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1. Protection de l'environnement et de l'écosystème

Special, 2011

Introduction

Protection de l'environnement et de l'écosystème (PEECO) is a Mauritanian non-governmental organization established in 2003.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PEECO is involved in the protection of the environment and biodiversity; sustainable development; efforts to combat poverty in all its forms; and the development of hygiene and health capacities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As a result of its accreditation to the Global Environment Facility, PEECO was able to organize forums on the Millennium Development Goals. It plans to run the forum again on a larger scale, covering all 13 regions of Mauritania.

PEECO also launched similar forums in Bamako, Mali; Dakar, Senegal; and the Niger Delta, Nigeria. It intends to hold the forum every year in order to measure progress towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, identify obstacles in that regard and propose solutions and strategies to address those problems.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Unfortunately, since our participation in the fifty-first session of the Commission for Social Development, from 6 to 15 February 2013, we have not participated in any meetings of the United Nations, owing to a lack of financial resources. We have therefore focused on making the promotion of the Millennium Development Goals our primary contribution.

We hope to find solutions to enable us to participate more frequently in United Nations events between now and the submission of our next report.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PEECO continues to work closely at the national level with the United Nations Development Programme in the area of environmental development; with the World Food Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in relation to food security; and with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization on humanitarian matters.

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

Since 2011, PEECO has been implementing activities related to Millennium Development Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, on the themes of climate change, women's empowerment, health for all and food security.

Furthermore, since 2014 the objective of PEECO has been to promote progress towards and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, and it has accordingly raised the awareness of the population through various forums at the

national and rural community levels. It now runs an annual initiative on understanding how to measure progress towards the Millennium Development Goals.

2. Rencontre africaine pour la défense des droits de l’homme

Special, 2003

Introduction

Rencontre Africaine pour la défense des droits de l’homme (RADDHO), established in Dakar on 21 April 1990, is a non-partisan, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with no religious affiliation. Its mission is to promote and defend human rights in Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

RADDHO aims to protect human rights in Senegal, in Africa and around the world. RADDHO carries out its activities in partnership with national, regional and international institutions, and with civil society organizations and the media.

Significant changes in the organization

RADDHO held its fifth conference from 29 to 30 September 2018 in order to appoint the new members of its statutory bodies. A new board and general secretariat were appointed. A Director of Programmes and a number of coordinators were also appointed.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In Geneva:

- Made oral statements during interactive dialogues at various sessions of the Human Rights Council (for example, at the twenty-ninth session of the Council).
- Participated in the clustered interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons and the Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights on 7 June 2017.
- Delivered a joint statement with partner non-governmental organizations at the conclusion of the thirty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council on 23 March 2018.
- Organized side events during each session of the Human Rights Council.
- Contributed to a joint submission with Anti-Slavery International and Tostan for the universal periodic review (third cycle, thirty-first session).

In Senegal:

- Worked with the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to develop an action plan to strengthen community mechanisms for combating practices harmful to children.
- Collaborated with the West Africa Regional Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).
- Contributed to the efforts of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to combat statelessness.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Participated in all sessions of the Human Rights Council.
- Participated in all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.
- Participated in the twenty-first session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in Geneva.
- Participated in the Human Rights Council retreat.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

RADDHO cooperates closely with the specialized bodies of the United Nations with offices in Senegal, namely:

- UNICEF
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- OHCHR
- UNHCR
- United Nations Office for West Africa

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

During the report period, RADDHO made significant investments in:

- Reproductive health (legalization of medical abortion)
- The promotion of education
- Combating child begging
- Access to civil documentation
- Gender equality advocacy
- Strengthening women's leadership
- The empowerment and civic engagement of women and girls
- Combating gender-based violence
- Access to independent justice
- Combating impunity and strengthening the activities of the International Criminal Court in Africa

3. Union nationale des femmes marocaines

Special, 1999

Introduction

Union nationale des femmes marocaines is a public-interest association in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. Established in 1969, it now has more than 60 regional associations, 43 learning centres, 5 vocational training centres and 25 counselling centres.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To enhance the image of Moroccan women and their participation in civic and social life.

Significant changes in the organization

Union nationale des femmes marocaines has incorporated into its strategy measures to strengthen its relationships with African civil society organizations through the establishment of a network of African women's organizations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Participation in a brainstorming session on rural and agricultural finance and investment organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in 2015.
- Participation in the start-up workshop for an FAO project on biodiversity conservation and mitigation of land degradation through adaptive management of agricultural heritage systems, in 2016.
- Participation in a national conference on the topic "Functional cooperatives for resilient and sustainable agriculture" (held as part of FAO project FMM/GLO/113/MUL), in 2017.
- Participation in an exchange of views between Union nationale des femmes marocaines and FAO on gender in Africa, in 2017.
- Participation in a training workshop on mainstreaming gender in policies, projects and programmes in rural areas of Morocco, in 2017.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Participation in the twenty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, in 2015.
- Participation in the fourth international meeting of the Youth Forum, in 2016.
- Participation in the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 22) in Marrakesh, in 2017.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Union nationale des femmes marocaines was involved in a project funded by FAO concerning the disposal of obsolete pesticides and the implementation of a pesticides management programme in Morocco (GCP /MOR/041/GFF), beginning with the earliest stages of the project in 2015.

