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1. Crowley Children's Fund

Special, 2011

Introduction

Crowley Children's Fund is a private grant-making foundation in California, United States of America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CCF's goals are to enhance the education, nutrition, and overall health of the global community. The fund supports and partners with individuals and programmes that advocate for and provide services to children and families at a national and global level.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CCF works with at-risk children on education, health care, and poverty reduction, by supporting and taking part in volunteer work in developing countries. During the reporting period, CCF contributed US\$30,000 to an orphanage in Ethiopia. Additionally, from 2011 to 2013, the fund provided financial support to the non-profit Run for Courage located in California, United States. It also worked with California Against Slavery in support of Proposition 35.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In May 2011, CCF attended the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in New York. Additionally, CCF was invited to present its current endeavours in 2012 to address human trafficking and submitted a report which focused in particular on child sex trafficking.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The MDGs complement the mission and goals of the organization. By partnering with California Against Slavery, Run for Courage, the Global Volunteer Network, and other organizations, the fund contributes to eradicating extreme poverty and hunger; supporting the achievement of universal primary education; promoting gender equality and empowering women; reducing child mortality through immunizations in impoverished countries and other supportive health care initiatives; and improving maternal health by collaborating with the Center for Community Health and Well-Being in Sacramento, United States, as well as the other development goals.

2. Defence for Children International

Special, 1991

Introduction

Defense for Children International (DCI) is an independent grassroots and human rights-based NGO that promotes and protects children's human rights in 47 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

DCI is dedicated to ensuring ongoing, practical, systematic, and concerted global action directed towards promoting and protecting children's rights as articulated by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), its optional protocols, and all other human rights standards and instruments.

Significant changes in the organization

Four geographical regional desks were identified during DCI's International General Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, juvenile justice has become the overall priority of the DCI movement, as per its Strategic Plan of Action 2012-2016.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

DCI contributed to the draft resolution on the protection of the rights of the child at the 19th Session of the Human Right Council (HRC). It submitted a paragraph for the Global Study on Children deprived of liberty ([A/RES/69/157](#), paragraph 51.d). DCI also participated in Universal Periodic Reviews and the drafting of alternative/shadow reports for the CRC. Finally, DCI hosted the United Nations Inter-Agency Panel on Juvenile Justice.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

DCI participated in meetings of the United Nations Human Rights Mechanisms, as follows:

- HRC's 16th-23rd and 25th-27th Session, Geneva, Switzerland; it submitted oral statements in all sessions and organized several side events;
- CRC's 66th and 67th Session; DCI-Costa Rica intervened in a panel during the 67th Session; and
- DCI co-organized an event for the 25th anniversary of the CRC.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

DCI collaborated with several Special Procedures of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) such as the Committee against Torture and its Sub-Committee; Working Group on Arbitrary detention; Special Rapporteur on Torture; Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Slavery; and Special Rapporteur on sale of children, among others.

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

DCI contributed to the MDGs directly and indirectly and has advocated for the SDGs to include specific references to violence against children. With its project “Roadmap to formal and non-formal education”, DCI-Uganda contributed to the attainment of quality education by all children in Uganda. The Girl Power Project, started in 2011 is currently being implemented in West Africa and aims at providing equal opportunities for girls and young women.

3. Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era

Special, 1995

Introduction

Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN) is a network of South-based feminist scholars, researchers, and activists working for economic and gender justice and sustainable and democratic development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through research, analyses, advocacy, and training, DAWN seeks to support women’s mobilization within civil society to challenge inequitable social, economic, and political relations at global, regional, and national levels and to advance feminist alternatives.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2014, DAWN’s Global Secretariat, previously based in Manila, Philippines, was relocated to Fiji.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, DAWN engaged intensively in United Nations processes and negotiations in relation to Rio+20, the review of the MDGs, ICPD+20, Beijing+20 and Post 2015 negotiations. DAWN also organized/co-sponsored a large number of side events with Permanent Missions during United Nations meetings.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

DAWN has participated extensively in meetings and processes related to Rio+20, the review of the MDGs, ICPD+20, and Beijing+20. At the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), DAWN worked in collaboration with other networks to focus on sexual and reproductive health and rights and economic justice. DAWN participated in the 47th Session of the Commission on Population and Development and was instrumental in including language to address gaps on equitable and universal access to quality, integrated sexual and reproductive health care, and the pervasiveness of gender-based violence. DAWN has also been instrumental in the preparatory processes in the lead up to Beijing+20.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

DAWN members have participated as speakers in many panels and side events organized by United Nations agencies. In addition, DAWN has served as the operating partner of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), and co-Secretariat of the Asia Pacific Civil Society Organization (CSO) Forum on Beijing+20, 14-16 November 2014, Bangkok, Thailand.

