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1. Asian Centre for Organization Research and Development

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Asian Centre for Organisation Research and Development (ACORD) works to bring results in the rural and urban communities and in government, public, and private sector organisations by focusing on change management, good governance, human resource development, and urban/rural development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACORD sponsors, conducts, and collaborates on research, investigations, and studies on management topics, especially in the area of organizational development in industry, health, environment, agriculture, and the rural sector.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization changed its acronym from ACORD to ACORDASIA.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACORD participated in the annual sessions of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD). It also participated in the Prepcom for Rio+20, at the United Nations Headquarters in May 2011 and presented papers at the side events during those meetings.

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 organization contributed to MDG 1, 4 and 8 in India by helping poor women of the rural areas of Rajasthan to become micro-entrepreneurs. This project has helped over 1,000 families improve their standard of living and sustainability through micro-enterprise since 1994. Through the expansion of home nutrition-fortification and the promotion of breastfeeding, ACORD implemented a project to reduce the prevalence of malnutrition. Finally, from 1999 to 2012, ACORD worked closely with the Government of India under the “Bhagidari” project (“Citizen-Government Partnership”) to promote transparency and accountability in public service, for which it received the United Nations Public Service Award in 2005.

2. Asociación Cubana de las Naciones Unidas

Special, 1999

Introduction

Asociacion Cubana de las Naciones Unidas (ACNU) groups people who are interested in knowing about and participating in the work of the United Nations. It is a member of World Federation of the United Nations (WFUNA) and belongs to the WFUNA Executive Committee.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association works to spread information about the work of the United Nations and the participation of Cuba; and maintain relationships with United Nations entities and member states.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACNU holds periodic briefings to civil society organizations in coordination with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and other national institutions on the United Nations agenda. It organized a workshop on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) International Cooperation Mechanism with the Cuban National Commission of UNESCO in March 2012; and a regional workshop on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change in April 2012.

ACNU organized activities for the celebration of the United Nations Day and International Population Day and created an online forum for the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture in 2013. It organized a United Nations week programme in 2014, including a Special session of the United Nations Model at the Havana University, devoted to the post -2015 Agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACNU participated in the 19th regular session of the Human Rights Council, 27 February-23 March 2012 and the Universal Periodic Review, Second Cycle on Cuba, 31 April-3 May 2013, Geneva, Switzerland. It also attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012; and the Conferences of the States Parties to the Convention of the United Nations Framework on Climate Change in Durban, South Africa, 28 November-9 December; Doha, Qatar, 27 November-7 December 2012; and Lima, Peru 8-12 December 2014. ACNU set up an online Forum "A more secure world for all without nuclear weapons" during the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament, 26 September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The association contributed to the draft outcome document of the Rio+20 Conference. It submitted contributions to the First cycle of the Universal Periodic Review for The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in 2012, and China in 2013, as well as on thematic issues in the 26th, 27th, and 28th Human Rights Council sessions.

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

More than 140 activities were organized contributing to the knowledge and promotion of the MDGs, notably on health, education, women's empowerment, children, sustainable development, and international cooperation. In 2013, ACNU held a National Consultation on the implementation the MDGs and the vision of Post 2015 Agenda.

3. Asociación Civil Educación, Ambiente y Territorio

Special, 2011

Introduction

Asociación Civil ONGD Educación, Ambiente y Territorio (EA+T) is an Argentinian organization involved in the North East Region of the country.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to foster local development by reducing economic asymmetries in communities, thanks to research, development and innovation (RDI), technology management and transfer of knowledge.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EA+T participated in a forum titled "The Social Protection Floor Initiative", organized by the NGO Committee for Social Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation, New York, 31 January 2012. The organization also participated in the regular sessions of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) NGO Committee, New York, 30 January-8 February 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Please refer to section above.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

With funding of the United Nations Programme (UNDP), ET+A developed a project to strengthen family farming fish care of the North East Argentinian region,

through RDI, clean technologies transfer and social inclusion, with the objective of preserving fish biodiversity.