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

- Union nationale des femmes marocaines participated in the regional conference on "The Arab woman 20 years after Beijing" from 21 to 22 February 2015 in Cairo. It also participated in a meeting on the role of civil society in the implementation of an apprenticeship-based training programme for young people who have been victims of educational wastage, which was held in Rabat on 26 February 2015.

- Union nationale des femmes marocaines organized a national meeting on the theme “A culture of non-violence for the benefit of women: a forward-looking perspective”, which was held on 8 March 2015.
- Over the course of 2015, Union nationale des femmes marocaines ran several training sessions for counsellors from its regional associations, in partnerships with the Ministry of Justice and the Interministerial Delegation on Human Rights.
- On 10 October 2015, the National Day of the Moroccan Woman, Union nationale des femmes marocaines attended a seminar organized by the Ministry of Solidarity, Women, Families and Social Development on the political empowerment of women and the challenges of advanced regionalization.

2016

- In March and May 2016, Union nationale des femmes marocaines held training sessions for counsellors from the counselling centres of its regional associations.
- Also in 2016, multidisciplinary medical caravans were organized in several regions of Morocco, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health.
- Union nationale des femmes marocaines participated in the general assembly of the European Centre of the International Council of Women, from 18 to 22 May 2016.

2017

Union nationale des femmes marocaines participated in a national debate on combating illiteracy held by the National Agency for Combating Illiteracy, held in Sakhirat from 13 to 14 October 2017.

2018

Union nationale des femmes marocaines and the National Observatory on the Rights of the Child held a meeting on the topic “Women and children in precarious situations” in Rabat on 21 February 2018.

Union nationale des femmes marocaines marked International Women’s Day on 8 March 2018 in Marrakesh, with activities focused on the theme “Women’s dignity, between violence and precariousness.”

Union nationale des femmes marocaines worked in partnership with other organizations to put in place three community shelters that provide women in vulnerable situations with accommodation, training and capacity-building opportunities.

4. World Association of Children’s Friends

Special, 1987

Introduction

World Association of Children’s Friends, which was founded in 1963 by Princess Grace of Monaco and has Her Royal Highness the Princess of Hanover as its current President, grew out of a vision of a world where all children, regardless of their social, religious or cultural origins, could live with dignity, security and respect for their fundamental rights; a world in which all children could fulfil their potential.

The Association is active on four continents, implementing programmes on the ground through a network of special partners.

Aims and purposes of the organization

As a development organization, the Association seeks to implement lasting solutions, with an emphasis on building the capacities of and empowering beneficiaries. The Association's strategy is based on three areas of action: education, protection against violence and access to health. Within those areas, the Association has developed four flagship programmes: Dignity for Women, The Energy of Hope, Capoeira for Peace and Unaccompanied Migrant Children. It implements its strategy through three complementary means: project financing, emergency and post-emergency aid, and awareness-raising and advocacy.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2018, the statutes of the Association were amended in order to restructure the network, and projects are now structured around four programmes: Dignity for Women, The Energy of Hope, Capoeira for Peace and Unaccompanied Migrant Children.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association is primarily focused on children, but it also addresses issues concerning the communities in which they live. It has a particular focus on reintegrating children into families and working with a variety of local partners to implement comprehensive projects covering various areas of intervention. Particular emphasis is given to ensuring respect for equal opportunities, which concerns not only girls' access to quality education but also the protection of women and girls from violence, exploitation and abuse.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

World Association of Children's Friends attended the Nansen Refugee Award prize-giving ceremony held by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Geneva on 3 October 2016.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association worked with UNHCR on a project concerning personal hygiene and the prevention of sexual abuse for refugee and internally displaced women and girls in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It also worked with the UNHCR office in France to conduct a study on the situation of unaccompanied minors in France and Belgium. Furthermore, the Association worked with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on its awareness-raising campaign to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to develop the partnership established in 2014 in connection with the Capoeira for Peace project, which supports the demobilization and reintegration of child soldiers through capoeira.

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

- Sustainable Development Goal 3: health and well-being
 - In Mali, 2,396 children under the age of 5 were individually monitored through home visits and paediatric consultations at partner health centres.

- In Niger, 43,000 sickle cell patients, including 19,350 children, received treatment as a result of the construction of the National Reference Center for Sickle Cell Disease.
 - Sustainable Development Goal 4: quality education for all
 - In Burundi, 46,659 orphans and vulnerable children benefited from access to education.
 - In Germany, 20 unaccompanied minors received educational support.
 - In Nepal, the refurbishment of three classrooms and the construction of three additional classrooms enabled 110 children to return to school following the earthquake of 2015.
 - Sustainable Development Goal 5: gender equality
 - In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 486 refugee and internally displaced women of childbearing age were able to practice personal hygiene at refugee camps.
 - In Niger, 60 community leaders benefited from awareness-raising actions on the topics of girls' education and ending early marriage.
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