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

DAWN initiated and published “Breaking through the Development Silos”. The organization participated in the review project entitled “The Power of Numbers: A Critical Review of MDG Targets for Human Development and Human Rights”, and wrote the paper “No Empowerment without Rights, No Rights without Politics: Gender-Equality, the MDGs and the Post 2015 Development Agenda”.

4. DEVNET Association

General, 1995

Introduction

DEVNET Association (DEVNET) was established in Italy in 1989 to strengthen technical economic cooperation among developing countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

DEVNET works to create, promote, and support partnerships and exchanges among conscious private sector actors, civil society organizations, and local authorities throughout the world in support of economic development, social equity, ecological sustainability, gender equality, natural disaster resilience, and peace.

Significant changes in the organization

DEVNET has refocused its original information exchange projects into activities to facilitate partnerships between private sector actors, local communities, and least developed countries, to promote sustainable development investments. Also, DEVNET is focusing its agenda on the development of hands-on information exchange mechanisms between local authorities and the private sector to transfer access to best urban sustainable development practices.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

DEVNET is currently facilitating initiatives for sustainable development investments through pilot projects between Nicaragua and China, in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS). DEVNET is implementing a programme for training and information exchange for women entrepreneurs in Tibet, Autonomous Region of China; and developing an innovative inter-cropping agro-production initiative in Laos.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

DEVNET participated in the 11th session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Namibia, in September 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

DEVNET developed a project with UNDP and UNOPS titled “Promoting foreign investment and agroindustrial exports to new markets”. DEVNET is collaborating with UNDP on the Technological Information Promotion Service project in the Philippines.

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

DEVNET focuses mainly on sustainable development, global partnerships for development, and promoting conscious enterprises, in alignment with the 10 United Nations Global Compact Principles and the MDGs. DEVNET also emphasizes empowerment of women entrepreneurs, related to MDG 3, and is pursuing a major initiative with local authorities and the private sector on technological adaptations for sustainable urban development, in alignment with MDG 7.

5. Disabled Peoples’ International

Special, 1983

Introduction

Disabled Peoples’ International (DPI) is a global network of national organizations of people with disabilities. It has a presence in over 150 countries worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

DPI’s goal is to achieve full participation of all persons with disabilities in the mainstream of life, through promotion and protection of their human rights. DPI’s focus is particularly on persons with disabilities in developing countries who form 80 percent of the world’s one billion people with disabilities and 20 percent of the world’s poorest and most disadvantaged people.

Significant changes in the organization

DPI has extended its outreach to the Arab Region, the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), and many remote countries, such as in the Pacific Islands.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

DPI regularly contributes to United Nations’ online newsletter on disability, UN Enable. DPI has nominated people with disabilities for various United Nations events, meetings, and conferences, including the yearly Conference of States Parties (CoSP) to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) since 2012. DPI organized a side event on the sidelines of the High-level meeting of the

General Assembly on Disability and Development, 23 September 2013. DPI has organized two Global Forums on the sidelines of the 7th and 8th CoSP.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

DPI regularly participates in the CoSP to the CRPD each year. It co-sponsored the first United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) Forum on Disability and Development in July 2013. DPI participated in the Executive Board meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) held in Geneva, Switzerland, January 2013. DPI was also represented at the Human Rights Council meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, February 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

DPI helped and executed the online consultations on “Disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond”, organized by UNDESA and United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). DPI spoke at the Forum of the Global Partnership on Children with Disabilities organized by UNICEF. DPI participated extensively in the First Community Based Rehabilitation Congress organized by the WHO in 2012.

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

In the recent years the focus of the organization has shifted to the Post-2015 development framework. DPI has been advocating with the disability focal points in the various United Nations agencies and amongst its network for the inclusion of disability in the SDGs, especially in Goal 1 on Poverty and Goal 3 on Health.

6. Dominican Union of Journalists for Peace

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Dominican Union of Journalists for Peace (UDPP) was founded in 1986, within the framework of International Year for Peace.

Aims and purposes of the organization

UDPP seeks to establish a world without weapons or wars, by cooperating with national and international organizations in search for universal peace, such as the United Nations; promoting pacifist ideas; and implementing educational programmes, seminars, workshops, and conferences on peace.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization contributes to the work of the United Nations mainly through courses, workshops, and seminars. It organized the following events during the reporting period, among others:

- Course on Techniques for Peaceful Resolution of Conflicts, 2011;
- Panel titled “Need for Reform of the United Nations”, 2012;
- Course titled “The United Nations and the teaching of human rights from a gender perspective”, 2012;
- Seminar on “The United Nations and the right to peace”, 2014; and
- Panel on the “Role of the United Nations in bringing peace to the Middle East”, 2014.

