustainable world’, launched by the UN in occasion of the Universal Exhibition.

8. Outreach Social Care Project

(Special; 2013)

Introduction

The Outreach Social Care Project (OSCAR) is a grass-root non-profit organization, which supports disadvantaged and underprivileged communities in Pietermaritzburg, the capital of the KwaZulu-Natal province in South Africa and Lubumbashi of Katanga province in Democratic Republic of Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Outreach Social Care Project is committed to empower the disadvantaged communities to take control of their life so that they can reach their full potential, empowering them to take responsibility for making informed decisions towards a sustainable future.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization opened a new branch in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Outreach Social Care Project has been granted accreditation as an Observer to the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) of the United Nations Environment.

The Outreach Social Care Project has been granted a membership as an active partner to the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves.

The Outreach Social Care Project has been granted accreditation as a signatory and member of the United Nations Global Compact.

The Outreach Social Care Project has been granted a membership to the Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition (GODAN)

The Outreach Social Care Project has been granted a membership to the CIVICUS, a civil society.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Outreach Social Care Project is committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 4: by ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all: 520 children and young people were advocated to access free education.

520 children and young people received free stationeries and school uniforms.

250 children accessed our Literacy project: The organization has improved the stages of reading and writing skills in the early childhood development.

The Outreach Social Care Project is committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 2: By ending hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture: The Outreach Social Care Project has trained the disadvantaged 595 people of KwaZulu Natal province in South Africa and Katanga province of Democratic Republic of Congo on importance of environmental as well the importance of growing vegetables for their own consumption.

The Outreach Social Care Project is committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 5: By achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls: 125 adolescent girls volunteers and 150 young women caregivers trained.

The Outreach Social Care Project is committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 3: By ensuring healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages: 3957 Baby Nappies (Diapers) were distributed to HIV positive and vulnerable babies and their mothers. 500 sanitary towels were distributed for free to adolescent girls and provision of puberty education empowers girls to stay in school.

The Outreach Social Care Project is committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goal 13: By taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Representatives attended the special session of the General Assembly on the follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014, held on 22 September 2014 at United Nations Headquarters, New York, United States.

The Representatives attended the conference on Education for Global Citizenship: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals Together, hosted by the Department of Public Information, from the 30 May to 01 June 2016, Republic of Korea.

The Representative attended the civil society meeting convened by the Civil Society High Level Summit Action Committee on 18 September 2016 at the United Nations, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Outreach Social Care Project was granted a funding by the Global Environment Facility-GEF/United Nations Development Programme/ Small Grants Programme to implement the environmental and conservation initiatives in KwaZulu Natal province of South Africa, which established a model for environmental action.

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

The Outreach Social Care Project observed the World AIDS Day each year on 1 December. It also commemorated the 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 World AIDS Day at the local clinics, schools and communities, resulting in a turnout of several thousand people and web-cast via Outreach Social Care Project website and social network.” The World AIDS Day is an occasion to reflect on where we are in our struggle for equality, peace and development, and chance to unite and mobilize for meaningful change.

9. Oxfam GB

(Special; 1973)

Introduction

Oxfam GB is part of a confederation of 20 Oxfam affiliates working together with partners and local communities in over 90 countries towards six goals that support a shared vision of a just world without poverty:

- 1) Active citizens
- 2) Advancing gender justice
- 3) Saving lives 4) Sustainable food
- 5) Equitable sharing of natural resources
- 6) Increased funding for essential services

Oxfam raises money principally from individuals, appeals, a network of shops in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and from public grants, particularly from the British government, the European Union, and the United Nations. Average gross income reached £393 million annually, of which £47.7 million came from the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Oxfam's vision is a just world without poverty: a world in which people can influence decisions that affect their lives, enjoy their rights, and assume their responsibilities as full citizens of a world in which all human beings are valued and treated equally. The purpose of Oxfam is to help create lasting solutions to the injustice of poverty.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

By combining national and global lobbying with local programmes that empower communities to hold their leaders to account, Oxfam influenced policy changes that will have a long-term impact on millions of people, contributing to the work of the United Nations. For example, Oxfam launched several global campaigns tackling major development issues –

from ending violence towards women and girls, to climate change, to eradicating inequality – which engage an average of 600,000 people in online campaigns each year. Oxfam regularly briefs United Nations Member States on specific humanitarian crises and campaigns for full funding of United Nations humanitarian appeals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

