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Preparativos para la Reunión Internacional encargada de examinar la ejecución del Programa de Acción para el desarrollo sostenible de los pequeños Estados insulares en desarrollo

Acreditación de las organizaciones no gubernamentales y otros grupos importantes para participar en la Reunión Internacional encargada de examinar la ejecución del Programa de Acción para el desarrollo sostenible de los pequeños Estados insulares en desarrollo y su reunión preparatoria

Nota de la Secretaría**

1. En su resolución 58/213, la Asamblea General decidió que la acreditación y la participación de los grupos principales, incluidas las organizaciones no gubernamentales, en la Reunión Internacional encargada de examinar la ejecución del Programa de Acción para el desarrollo sostenible de los pequeños Estados insulares en desarrollo, se hiciera de conformidad con el artículo 65 del reglamento provisional de la Reunión Internacional que figura en la nota del Secretario General (A/58/567 y Corr.1). En la misma resolución, la Asamblea decidió que las organizaciones no gubernamentales cuyas actividades tuvieran que ver con el tema de la Reunión Internacional y que no estuvieran acreditadas por el Consejo Económico y Social podrían presentar solicitudes para participar en calidad de observadores en la Reunión Internacional, así como en su reunión preparatoria, a reserva de la aprobación de la reunión preparatoria de composición abierta.

* E/CN.17/2004/1.

** La presentación de esta nota se ha retrasado a fin de proporcionar información sobre las solicitudes más recientes presentadas por las organizaciones no gubernamentales aún no acreditadas por el Consejo Económico y Social.



2. El Departamento de Asuntos Económicos y Sociales, por conducto de su División de Desarrollo Sostenible, pidió a todas las organizaciones no gubernamentales y a otros grupos importantes que no estuvieran acreditados y desearan asistir a la Reunión Internacional y a su reunión preparatoria que presentaran sus solicitudes, junto con los materiales complementarios de rigor, para su evaluación. Con el apoyo del Servicio de Enlace de las Naciones Unidas con las Organizaciones no Gubernamentales y otros órganos pertinentes, según procediera, la División examinó la pertinencia de la labor de cada solicitante, basándose en sus antecedentes y su participación en las cuestiones relativas al desarrollo sostenible, en particular el proceso de seguimiento de la Conferencia de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Medio Ambiente y el Desarrollo y la Conferencia Mundial sobre el Desarrollo Sostenible de los Pequeños Estados Insulares en Desarrollo.

3. La División indicó que recomendaría a la Comisión sobre el Desarrollo Sostenible la acreditación de las organizaciones solicitantes cuyos objetivos declarados fueran legítimos y cuyas actividades fueran pertinentes para la labor de la Reunión Internacional en función de una evaluación basada en la información que hubiera proporcionado cada organización. En el caso de una recomendación contraria a la acreditación, la División daría a conocer sus razones a la Comisión, y presentaría sus recomendaciones sobre todas las solicitudes de acreditación a los Estados Miembros dos semanas antes del comienzo de la reunión preparatoria.

4. La División ha recibido y evaluado las solicitudes completas presentadas antes del plazo final del 1º de marzo de 2004, que serán examinadas por la Comisión en su 12º período de sesiones, en el marco de la reunión preparatoria de la Reunión Internacional que se celebrará del 14 al 16 de abril de 2004. En el anexo figuran la lista de las organizaciones no gubernamentales y otros grupos importantes cuya acreditación la División recomienda y la lista de las organizaciones y grupos cuya acreditación no recomienda.

Annex

List of non-governmental organizations and other major groups recommended for accreditation to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and its preparatory meeting

1. Action pour une Gestion Rationnelle de l'Environnement en Mauritanie (AGREEM)

BP 311 RP Tevragh Zeina 42, Nouakchott, Mauritania

Tel: + 222 677 0697

Fax: + 222 524 0662

E-mail: agreem@caramail.com

Website: none

Established: 1998

Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities: Aims to contribute to efforts for combating desertification and implementing the UN Convention on Combating Desertification. Supports and contributes to conservation of biodiversity. Activities focus on educating the public about causes of desertification and loss of biodiversity, mobilizing public support for activities aiming to counter these problems, fighting against poverty, and providing support to conservation projects and literacy campaigns.

2. Aldet Centre-Saint Lucia

Box MA020, Marchano P.O., Castries, Saint Lucia

Tel: + 758 452 5374

Fax: + 758 453 1983

E-mail: aldetcentre@yahoo.com

Website: none

Established: 1994

Summary of organizational focus and activities: Promotes democratic development through information gathering and dissemination, and creating political space for democratic processes and civil society participation. Provides Secretariat services to a number of national and regional indigenous peoples organizations. Majority of work focuses on human rights, through human rights monitors in 17 local communities, legal counselling, conferences or consultations, worker education, facilitating worker and management initiatives, and working with law enforcement institutions. Monitors government decision-making processes to create space for civil society involvement and public consultations. Was accredited to and participated in the World Summit on Sustainable Development.