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

The organization focuses on activities that support MDG 1 and 7. In addition to the fish sustainability project, ET+A led the “Water and food security for rural settlers and vulnerable sectors from Mision Laishi (Formosa – Argentina)” Project, in collaboration with the embassy of New Zealand.

4. Asociación de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Empresarias del Mediterráneo

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Asociación de Federaciones y Asociaciones de Empresarias del Mediterráneo (AFAEMME) is a federation of Mediterranean businesswomen organizations, with 47 member associations from 24 countries. It acts as a platform for gender and business projects and ground-breaking research; a networking platform for women entrepreneurs; and a Euro-Mediterranean lobby organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- The organization works to:
- promote the principle of equal opportunities in the labour market;
- improve women’s socioeconomic conditions by eliminating gender discrimination;
- support networking among women entrepreneurs;
- support women’s access to economic decision-making positions; and
- raise awareness through public events and campaigns and lobbying to authorities.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its member organizations, AFAEMME has contributed to the statements presented at the session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), specifically to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Spain reports. It has also developed two projects, in line with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) development agenda titled “Give Spanish Women a Second Chance” and “Empower 20 unemployed Spanish women through entrepreneurship”. Finally, AFAEMME collaborates with United Nations World Trade Organization (WTO) to develop projects on rural entrepreneurship in the Mediterranean region.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization submitted a written statement on “Promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the MDGs” during ECOSOC’s High Level Segment in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AFAEMME met in 2013 with Rocío Rodríguez from the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and Inter-agency Joint Programme on Gender and Tourism for possible collaboration within the programme “Sustainable Tourism for Promoting Women’s Empowerment and Ending Poverty”.

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

AFAEMME contributed to MDG 3 through the following highlighted projects and initiatives:

- “Young Women as Job Creators”, which promoted women entrepreneurship in universities across the Mediterranean region;
- “She decides, you succeed” Project to promote women’s access to economic decision making decisions, in various European countries; and
- “Give Spanish Women as Second Chance”, funded by Chime for Change, which economically empowers unemployed women through entrepreneurship.

5. Asociación Dominicana de las Naciones Unidas

Special, 2011

Introduction

The United Nations Association of the Dominican Republic (UNA-DR) was created to promote the work of the United Nations in the Dominican Republic.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UNA-DR aims to promote the United Nations agenda in the Dominican Republic by raising public awareness and encouraging citizen participation through educational simulations, such as international Model United Nations Conferences; conferences with United Nations officials; the United Nations Youth Delegate programme; and national consultations on topics related to the Global Agenda.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

To advance the achievement of the United Nations development agenda, UNA-DR organizes monthly conferences, seminars, and round table discussions, in

conjunction with the United Nations agencies present in the Dominican Republic, and public and private institutions. During the reporting period, UNA-DR has impacted over 15,000 young leaders from Latin America in Haiti, Mexico, United States of America, France, and the Dominican Republic through four annual Model United Nations Conferences and other United Nations related workshops and seminars. Moreover, UNA-DR has worked closely with the United Nations Information Centres in Latin America.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The association attended the following meetings, among others:

- High Level Meeting on Youth, United Nations General Assembly, New York, 25-26 July 2011;
- 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 27 February-12 March 2012;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012;
- Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Youth Forum: Innovators of Tomorrow, New York, 23 March 2013; and
- 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, New York, 27-29 August 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

UNA-DR has worked closely with the United Nations Information Centre for Cuba, Mexico and the Dominican Republic to bring together young leaders from Latin America by co-organizing their Annual Workshop for Model UN Organizers held in Mexico City. Moreover, UNA-DR consistently supports the Youth and Sports division at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). In addition, UNA-DR co-organized with the International Labour Organization (ILO) Youth Employment Programme the first global Youth Employment Forum in May 2012. Lastly, every year UNA-DR partners with the United Nations System in the Dominican Republic to support global consultations such as the Myworld global survey.