A small selection of Oxfam's recent engagement with the United Nations during the reporting period includes:

- Attended global conferences and summits, e.g., the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit in September 2015 (New York, the United States of America); COP21 United Nations Climate Conference in November and December 2015 (Paris, France); the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016 (Istanbul, Turkey), and the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, USA).
- Participated in Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) events, including the IASC Principals Retreat, IASC Working Group, and sub-working groups.
- Engaged with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (HCR) in Standing and Executive Committee meetings, coordination fora, and contributed to NGO joint statements.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Oxfam worked closely with United Nations Bodies to deliver its mission and programmes, particularly: the World Food Programme (WFP), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and HCR. Highlights from this cooperation include:

- Since 2015, Oxfam co-chaired, with OCHA, the NGO Dialogue Platform on Country-based Pooled Funds, and participated in the Pooled Fund Working Group.
- In August 2015, Oxfam signed a Refugee Emergency Response Agreement with HCR to mobilise WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) resources during emergencies.
- Oxfam's partnership with WFP in South Sudan enabled food assistance via cash and vouchers to reach vulnerable internally displaced persons and host communities.

- Oxfam worked with UNDP to implement a project to reduce the vulnerability of rural communities to climate variability and change, and improve access to secure food and livelihoods in three districts of Zimbabwe.

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

Almost all of Oxfam's programmes contribute to global development goals, which reached an average of 11.5 million people annually, the majority of whom are women and girls. A few examples of Oxfam GB's achievements include:

Goal 2: Zero Hunger

- 770,000 people were supported to increase their income and/or food security.

Goal 5: Gender Equality

- Over 1,300,000 people were reached to enable women to gain increased control over their own decisions. 350,000 women gained awareness and the ability to stand up for their rights, in addition to 260,000 women and men who developed an awareness of appropriate actions against gender-based violence.
- Oxfam worked with over 300 national organisations in Bolivia to monitor and ensure gender equality in national elections and support women's political representation.

Goal 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

- Oxfam led the SWIFT-Consortium to support 850,000 people with clean, reliable water, and access to sanitation in Kenya and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

10. Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women's Association

(Special; 1953)

Introduction

The Pan Pacific and Southeast Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA) is the only international women's organization devoted to families, peace and understanding in the Pacific and Southeast Asia. Since the founding of PPSEAWA in 1928, in Honolulu, Hawaii, its membership has grown to 23 national associations, many having several local chapters. It is an all-volunteer organization and is financed by contributions from individuals, organizations, and PPSEAWA member associations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pan Pacific and South-East Asia Women's Association (PPSEAWA) aims and purposes of the organisation are: (i) strengthen the bonds of peace by fostering a better understanding and friendship among women of all Pacific and South East Asia areas; and (ii) develop co-operation among women of these regions for the study and development of social, economic and cultural conditions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Triennial Conferences devotes one day as according to the By-Law; supporting the Agenda of the United Nations Development which is defined by the United Nations as Development for All. 1. 2013 Fiji Conference: The Conference theme, Managing the Environment for a Sustainable And Peaceful World. 2. 2016 Malaysia Conference theme: Respect the Environment for a Sustainable and Peaceful Future. 3. 2014 PPSEAWA International Mid-Term Council Meeting, PPSEAWA International co-hosted with International Women's Association of Chicago (IWA) and sponsored by the Center for the Human Rights of Children at Loyola University Chicago, United States. Presents a Seminar on Human Trafficking of Women and Girls-Global Strategies for Improving Awareness & Advocacy September 3,