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 worked towards the following objectives:

- MDG 2: it provided support to the Dominican Government for the Quisqueya literacy programme;
- MDG 3 through conferences, panels, and radio and television interviews to leaders of the feminist sector;
- MDG 6 through seminars to the slums population on HIV/AIDS prevention; and
- MDG 7 through advocacy to convert Loma Miranda into a national park; and seminars on the need to ensure environmental sustainability.

7. Egyptian Center for Women’s Rights

Special, 2007

Introduction

The Egyptian Center for Women’s Rights (ECWR) is an independent NGO dedicated to supporting women so they can enjoy their full rights and establish gender equality. ECWR’s projects cover Egypt, as well as the entire Middle East and North Africa Region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The ultimate aim of ECWR is to ensure gender equality at the political, social, and economic level by empowering women to participate effectively in the public sphere; connecting efforts of governmental bodies, media, and civil society to ensure women’s access to justice and human rights; raise public awareness; enhance the capacity of local communities and civil society organizations; and urging legislative authorities to reconsider all legislation opposing women-related international agreements.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ECWR's activities and programmes contribute to promoting gender equality and women empowerment. The most significant issues tackled by ECWR during the reporting period were women's political participation and violence against women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ECWR attended two meetings of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women's (UN Women) Global Civil Society Advisory Group as a committee member. ECWR also attended the Commission on the Status of Women's (CSW) event in 2013 on the elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ECWR worked with the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) on a project titled "Women in Democratic Transition in Egypt", which aims to increase female representation in the political sphere. The organization also worked on the project "Making Our Streets Safe for Everyone", funded by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), that addresses the issue of sexual harassment.

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

All of ECWR's activities contribute to promote gender quality and empowerment of women. In particular, during the reporting period, ECWR:

- Produced a training manual for women covering the operational procedures of the electoral campaigns;
- Drafted a protocol with 30 political parties to support their female members in the upcoming parliamentary and local councils' elections;
- Drafted and lobbied for a law combating sexual harassment; and
- Launched two campaigns: one on addressing sexual harassment; and another on promoting female participation in the upcoming parliamentary elections.

8. European Disability Forum**Special, 2003****Introduction**

European Disability Forum (EDF) is a European umbrella organization representing the interest of 80 million persons with disabilities in Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of EDF is to bring full equality and social inclusion to all persons with disabilities through respect and promotion of the rights enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Significant changes in the organization

EDF has established a Committee devoted to the CRPD. EDF is also reviewing its constitution and working methods to be in line with the CRPD.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EDF was very vocal about the need for a prompt ratification of the CRPD and the protocol by the European Union and its Member States. EDF has co-organized a number of events to promote specific rights protected under the CRPD. EDF drafted together with its members and partner organization an alternative report on the implementation of the CRPD in the European Union. EDF has been appointed Chair of the European Union monitoring framework for the CRPD in 2013 and 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

EDF attended the following meetings:

- Yearly Conferences of States Parties to the CRPD, New York; and organized joint side events in collaboration with the European Commission in 2013 and 2014;
- 5th-12th Session of the CRPD Committee, Geneva Switzerland; and chaired a side event on the Austrian alternative report during the 8th session;
- 4th, 5th, and 6th Meeting of the CRPD Working Group of the European national human rights institutions, 24-25 October 2012, 14-15 May 2013, and October 2014; and
- EDF spoke in the Conference “CRPD and European Union Structural Funds — The way ahead for Independent Living” organized by the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner, 7 May 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

EDF cooperates closely with the secretariat of the CRPD Committee, and members of the Committee on the review of European countries. EDF provides submissions on the situation of persons with disabilities in European countries to other United Nations treaty bodies, such as the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the Human Rights Committee (HRC), and the Universal Periodic Review (UPR).

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

From 2009 to 2013, EDF contributed to the project “MUSAWA” of the Arab Organization of Disabled Persons and Handicap International, by raising the capacity of organizations of persons with disabilities in the Arab region. EDF has worked within the framework of the International Disability Alliance to promote the inclusion of disability in the post 2015 framework.