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

To support the MDGs, UNA-DR has held regularly during the reporting period discussions and workshops focused on the MDGs in high-schools and universities. UNA-DR partnered with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in the Dominican Republic to actively promote the StandUp initiative.

6. Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raíces

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Asociación Panameña de Corredores y Promotores de Bienes Raíces (ACOBIR) is a non-profit organization, which reunites the most prestigious developer and brokerage real estate companies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACOBIR's objectives are to:

- collaborate in the enactment of laws which benefit the sector and the community;
- guarantee strict ethic amongst member companies of the sector;
- promote investments that contribute to improving the living conditions of Panamanians, while seeking to achieve a more sustainable economic, social and environmental development; and
- contribute to the community through social programmes, in partnership with the government and foundations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The association supports the activities of Jesús Luz de Oportunidades Foundation, whose mission is to eradicate gangs through social and labour tools of rehabilitation programmes.

It gives contributions to the yearly Teleton 20-30 and is active in the Activo 20-30 Foundation of Panama to support social projects that benefit disabled children of Panama. ACOBIR participated in the campaign to eradicate child labour, headed by the Brazilian National Health Council (CONEP), with the slogan "Say No to the child labour". It led a project in alliance with Global Housing Foundation Panama to build houses for poor people and give the title to women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACOBIR participated in the 50th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), New York, February 2014. During the Seventh Urban World Forum of the United Nations in Medellin, Colombia, 5-11 April 2014, ACOBIR presented the Panamanian Government Social Housing Project of Curundu. The project benefits 5,000 families in a marginal area of the city of Panama, giving them decent housing with a land title and is an example of a social model of integral development, in which the private sector is involved in urban and social development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

In support of MDG 3, ACOBIR organized, through CONEP, the forum “Empowering women in leadership positions” in March 2014. Toward MDG 7, ACOBIR promotes through its membership the respect of environmental policies and appropriate criteria for the distribution of water in the construction of buildings. It also promotes the recycling of construction waste.

7. Associated Country Women of the World

Special, 1947

Introduction

The Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) is one of the largest international development organizations for rural women, including 460 member organizations from 70 countries worldwide. ACWW works with its vast network of rural women at a grass-roots level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACWW works with rural women to help educate, empower, and enrich their lives and that of their families, through training and development, practical support, and income generating schemes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACWW delivered statements to Member organizations for the yearly International Day of Rural Women, International Day for the Eradication of Poverty and World Food Day. It delivered a statement to Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on birth registration. It co-signed statements to the NGO Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in 2013 and 2014. It participated in many NGO Committees, including the ones on the Status of Women in New York and Vienna, Austria; the Family in Vienna; Ageing in Vienna; and the Rights of the Child in Geneva, Switzerland. Finally, ACWW commented on the Secretary-General’s Synthesis report on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and attended preliminary meetings on SDGs in South Africa, Malaysia and Norway.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACWW participated in the following meetings, among others:

- annual sessions of CSW, New York, during which it organized side events every year;

- yearly sessions of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP);
- annual meeting of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Office of the High Commission on Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva, Switzerland, 20 March 2014;
- 8th Global Conference on Health Promotion: “ Health in All Policies”, 10-14 June 2013, Helsinki, Finland;
- annual World Health Organization (WHO) World Health Assembly, Geneva, Switzerland; and
- 38th Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Conference, 15-22 June 2013, Rome, Italy.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization received funding from UNESCO and completed the questionnaire “Education for All”. It also collaborated with the NGO Committee on the Family in Vienna, Austria, to celebrate the International Year of the Family.

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

Most of ACWW’s projects aim to achieve MDG 3. In addition, ACWW developed 7 projects on nutrition and home economics and 4 projects on agriculture training and development toward the realisation of MDG 1. ACWW funded workshops to empower orphan girls in computer skills in Pakistan and teach disabled children in Sri Lanka, in support of MDG 2. For MDG 4 and 5, it trained traditional birth attendants in safe midwifery practises in Ghana and for MDG 7, it developed health education programmes for the prevention of HIV/AIDS in India and Zambia.