2014. 4. May 14, 2013 Representative attended UN Conference: UNODC / Office on Drugs and Crime. Human Trafficking : General Assembly Reviews efforts to Combat Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling. 5. Representatives co-sponsor CSW 57, 58, 59, and 60 side-events for Human Trafficking, Mental Health and women and girls. 6. The 72nd Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, May 15 – 19, 2016, was held under the theme ‘Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) for inclusiveness and sustainable development’, and placed particular emphasis on harnessing STI towards achieving the 2030 Agenda in Asia – Pacific.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Accredited representatives attended meetings in Bangkok, Thailand, Geneva, Switzerland, New York, United States, and Vienna, Austria. Permanent representatives attend regular sessions focusing on their specific region. Highlights include: 1. Monthly Working Group on Girls Meeting and weekly a Task Force Preventing Violence in New York. 2. April 29, 2013 Mental Health: United Nations Expert Group Meeting on Mental Well Being, Disability and Development. Communication and Collaboration among Mental Health and Children with Disabilities. 3. March 31 - April 4, 2014 Tenth Sessions on the open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals. The UN Global Compact's multi-year strategy to drive business awareness and action in support of achieving this SDGs by 2030. 4. November 19, 2015, United National Conference : DPI-NGO Human Trafficking Through the Lens of Civil Society. 5. March 14, 2016 CSW 60: Parallel Event Cosponsored PPSEAWA Taiwan Topic: Cyber Crime Against Women and Girls. 6. The 24th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held in Vienna from 18 to 22 May 2015. 7. 23 and 25 February 2015 in Geneva, Meeting with NGOs - an informal exchange of views with Members of the Advisory Committee on, inter alia, human rights in post-disaster and post-conflict situations. 7. 14-16 November 2016 UN Forum on Business and Human Rights: “Leadership and Leverage: Embedding human rights in the rules and relationships that drive the global economy”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

1. Our Organization contributed their monetary assistance to the Fiji Prime Minister's Tropical Cyclone Winston's Relief Fund. 2. In Commemoration of the International Day of the Girl Child on October 11, the PPSEAWA Thailand Youth Committee together with the United Nations Committee, and in conjunction with the Hua Chiew Chalermprakiet University's Faculty of Communication Arts and the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), a seminar titled LOVE MUST KNOW initiated by the Hua Chiew Chalermprakiet University, was organized on November 5, 2016 at the Huachiew Chalermprakiet University. The Seminar also aims to create an awareness for youth to appreciate their own self-worth. 3. 21 October 2013 Event of the Task force on Combating Human Trafficking on the Occasion of the EU Anti-Trafficking Day, established by Austrian Federal Government and in coordinated by the Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs. 4. 06 April 2016 The Meeting of NGO Committee on Ageing Vienna (CoA Vienna). 5. 17 June 2016 International Round Table: Beyond Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery. 6. 21-22 November 2016 UN Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law: "Widening the Democratic Space: the role of youth in public decision-making". Our Organization members attended the CoNGO - ESCAP Meeting in Bangkok and made contribution to set up RCAP office in Siam University Bangkok.

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

Our organization initiatives taken projects to support MDG 2,3,4,7 and SDG 1,4,5,6,7,11, and 12. The projects included: 1. A Young Women's Fund, provides financial assistance for young women ages 18-34 years to attend International Conferences or to develop special projects to help their communities. 2. The USA Education Scholarship Fund supported students in the last two years of high school. 3. Philanthropy gives to the Jyoti Children's Development Foundation in Kanpur India for hearing impaired children. 4. Our organization with the National Council of Women of Thailand, provided knowledge on women's right, encourage women's leadership and gender equality. PPSEAWA Thailand pay regular visits to women correctional facility at Samut Sakorn Province Prison to give knowledge and Psychological support. 5. Panel discussion at 2013 Fiji Conference, the Conference theme, Managing the Environment for a Sustainable and Peaceful World, 6. Panel discussion at 2016

Malaysia Conference theme: Respect the Environment for a Sustainable and Peaceful Future. Our members visited the PPSEAWA International Peace Garden in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where we participated in cleaning up a lake using enzyme-infused mud-balls.⁷ 2016 UN Peace Day, The organization International Ambassador of Peace asked PPSEAWA National Member Organizations to engage with this year's theme: "Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace", Peace programs were presented by each National Member Organization, and reports were provided. Another projects are "Go Green" Say No to The Plastic" Reduction, reusing and Recycling to target food waste".