9. European Transport Safety Council

Special, 2007

Introduction

The European Transport Safety Council (ETSC) is an independent non-profit organization based in Brussels, Belgium, dedicated to reducing the numbers of deaths and injuries in transport in Europe. ETSC is composed of 52 members from across Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ETSC seeks to identify and promote effective measures on the basis of international scientific research and best practice to reduce transport crashes and casualties. It provides an impartial source of expert advice on transport safety matters to the European Commission, the European Parliament, and Member States, and provides factual information in the form of scientific reports, fact sheets, and newsletters. It also organizes several national and international conferences every year, including Road Safety PIN Conferences and the PRAISE Annual Conference.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ETSC's activities support the agenda of the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. ETSC's PIN project encourages countries to launch and implement national road safety policies, by giving concrete examples and evidences of success. ETSC is also working on establishing data systems for ongoing monitoring and evaluation. Further, ETSC focuses on the improvement of the safety and protective quality of European road networks. The organization promotes legal harmonization and European road safety policies. It has recently launched a communication campaign to ask for a European political strategy that would set a target to reduce the number of serious injuries on road.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ETSC attended the 3rd Global Meeting of NGOs Advocating for Road Safety and Road Victims, 4-5 April 2013, Antalya, Turkey.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ETSC is involved in the Group of Experts on Improving Safety at Level Crossings of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) to enhance safety at level crossings in the world, through the cooperation of the Working Party on Road Transport and on Rail Transport.

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

ETSC provides consistent tools and knowledge for the development of transport safety everywhere. Creating a safe and sustainable transport system is an

integral part of achieving the MDGs. ETSC works to ensure the European Union maintains its leadership position in the safety of transport.

10. Federal Union of European Nationalities

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Federal Union of European Nationalities (FUEN) is the European umbrella organization of the autochthonous, national minorities/ethnic groups in Europe. In 2014, FUEN had 90 member organizations, with more than 400 European minorities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FUEN represents the interests of the autochthonous national minorities in Europe, which often face higher rates of poverty than the rest of the population.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, significant changes were made to the statutes in relation to the categories of membership. In 2013, some technical changes were adopted on legal representation.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FUEN works with the European Union, the Council of Europe, the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), and the United Nations, as well as other stakeholders within the field of the European minorities. Every year, FUEN organizes the largest meeting of the autochthonous minorities in Europe. FUEN has been working together with the European Commission on regional and minority languages. FUEN participated in many events, conferences, and hearings in international, academic and governmental institutions, as an expert, guest, or keynote speaker during the reporting period. Furthermore, FUEN engaged in study visits, developed policy briefs, and submitted resolutions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FUEN submitted a written statement for the 25th Session of the Human Rights Council: “Written statement submitted by the Federal Union of European Nationalities. The situation of the Turkish minority of Western Thrace in Greece” (20/02/2014: [A/HRC/25/NGO/20](#)).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

FUEN did not focus on specific initiatives towards to realization of the MDGs, but rather on promoting minority rights, combating discrimination, and improving the situation of minorities in Europe.

11. First Nations Summit

Special, 2011

Introduction

The First Nations Summit (FNS) represents the interests of First Nations working to negotiate throughout the province of British Columbia (BC), Canada. Fifty-one First Nations governmental or political bodies are represented by the First Nations Summit, which represents 70% of the BC First Nation population.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the First Nations Summit are to provide a forum for First Nations to address issues related to treaty negotiations; provide a forum for First Nations to address issues of common concern; and lobby and advocate on behalf of First Nations to facilitate the negotiation of fair and equitable treaty settlements, improve the quality of life of First Nations people in BC, and achieve the recognition and respect of First Nations rights and title.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FNS engaged in advocacy for the ongoing political, social, cultural, and economic issues facing First Nations in BC. It worked to develop viable and practical political and policy solutions to these issues. Much of this work is conducted through the auspices of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and through advocating for the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FNS participated in the following meetings:

- All sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, May 2011-2014, New York; and collaborated on joint statements in all sessions;
- All sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, July 2011-2014, Geneva, Switzerland; and collaborated on joint statements on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the 5th, 6th, and 7th Session; and
- World Conference on Indigenous Peoples, September 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FNS provided a written submission to the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in May 2011, contributing to the thematic report to the Human Rights Council (HRC) on a Study on Extractive industries and indigenous peoples. In January 2012, FNS collaborated on submissions to the United Nations' Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in its review of Canada at its 80th Session. FNS collaborated on a joint submission to the HRC in regard to the Universal Periodic Review Concerning Canada, (Second Cycle), October 2012.

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

FNS furthers the MDGs through its involvement in the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC), which brings together the three Indigenous political organizations in BC and the BC Government to establish a new relationship based on respect, recognition, and the accommodation of Indigenous Title and Rights. FNS also strongly advocates for the full adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which addresses many of the MDGs.