8. Association burkinabé pour la survie de l’enfance

Special consultative status: 2011

Introduction

The Association burkinabé pour la survie de l’enfance (ABSE) was founded to promote the development of women and children in Burkina Faso. Its membership comprises 250 individuals located throughout the national territory.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization’s aims and purposes are, among others, to:

- combat infant mortality;
- combat ignorance and illiteracy;
- promote and ensure respect for the rights of women and children;
- work for the social integration and employment of children and young people in difficult circumstances;

- work for the development of women and children in Burkina Faso.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization engages in the following activities, among others:

- Assisting in the planning process for the next cycle of UNICEF cooperation with Burkina Faso;
- Participating in the monitoring and evaluation of the UNICEF study on poverty among women and children in the country's eastern and northern regions;
- Assisting in the collection of data on the human rights situation in Burkina Faso with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- Drafting of a report in 2012 for the universal periodic review in the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 4 to 8 March 2013, in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ABSE cooperated with UNDP in providing assistance for the 2012 legislative and municipal elections in Burkina Faso, 2012-2013.

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

The organization has made a contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through such activities as:

- Registration of 637 births in three regions of the country;
- Support for the manufacture of nutritional supplements for 8,432 newborns in Burkina Faso and Niger;
- Caring for 334 children orphaned by HIV since 2011;
- Drilling of 6 boreholes in the northern part of Burkina Faso to help increase the supply of drinking water for children;
- Carrying out a project to combat gender-based violence in schools.

9. Association de défense des droits de l'homme

Special consultative status: 2011

Introduction

The special interest of the Association de défense des droits de l'homme — Collectif contre l'Islamophobie en France is combating anti-Muslim racism; the Association has more than 1,200 members.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are: to condemn Islamophobia, to secure recognition of the existence of this phenomenon, to combat the spread of hate speech in the media and in the political sphere, and the rising trend of discrimination or violence directed at Muslim sites or at individuals on account of their beliefs.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization participated in the side event on the theme “Minorities’ rights in France”, held during the universal periodic review of France on 25 January 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland. It participated in private meetings between NGOs and the United Nations Office at Geneva from 20 to 23 March 2014 and in the conduct of a side event organized in conjunction with the Islamic Human Rights Commission (IHRC). The Association took part in the High-Level Segment of the Human Rights Council in Geneva from 1 to 4 April 2014. Lastly, it made a statement at one of the sessions of the Working Group on People of African Descent.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Please refer to section above.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Association has cooperated with the Special Rapporteur on freedom of belief. Since 2013, it has transmitted its research papers to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

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

The organization has made a contribution in the pursuit of Millennium Development Goals 1 and 3. In 2014, 81.5 per cent of the victims of Islamophobia in France were women. The organization’s activities have helped to reduce the exclusion of Muslim women in the workplace and in education. Its legal unit has brokered amicable settlements in 70 per cent of job-related disputes. Alongside these efforts, the organization is endeavouring to educate public institutions with the aim of restoring the true meaning of the concept of secularism.

10. Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement

Special consultative status: 2011

Introduction

The Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement (AJCD) works to combat poverty and idleness among young people by promoting the entrepreneurial spirit.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of AJCD include:

- to promote young people’s self-esteem and their ability to manage their own affairs;
- to combat poverty;
- to combat HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases;
- to work for the advancement of women, children and families;
- to work for sustainable development;
- to promote human rights, democracy, and good governance; and
- to oppose racism and racial discrimination.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AJCD participates in or requests authorization to attend international days sponsored by the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AJCD cooperates with United Nations bodies based in Brazzaville and abroad, more specifically the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

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

Among the many initiatives taken by AJCD in support of the Millennium Development Goals are:

- distribution of condoms free of charge to young people, 1 December 2012;
- AJCD Youth Sanitation Campaign, 5 June 2013;

- Promoting the AJCD publication targeted to women entitled “Good News for Women”, 8 March 2014;
- holding a working meeting with young people in Brazzaville on the outcome of the Youth Forum of the Economic and Social Council, 15 February 2015;
- Purchase of 4 hectares of manioc fields in Bissinza as part of efforts to combat poverty among young people in October 2012;
- Training 30 school drop-outs from the Ngangouni neighbourhood for an apprenticeship in making modern soap products.