11. Partnership Africa Canada

(Special; 1997)

Introduction

Partnership Africa Canada transforms how natural resources are managed in conflict areas and where human rights are at risk.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Partnership Africa Canada investigates and develops solutions for natural resources to improve security, development, and equality.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Partnership Africa Canada is a technical partner to the International Conference of the Great Lakes Region, supporting the implementation of the six tools to end the illicit trade of conflict-prone minerals. The organization is also a member of the Kimberley Process Civil Society Coalition, working to end the trade of conflict diamonds.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Partnership Africa Canada participated in the 10th Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains co-hosted by the International Conference for the Great Lakes Region, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the United Nations Group of Experts; 10 - 12 May 2016, Paris, France.

Partnership Africa Canada participated in the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2) on Extractive Resources, Peace and Sustainable Development: Natural Resource Management and Mediation in Climate-Affected Areas; 23 May 2016, Nairobi, Kenya.

Furthermore, Partnership Africa Canada is regularly invited to speak at events on natural resource governance hosted by United Nations bodies, including United Nations Environment Program (2014), United Nations Development Program (2014), and UN Women (2015).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Partnership Africa Canada collaborates closely with various United Nations bodies to strengthen natural resource governance in conflict prone areas. The International Office for Migration and United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo have provided support for the Just Gold project to bring conflict-free and traceable artisanal gold from the Democratic Republic of the Congo to international markets. The organization has also collaborated with the United National Environment Program to produce various research publications on natural resources, including on women (2014) and an environmental impact assessment of artisanal mining sites in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (2016).

Partnership Africa Canada also collaborates with the United Nations Special Envoy to the Great Lakes Region and has been invited to sit on the Steering Committee of the Regional Approach to End the Illicit Trade in High-Value Commodities.

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

Partnership Africa Canada's work has supported Millennium Development Goal 1 and Sustainable Development Goal 1 (eradicating poverty) by supporting the formalization of the artisanal mining sector.

Partnership Africa Canada has supported Millennium Development Goal 3 and Sustainable Development Goal 5 (promoting gender equality) through research of women in artisanal mining, and promoting policy reforms to promote women's empowerment in the sector.

Partnership Africa Canada has also supported Millennium Development Goal 7 (environmental sustainability) by providing technical assistance to the artisanal mining sector to promote safe mining practices, as well as overall supporting the development of strategic natural resource governance.

12. Passionists International

(Special; 2009)

Introduction

Passionists International (PI) is an international constellation of religious men, women and laity present in more than 60 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

We work to promote hope and reconciliation, to alleviate poverty, to help build sustainable communities and to foster economic and social justice. Promotion of human dignity and respect for cultural differences are encouraged within the communities we serve. We also work to promote attitudes of care for the earth and responsible patterns of production and consumption.

Significant changes in the organization

PI established liaisons, a regional office in Asia Pacific (Philippines, 2013), and national offices in Latin America, and Africa.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Considering ‘sustainable development’ as cross-cutting policy for 21st century for areas such as eradication of poverty, natural resources management, and a new global model of prosperity, PI participated in New York (United States) based Nongovernmental Organization (NGO) Committees on: financing for development, social development, rights of indigenous peoples, migration. Also, NGO working groups on: mining, Israel-Palestine, and girls. To interlink these policy areas in a creative way and to liberate them from isolation PI was involved in the consistent advocacy of a human rights based approach throughout the Post-2015 process regarding also the inclusion of the right to water and sanitation in the agenda. PI contributed to the work of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) by providing the economic empowerment of women and girls in Africa (Angola). Working towards peace and reconciliation PI promoted youth restorative justice programs in El Salvador; Interfaith Harmony Week. Making sure that no one is left behind PI organized series of thematic

workshops on people living in prisons, persons with disabilities, and the elderly.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PI actively participated in the following meetings of the United Nations in New York, United States: UN General Assembly (UNGA) known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples (2014), UNGA for the adoption of the sustainable development agenda (2015), UN Commission for Social development: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world, (co-sponsored side events and submitted a joint statement), UN Commission on Status of Women (submitted written statements). PI also participated in the 49th Commission on Population and Development: Strengthening the development evidence base for the post-2015 development agenda (co-sponsored side event: Migration, Population and the 2030 Agenda, April 12 2016 and submitted a joint statement), also participating in the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (submitted a joint oral statements). PI representative participated also at High Level Political Forum during the reporting period (co-sponsored side event: the Foundation of SDG 6, July 2016) and ECOSOC Forum on Financing for Development follow-up.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PI submitted a report to the Universal Periodic Review mechanism pertaining to Papua New Guinea, 25th session, 2-13 May 2016. PI also collaborated with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) participating in a side event during the 49th Session on Population and Development, (April 2016) and organizing the conference on Migration in Italy (February 2016).

