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1. General Arab Women Federation

Special, 1985

Introduction

The General Arab Women Federation works actively with its member organizations, representing Arab women in the Middle East. It has sustained an active presence at the United Nations globally and in several United Nations regional offices and continued to bring together women from the region and elsewhere to share experiences and views on issues related to women, peace and human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation works towards the establishment of peace and justice; to defend the rights of Arab women and to empower them to exercise their rights; to improve the status of women and their participation in the socioeconomic development of their societies; to develop cooperation and solidarity among Arab and international women's organizations; to work for the elimination of all forms of discrimination; and to strengthen the United Nations system and the application of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and other United Nations aims related to social equality and economic equity. In addition to its regular aims and principles, the Federation has focused on raising awareness of the political changes in the Arab world and their negative impact on all facets of life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Federation has celebrated the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29 November every year by delivering statements of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) on the situation of Palestinians under Israeli occupation and called for action to secure the protection and rights of Palestinians.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation took part in a number of sessions of the Human Rights Council, at which it submitted written and oral statements and conducted joint NGO side events:

(a) In 2010, the Federation delivered remarks on the report of the United Nations Fact-Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict. It also organized two side events on the themes "Apartheid Israel: a crime against humanity" and "The plight of Palestinian refugees";

(b) In 2011, the Federation submitted three statements on the human rights situation in Iraq, based on the report of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, and three statements on the human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic and the violence against Syrian women in refugee camps. It also organized four side events;

(c) In 2012, the Federation delivered remarks on the deteriorating human rights situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, based on the report of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic, and organized two side events on the international radiation risk and human rights and the plight of Iraqi women under occupation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Federation took part each year in the meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York and at parallel events on women and peace. It reviewed documents, disseminated information, celebrated International Women's Day and monitored the implementation of Security Council resolution 1325 (2000). The Federation followed up on the meetings of the Commission on Sustainable Development regarding pollution, waste disposal, nuclear energy, human settlements, disarmament and the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and on the Biennial Meeting of States to Consider Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects. It also conducted a workshop with 35 trainees on organizational skills.

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

No activities were specified.

2. International Council of Management Consulting Institutes

Special, 2001

Introduction

The International Council of Management Consulting Institutes is the global voice of the management consulting profession, representing national management consulting institutes in over 60 countries, which adhere to world-class standards, the code of ethical and professional conduct and the internationally recognized designation of certified management consultant. Compliance with those rigorous requirements is assured by the quality assurance programme of the Institute.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the Institute is to improve the standards of management consultants worldwide and support the creation and development of national professional institutes.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2013, the Institute appointed its first Executive Director (based in Amman) with a global role and to liaise with the Middle East and North Africa.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institute has been active in 15 countries in providing management consultancy trainers (and training the trainers) and developing professional institutes to provide certification to indigenous management consultants and build up the profitable

use of management consultants. It estimates that this involvement has enabled over 3,000 small and medium-sized enterprises to receive support from management consultants, which is valuable for those economies without a tradition of such businesses. In partnership with the International Labour Organization, the Institute agreed to prepare a course on implementing corporate social responsibility for managers and consultants in North Africa. The course was launched in late 2010 but the Arab Spring caused a postponement because many of the expected attendees were from North Africa. When the situation permits, the joint courses will be resumed.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Institute attended the World Trade Organization (WTO) public forum on the theme “Expanding trade through innovation and the digital economy” from 1 to 3 October 2013 at the headquarters of WTO in Geneva to discuss and improve understanding of the role played by innovation in expanding the use of management consultants internationally. Talks on trade in services and support to developing economies are continuing with WTO and the International Trade Centre.

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.

3. International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse

Special, 1989

Introduction

The International Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations for the Prevention of Drug and Substance Abuse comprises NGOs all over the world engaged in anti-drug and substance abuse activities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Federation aims to develop collaborative and fruitful interactions among non-governmental organizations regionally and internationally to identify their service needs and implement diversified programmes to prevent and control drug abuse with the ultimate aim of achieving a drug-free society. It also promotes cooperation and collaboration between governmental and non-governmental organizations at the national, regional and international levels.

Significant changes in the organization

The Federation increased its affiliation with international NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, including a membership agreement with IOGT International in 2011. The Secretary of the Federation was elected Vice-President of the Organization of the Families of Asia and the Pacific.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Federation and its affiliates continue to participate as important strategic partners in collaboration with the World Health Organization to increase global awareness of the harm associated with alcohol abuse. It circulates to members the tentative schedule of meetings of the United Nations and of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Federation attended the following meetings of the United Nations:

- (a) Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held in Vienna from 21 to 25 March 2011;
- (b) The reconvened twentieth session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Vienna on 12 and 13 December 2011;
- (c) Fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held in Vienna from 12 to 16 March 2012;
- (d) Twenty-first session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, held in Vienna from 23 to 27 April 2012;
- (e) Sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, held in Vienna from 15 to 19 October 2012;
- (f) The reconvened fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, held in Vienna on 6 and 7 December 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2011 and 2012, the Federation collaborated with the regional office of UNODC in Bangkok. In collaboration with IOGT International, it hosted a side event during a session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in 2012 to discuss the provisions in the Convention on the Rights of the Child for children to be protected against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

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

No activities were specified.

4. Network of Women's Non-Governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran

Special, 1997

Introduction

The Network of Women's Non-Governmental Organizations in the Islamic Republic of Iran was established in 1995 with the participation of 76 organizations and began its activities in the same year. It now has a membership of 1,100 NGOs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is to enhance and improve women's situation and empowerment in an Islamic society; consolidate the foundation of families; present a model for the development of religious culture for women in the country, as well as women all over the world; and highlight women's problems in the country.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization undertook research on the themes "Familiarizing with the functions of NGOs in Iran and in the world" and on "Matrimony in Iran". Currently, it is preparing a report for the universal periodic review of the Human Rights Council on the situation of women's rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings of the United Nations:

- (a) The thirteenth to the twenty-second sessions of the Human Rights Council;
- (b) The annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women from 2010 and 2013, held in New York;
- (c) The United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 2012;
- (d) A meeting with Ahmed Shaheed, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran;
- (e) The 16th Summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, held in Tehran from 26 to 31 August 2012.

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.

5. War Resisters International

Special, 1973

Introduction

War Resisters International is an international anti-militarist and pacifist network founded in 1921 that works for a world without war. The network comprises over 80 affiliated groups in 40 countries. The organization facilitates mutual support by linking people together through publications, events and actions, initiating non-violent campaigns that actively involve local groups and individuals,

supporting those who oppose war and who challenge its causes, and promoting and educating people about pacifism and non-violence.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organization is embedded in the following declaration: “War is a crime against humanity. I am therefore determined not to support any kind of war and to strive for the removal of all causes of war.”

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2010 and 2013, the organization participated in the work of the Human Rights Council and the Human Rights Committee. It also submitted information to the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention. It assisted others in learning about the work of the United Nations and its systems, especially through the publication entitled *A Conscientious Objector’s Guide to the International Human Rights System*.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

As mentioned above.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As mentioned above.

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

No activities were specified.