11. Association des consommateurs de télécommunication de Côte d’Ivoire

Special consultative status: 2007

Introduction

The Association des consommateurs de télécommunication de Côte d’Ivoire (ACOTELCI) is an organization dedicated to defending the consumer rights of users of the new information and communications technologies (ICT) and to promoting ICT.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACOTELCI deals with issues relating to Internet access, especially in developing countries, and, in particular, with problems of broadband connections in African universities and secondary and primary schools. The organization helps students obtain used computers from developed countries so that they have Internet access. It also deals with issues relating to Internet governance.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Each year the Association organizes world consumer day, the world day of water, and days on cybercrime, in partnership with other development agencies, and Internet Day in partnership with Internet service providers.

The organization has received 300 used computers from a Canadian partner, which it has given to the University of Cocody in Abidjan and has developed training modules for use in the introductory computer science course at the Lycée moderne in Daoukro.

In 2005 ACOTELCI is hoping to establish, in conjunction with its strategic partners, an international network of telecommunications consumers with the aim of strengthening its activities on the ground.

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 work of ACOTELCI is geared to promoting the spread of new ICT in support of development in Africa. A Canadian partner has donated 600 computers, which ACOTELCI has distributed to schools in Gabon and Rwanda. The Association has provided broadband Internet connections for these computers and it hopes to administer a training programme on introductory computer science for students in Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon and Rwanda.

12. Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Association for Emissions Control by Catalyst (AECC) is an international non-profit scientific association engaged in the development, production and testing of catalyst and filter-based technologies for engine exhaust emissions control.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The work of the organization includes the development, testing and manufacture of autocatalysts, ceramic substrates, filters and catalyst-based technologies to control engine emissions (especially particulates and nitrogen oxides) and specialty materials incorporated into the catalytic converters and filters.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AECC is a member of the World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (WP29) and the Working Party on Pollution and Energy (GRPE), which meet under the auspices of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Inland Transport Committee to develop harmonized emissions standards and global technical regulations. AECC also participated in the work of the GRPE informal working group on Retrofit Emission Control Devices. AECC provided test data as input to assist the work of a number of GRPE informal working groups, including the informal group on the Worldwide harmonized Light vehicles Test Procedure.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AECC attended the regular meetings of the UNECE GRPE and its informal working groups on Heavy Duty Hybrids, Gaseous Fuelled Vehicles, Retrofit Emission Control devices, Worldwide harmonized Light vehicles Test Procedure, and Environmental and Propulsion Performance Requirements, among others in,

Geneva, Switzerland. The organization also attended the meetings of the UNECE WP29 during the reporting period, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AECC is a partner of and participates in the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme - Partnership for Clean Fuels and Vehicles (UNEP-PCFV).

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

By promoting the use of state-of-the-art technologies for the control of noxious emissions from mobile sources, AECC is contributing to a cleaner air and to reducing the impact of air pollution on people's health.

13. Association for Reproductive and Family Health

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Association for Reproductive and Family Health (ARFH) is an indigenous not-for profit organization founded in Nigeria.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ARFH is committed to enhance the quality of life, reproductive health and rights of individuals and communities in Nigeria and Africa. The mission of ARFH is to initiate, promote and implement sustainable sexual, reproductive and family health related information and services for adults and the youth, in partnership with other organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ARFH, through its advocacy and capacity building efforts and various programmes, has contributed to reduce maternal death, increase access to sexual and reproductive health services for youth, and bring a renewed focus to child health policy and programmes in Nigeria. In addition, the organization has been working as a principal recipient of Global Fund HIV project in Nigeria, implementing interventions and increasing impact throughout Nigeria.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ARFH participated in the 2014 Economic and Social (ECOSOC) High Level Meeting in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ARFH collaborates with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Nigeria on the INACT Project (Increasing Access To Contraceptives Through

Training Of Chews As Part Of Task-Shifting Policy In Nigeria) and the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) Nigeria on the integrated Case Management of Childhood Illness in Nigeria.