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

PI's activities focused on MDG 1 – job promotion 18,000, MDG 2 - promoting education to more than 100,000 children. MDG 3 - women education to more than 300,000 women, MDGs 4 and 5 in Haiti, Kenya and Angola by providing nutritional and medical care to more than 800,000 people during the reporting period, towards malaria prevention and HIV treatment more than 8,000 people (goal 6), also MDG 7 – reforestation 800 in Indonesia, solar energy 300, water wells in Kenya and Tanzania. PI organized several regional and national

conferences to promote SDGs. In achieving SDGs PI has provided, inter alia, Microfinancing for the empowerment (Argentina), Social protection floors initiatives (SDG 1.3), farmer formation and interaction between environmental, social and development goals in the training center for agricultural work in Tanzania. PI also organizes workshops on migration, by living in solidarity with asylum seekers and refugees (SDGs 10,7; 8,8), defends the right to water (SDG 6), through campaigns and seminars strives to stop the environmental deterioration caused by human activity in Brazil (SDG 13), to end and eliminate violence and discrimination against women and girls (SDG 5). Building nursing homes for the elderly in Bolivia and Ukraine (goal 3; 2.2; 11.2; 11.7).

13. Pasumai Thaayagam Foundation

(Special; 2005)

Introduction

PASUMAI THAAYAGAM Foundation (Green Motherland) is a non-governmental organisation based in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, registered in the year 1995.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pasumai Thaayagam Foundation envisions environmental protection, sustainable development and promotion of human rights and self-governance. Pasumai Thaayagam Foundation works to conserve the glory of nature and its greenery and gaiety. The organisation aspires and acts for Sustainable environmental regeneration, Sustainable social development and Sustainable economic development. The main course of action includes direct action based interventions, campaigns, seminars, conferences, rallies, mass demonstrations, advocacy interventions and action based networking and solidarity initiatives.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Commemoration of World Environment day

All the four years of the reporting period of 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, on 5th June the World Environment Day was celebrated. Actions were organised in different parts of the state of Tamil Nadu encouraging statewide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. In 2015, the world environment day was commemorated focusing on the ban of plastic bags.

On January 2016, the organisation released a scholarly book titled “The Chennai we want” in the wake of the deluge in Chennai city, India, which haunted the city in December 2015. The book assessed the causes for flooding and the procedures for prevention and adaptation. Following this the organisation took out a campaign throughout the Chennai city.

Continuation of Billion Tree Campaign: The organisation organised a total of 157 tree

planting programs all over the state of Tamil Nadu from January 2013 to December 2016. A total number of 395000 tree saplings were planted. All over the state of Tamil Nadu more than seven thousand school children were involved in the campaign. The children are the gateway to reach out to the parents for motivation.

Preventing Non-Communicable Diseases: The organisation has been organising programs in continuation of the campaign challenging obesity, alcohol related diseases and tobacco related diseases. Mass actions were held in Chennai on April 2015 demanding the government to bring law mandating 85% pack warning on all tobacco products.

Decade of Action for Road Safety: The Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020, campaign in Tamil Nadu launched at Chennai, India, in the year 2011 is being taken ahead to all other districts of the state between years 2012 and 2016. Different stakeholders have joined the campaign and are voicing their support by holding area wise road safety actions. School children and college students are also involved.

Action combating Tobacco: The organisation is a strong campaigner against tobacco. On all World No Tobacco Day on 31st May, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016, actions were organised in different parts of the state of Tamil Nadu by way of public programs, seminars and rallies.

Actions for ensuring democracy.

On the occasion of National Voter's Day a campaign was launched under the banner of "Our vote not for sale". The campaign aimed at ending the corruption practices during election, one of the forms is buying votes by paying money or monetary benefits.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The representatives of organisation participated in the 22nd, 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 32nd regular sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in the United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland between 2012 and 2016

The General Secretary of organisation participated in the Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development at the UNESCAP in Bangkok, Thailand 21 - 22 May 2015.