3. Association of Development Agencies (ADA)

12 Easton Avenue, Kingston 5, Jamaica

Tel: + 876 927 8568

Fax: + 876 927 4580

E-mail: asdevgen@cwjamaica.com

Website: none

Established: 1985

Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities: Operates as a collective forum of non-government development organizations that work to promote sustainable development and social change. In partnership with its members, seeks to: promote community and public education programs to increase capacities of social organizations at local and international levels; enhance the performance of NGOs in the areas of governance, programming and financial and personnel management; provide ongoing, systematic analysis of global and macro issues to strengthen awareness and collaborate with others in lobbying for alternative strategies and mechanisms that address opportunities for sustainable development; promote advocacy and representational work on selected aspects of social, cultural, and economical policy; improve the diversification of ADA's funding options and build an independent financial base; maintain support for regional and international efforts to build a sustainable development paradigm; and use these efforts to enrich ADA's own work in Jamaica.

4. Association Women Sun of Haiti (AFASDA)

Rue 21 J-K # 145, Cap-Haitien, Haiti

Tel: + 509 262 2558

Fax: + 509 262 3902

E-mail: afasdacap@yahoo.fr

Website: www.haitimedical.com/afasda

Established: 1997

Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities: Supports and promotes the activities of women and children in Haiti and Dominican Republic and encourages their active participation to create a more equitable society, foster leadership, and overcome discrimination. Activities include projects related to literacy, health, education, human rights, agriculture, arts, development of training centres for girls, potable water, reforestation, educational seminars, and radio and television programs highlighting Haitian women.

**5. Centre de Documentation, de Recherches et de Formation Indianocéaniques
(CEDREFI)**

31 Draper St, Quatre Bornes, Republic of Mauritius

Tel: + 230 46550

Fax: + 230 4651422

E-mail: pynee@mu.refer.org

Website: none

Established: 1982

Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities: Aims to promote, disseminate and advance through actions the vital concept of people-centred development, particularly in Mauritius, and to sensitise people on the importance of regional cooperation, in all its forms, among the islands of the South West Indian Ocean. Activities include efforts to: identify, collect and disseminate information and knowledge on the Indian Ocean region and the South

West Indian Ocean Islands, in particular information geared towards the research community and NGOs; undertake research on issues of relevance to the islands of the Indian Ocean region in partnership with grassroots organisations; initiate, facilitate and develop training programmes for NGO leaders and staff of NGOs of the islands of the South West Indian Ocean; act as an interface between civil society and the research community; and promote networking activities at national, regional and international levels.

6. Centre for Rights and Development (CEFRAD)

P.O. Box 233, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles Islands

Tel: + 248 768028 / 763782

FAX: +248 242068 / 225379

E-mail: cefrad@seychelles.sc

Website: none

Established: 1998

Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities: Strives to facilitate the development of well-balanced individuals equipped with knowledge, skills and motivation that will enable them to proactively participate in sustainable development at community, national and global levels. Activities focus on: fostering access to human rights and development; providing the Seychellois population with a forum for constitutional and human rights education and action; encouraging and assisting young Seychellois to develop their creative and productive talents;

contributing towards the enhancement of national productivity and sustainable development; and collaborating with similar movements. Projects include the Small Islands Peace Action Initiative, the Human Rights & Democracy Education Programme, and a proposed Indian Ocean Civil Society Workshop on “Democratic Governance and Sustainable Development of Small Island States,” which aspires to adopt an Indian Ocean civil society strategy for proactively participating in the implementation of the Barbados and the Johannesburg plans of action and other future programmes for sustainable development of small island states.

7. Coalition for Community Participation in Governance

47 Beechwood Avenue, Kingston 5, Jamaica

Tel: + 876 929 8873 or 960 9067

Fax: + 876 968 9260

E-mail: ccpg876@yahoo.com

Website: none

Established: 1995

Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities: Promotes the understanding, acceptance, and practice of citizens’ participation as a fundamental right and a basic requirement for sustainable development. Projects include sustainable development work with communities around water, sanitation and hygiene promotion in rural and inner urban communities; gender equality sensitisation workshops; and training of social development officers and National

Youth Service Volunteers in gender and participation. Activities focus on capacity building of community leaders and members, building partnerships with all sectors of society, undertaking participatory research action projects, and working with communities to meet their basic needs. Membership is comprised of individuals and a number of NGOs and CBOs.

8. Global Islands Network (GIN)

3 Douglas Row, Portree, Isle of Skye, Scotland UK IV51 9DD

Tel: + 44 1478 611213

Fax: + 44 1478 612519

E-mail: graeme@globalislands.net

Website: <http://www.globalislands.net>

Established: 2002

Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities: Aims to promote culturally appropriate, ecologically sound, economically sustainable and socially equitable development on islands worldwide. Activities include: facilitating the capacity of islanders to acquire, disseminate and utilise knowledge resources; improving access to existing data and generating original information about islands; providing technical assistance and supporting initiatives which further integrated development on small islands; encouraging collaborative projects and comparative studies between and among islands; fostering cooperation by sharing good practices and offering a forum for discussion; and strengthening the voice of island

communities as well as their representatives in intergovernmental and policy-making bodies. GIN presently works in collaboration with over 50 partner organisations, bringing together government agencies, university departments, research institutes, marine laboratories, businesses, companies, NGOs, voluntary bodies and community groups, in a network where they can share and replicate best practices.