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

ARFH implements innovative projects that contribute to the achievement of the MDG 3, 4, 5 and 6. With support from the Canadian International Development Agency, ARFH implemented a project designed to build the capacity of 12 NGOs and community based organizations (CBOs) in three Nigerian states to integrate gender and human rights issues into youth-focused interventions.

ARFH also implemented several maternal and child health projects in Nigeria. Notable among these is the Gates Foundation-funded Nigerian Urban Reproductive Health Initiative (NURHI), which is a five-year project aimed at eliminating the supply and demand barriers to contraceptive use in order to increase the contraceptive prevalence rate by 20% in selected urban areas of Nigeria.

Finally, ARFH is implementing the Universal Access to Reproductive Health (Y-ACCESS), a three years capacity strengthening and reproductive health improvement intervention focused on adolescents and young people in four northern states of Nigeria. The project is funded by the British Government's Department for International Development (DFID) under the Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF).

14. Association for Solidarity with Freedom-Deprived Juveniles

Special, 2003

Introduction

Association for Solidarity with Freedom-Deprived Juvenile is an independent non-governmental organization based in Ankara, Turkey.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the organisation is to provide assistance, support, and guidance primarily to children and juvenile who are serving sentences in closed and open confinement centres ("freedom deprived juvenile"); those released after having completed their sentences; and all children and juvenile under risk. The association also works to raise public awareness on these issues and prevent the violation of child rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is part of various national and international networks concerned with human rights, child rights, the protection of vulnerable children and the treatment of juvenile offenders. It attends meetings and participates in activities to raise awareness for improvement. The organization visits child prisons and correction centres in Turkey and runs workshops for children on child rights and

personal health among others. It led a project to raise awareness about and contribute to the prevention of the involvement of children and juveniles in hate crime, discrimination, intolerance and othering, both as perpetrators and victims.

In partnership with the British Council, funded by the Embassy of the Netherlands in Turkey, and supported by the Turkish Ministry of Justice, the organization set up a new telephone helpline for juveniles released from three prisons and correction schools in 2011 and 2012. The helpline provides information, support and counselling services to help them to integrate in society and establish better relationships with their families. The organization also runs a centre for children and juveniles at risk that provides them with counselling and training.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) Turkey on various projects and meetings. For example, in partnership with the European Union and UNICEF, the organization implemented a project on monitoring violence against children. The organization developed monitoring indicators, guides and training materials for the Network to Prevent Violence against Children in Turkey, established by UNICEF in 2012.

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

The organization takes part in local, national and international platforms to build public awareness of human rights and especially the protection of rights of vulnerable children, including through the Ankara Governorship Human Right Commission and the Turkish Network Against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. On 14 January 2014, the organization led a campaign to close child prisons in Turkey, joined by many human rights organizations.

15. Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit

Special consultative status: 2011

Introduction

The Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit is a human rights NGO founded by Mauritanian researchers to participate in the sustainable development of the country through involvement in efforts to produce synergies at the national and international levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's primary aims and purposes are: to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially those relating to sustainable development and the promotion of human rights; to promote participatory action among development partners; to promote the involvement of NGOs in designing

sustainable development projects; to support a participatory culture; and to promote partnerships.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization took part in meetings organized locally by United Nations entities, such as UNDP and UNICEF. It has also participated actively in meetings of the Economic and Social Council in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization does not have a specific agreement with any United Nations body. However, it participates in meetings and activities for the achievement of the MDGs.

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

The organization has taken many initiatives geared to achievement of the MDGs, particularly in the areas of poverty reduction, desertification control, improvement of maternal and child health and AIDS response.