The General Secretary of organisation participated in the PrepCom3 of the UN Habitat III was held in Surabaya, Indonesia, 25–27 July 2016.

Two members from the organisation participated in the 16th World Conference on Tobacco or Health (WCTOH) 2015, held at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organisation has been organising sensitisation programs on the occasion of the 'World No Tobacco Day' basing on the themes focused by WHO. The organisation has been organising sensitisation programs on the occasion of the 'World Environment Day' basing on the themes focused by UNEP. In line with the UN bodies programs the organisation organised the programs of climate change. The organisation is campaigning on Transitional Justice in line with OHCHR.

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

The organisation's "The Chennai We Want – Towards A New Urban Agenda Campaign" is based on the aims of the UN Habitat and SDG 2030 Agenda.

14. Pathways to Peace

(Special; 1989)

Introduction

General Consultative Status with ECOSOC since 1987 Pathways To Peace (PTP) is an international Peace building, educational and consulting organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The primary mission of PTP is to contribute to the evolving mission of the United Nations (UN) by expanding the substantive expression of “Peace” and Peace building, and to build a Culture of Peace by uniting and enhancing the strengths of existing organizations and programmes, locally and globally.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

i. Parallel Events:

1.2015: Realizing the SDG’s by 2030: Crucial Entry Points for Communicating the SDG’s and Climate Change for Transformative Citizen Engagement

a. PTP attended and planned a parallel event for the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development on July 2, 2015 at the UNHQ that was co-sponsored with the Earth Child Institute. 2. Commission on the Status of Women

a. PTP attended and ran parallel event at CSW for each of the four years. (2013 was excluded due to lack of space.) i. 2014: PTP co-sponsored an event titled “What Will It Take to have a

UN Global Conference on Women” which was held on March 10, 2014 at the UNHQ; 2015: PTP co-sponsored an event at the Armenian Convention Center titled “Imagine A World...At Peace” on March 12, 2015.; 2016: PTP sponsored and led an event titled “What will it take to end human trafficking?” relating to human trafficking SDG and implementation, held on March 14, 2016 at the CCUN Building.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

1. 2013: UN Youth Initiatives: Uniting for Youth a. PTP representatives attended and brought recommendations on youth initiatives back to PTP.
2. 2013-2016: Commission on the Status of Women
 - a. PTP sent representatives to attend UN CSW in NY for each consecutive year and provided statements for each of the years.
3. 2013-2016: International Day of Peace
 - a. PTP attended and provided statements on the International Day of Peace. This event will be later discussed in further detail.
4. 2013-2016: UN General Assembly
 - a. PTP representatives have attended different sessions as well as meeting with government officials and participated in UN WOMEN throughout the years.
5. 2013: Raising and Empowering Youth to break the cycle of violence against women and children
 - a. PTP representatives attended on March 25, 2013 which was the first DPI-NGO Youth-Led Briefing.
6. 2014: DPI/NGO Briefings
 - a. PTP representatives attended and participated in most DPI-NGO briefings.
7. 2015-2016: Conference of the Parties – UNFCCC
 - a. PTP ECOSOC representative attended COP in both 2015 and 2016.
8. 2016: UN DPI NGO Youth Summit
 - a. PTP representatives helped develop different activities and led youth sessions during the conference. Additionally, PTP conducted a workshop on global collaboration between NGOs civil society and enhancement civic engagement.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

- a. UN-DPI International Day of Peace
 - i. PTP has assisted the UN DPI with the planning and the execution of the annual UN International Day of Peace for all four years. This includes helping creating the theme and curate programming. PTP established the universal website (internationaldayofpeace.org), to serve the UN and civil society to focus worldwide attention to the UN and highlight activities for diverse nations and sectors around the world.
 - b. UN-

Commission on the Status of Women

i. PTP representatives have attended the CSW for all four years. As discussed above, PTP has co-sponsored several side-events throughout the years.

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

i. Goal 2: Achieve Universal Primary Education:

1. PTP ECOSOC Representative held an event titled “Toward a World at School: Forum on Global Education” on May 4, 2015. Participants included several UN representatives including UN Youth Champion, UN Youth Envoy, UNESCO Initiative Secretariat. ii. Culture of Peace Initiative 1. PTP is an officially designated Peace Messenger Organization (1987) and serves as the International Secretariat for the Culture of Peace Initiative (CPI). The CPI not only advocates for the SDG’s but also educates diverse organizations worldwide on various SDG’s and their implementation in civil society. The CPI in one of its functions serves as a platform to connect and mentor participants in all the world regions.

15. Pax Romana (International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs and International Movement of Catholic Students)

(Special; 1949)

Introduction

Pax Romana is a global movement with two autonomous branches. The International Movement of Catholic Students with 75 national affiliates of university students and the International Catholic Movement for Intellectual and Cultural Affairs with 35 national affiliates and five specialized networks. One of these networks is the International Secretariat for Catholic Engineers, Agronomists and Industry Officials, which is included in the International Labour Organization's Special List of NGOs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pax Romana unites Catholic students, professionals, and intellectuals with a shared commitment to integrate faith and action. Inspired by the Catholic social tradition, our members are committed to integral human development, peace, youth empowerment, and good governance.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Pax Romana's contribution during 2013-2016 period is twofold. First as a lead organization within the Major Group for Children and Youth (MGCY) in the Sustainable Development Process. Pax Romana also engages youth issues with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Habitat, and the International Labour Organization. Second in the area of Human Rights, particularly in the process of the Universal Periodic Review for Kenya, Nepal, and Myanmar.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Pax Romana representatives participated in the Open Working Group on the Sustainable

Development Goals in New York, United States (1st – 13th sessions) with an active engagement in the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth.

On 11 July 2014, a representative of Pax Romana was an invited panelist in the 2014 Development Cooperation Forum of the High-Level Segment of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

On 2 February 2015, the African coordinator of Pax Romana was a panelist for the ECOSOC Interactive Discussion on the “World Programme of Action for Youth + 20 and the Post-2015 Development Agenda.”

On 26 June 2015, a Pax Romana representative was an invited speaker during the ECOSOC 2015 High-level political forum on sustainable development.

On 29 May 2015, two Pax Romana leaders from Kenya and India were invited to be panelists during the High-Level Event of the UN General Assembly to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth (WPAY).

Pax Romana representatives participated in each session of the Commission for Social Development in New York (51st – 54th sessions). A written statement was submitted for the 52nd Session (11-21 February, 2014) on the topic of youth [E/CN.5/2014/NGO/41].

Pax Romana contributed to a joint written statement at each of the annual meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York (57th – 61st sessions) on gender based violence and education [E/CN.6/2013/NGO/40; E/CN.6/2014/NGO/113; E/CN.6/2015/NGO/264; E/CN.6/2016/NGO/2 E/CN.6/2017/NGO/18].

Pax Romana participated in the annual meetings of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Vienna, Austria (22nd - 25th sessions) and the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna (56th- 59th sessions). A joint written statement was submitted for the 57th Session of the CND on the mid-term review of the 2009 Political Declaration and Plan of Action [E/CN.7/2014/NGO/1].

Pax Romana participated in the Regular Sessions of the meetings of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland (22nd – 33rd sessions) and contributed to written statements at the 22nd (25 February - 22 March 2013), 23rd (27 May - 14 June 2013) and 27th sessions (8 - 26 September 2014) on the right to peace [A/HRC/22/NGO/156; A/HRC/23/NGO/96; A/HRC/27/6]. Pax Romana also submitted written statements on the freedom of religion at the 30th Session (14 September - 2 October 2015) [A/HRC/30/NGO/51] and on the right to

education at the 32nd Session (13 June - 1 July and 8 July 2016) [A/HRC/32/NGO/155].

Pax Romana contributed to the Human Rights Council's Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in Geneva with statements submitted for the UPR Process for Kenya during the 21st Session of the Working Group (19-30 January 2015); for Nepal and for Myanmar during the 23rd Session (2–13 November 2015).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

On 21 November 2014, Pax Romana cosponsored a symposium on “The protection of religious minorities worldwide” with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) at United Nations Headquarters.

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

Pax Romana and our national affiliates have undertaken several educational initiatives in support of the MDGs and SDGs nationally and internationally. We have sought to show the links between the SDGs and the teachings of Pope Francis.