12. Fondation Humanus/Humanus International

Special, 2007

Introduction

Fondation Humanus is a Cameroonian think-tank that brings together academics and experts in the area of human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Fondation Humanus works for human dignity by promoting economic, social, cultural, civil and political rights.

Significant changes in the organization

The foundation has shifted its operating strategy. The new strategy is based on the development of scholarly expertise so as to make the organization a think tank for promoting human rights and human dignity.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The foundation published a book in 2013, entitled “*L’éthique des droits de l’homme chez Teilhard de Chardin: de l’évolutionnisme à l’humanisme juridique*” [“The ethics of human rights in the works of Teilhard de Chardin: from evolutionism to juridical humanism”]. The foundation has proposed establishing the position of independent expert on human rights and homosexuality. It has launched a study on the governance of religious freedoms and violations of human rights in black Africa. Fondation Humanus has continued its annual training program in human rights advocacy. Committed to action and seeking to strengthen the skills of activists in their field interventions, the program covers all the United Nations instruments relating to human rights. The foundation is involved in international human rights networks and has signed international petitions.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in United Nations meetings at the national level.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The foundation interacts on a regular basis with the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, based in Yaoundé, Cameroon, with

the International Criminal Court, and with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

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

Every year the foundation commemorates Human Rights Day, the International Day of Democracy, World Day of Social Justice, and International Anti-corruption Day. Now that its operating strategy gives priority to promoting economic and social rights, the foundation is also lobbying for universal access to drinking water.

13. Forum for Women and Development — FOKUS

Special, 1999

Introduction

Forum for Women and Development (FOKUS) is a knowledge and resource centre for international women's issues with an emphasis on spreading of information and women-centred development cooperation. The organization consists of 64 women's organizations and women's Committees in political parties, trade unions, and solidarity and aid organizations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FOKUS' primary goal is to contribute to the improvement of women's social, economic, and political situation internationally. FOKUS builds partnerships with sister organizations internationally to realize women's rights and improve their situation. FOKUS is raising awareness on the situation of women in a global perspective through public relations and information activities; communication activities; advocacy-work towards Norwegian authorities, international aid organizations, the United Nations system and multilateral institutions; and coordination and facilitation of cooperation between women's organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, FOKUS renewed its strategy to work on six main areas: women and climate change; women's sexual and reproductive health and rights; violence against women; women, peace and security, women's political participation and rights; and women's economic participation and rights.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FOKUS has been especially active in the issues of women and climate change, post 2015, sexual and reproductive health and rights, violence against women and women's economic empowerment, by organizing workshops, writing white papers, and participating in the United Nations General Assembly and Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FOKUS has participated every year in the United Nations General Assembly and CSW. FOKUS also participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012, among other conferences.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FOKUS acts as the National Committee for the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women). It also worked closely with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), and United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in various matters, among which the post 2015 development agenda.

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

FOKUS issued a status report on the MDGs and a report on women and climate change. It also led national campaigns on issues related to the MDGs during the reporting period.

14. Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action Aboriginal Corporation

Special, 2003

Introduction

The Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action Aboriginal Corporation (FAIRA) was established in 1977 to advocate for the rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of Australia, with particular attention to the needs and aspirations of the population in Queensland, Australia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FAIRA's objectives are to undertake research on all aspects of the lore, culture, and heritage needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and disseminate the findings to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander groups, governments, churches, and members of the public. FAIRA also undertakes consultations on legislation affecting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and educates and disseminates knowledge about these matters throughout the State of Queensland, Australia.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FAIRA participated in the relevant international forums and actions of the United Nations, with the goal to develop a further understanding of the human rights situation of the Indigenous Peoples in Australia, the Pacific region, and globally. FAIRA contributed to the work of the United Nations by supporting

delegations to attend United Nations forums on the rights of Indigenous Peoples and participating in various studies on thematic issues associated with Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FAIRA regularly participates in the annual meetings of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. In addition, FAIRA has attended the Human Rights Council's (HRC) regular sessions and Universal Periodic Review (UPR) hearings. FAIRA also participated in meetings of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), and United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FAIRA worked collaboratively with the Secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, mostly on issues and interests of the Indigenous Peoples of the World.

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

FAIRA has participated in meetings, forums, and discussions associated with major strategies of the United Nations, which include consideration of the MDGs and impacts on Indigenous Peoples. Additionally, FAIRA acknowledges and commemorates United Nations events such as the Second Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples (2005-2014) and the United Nations General Assembly World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in 2014.

15. Foundation for Research on Technology Migration and Integration

Special, 2007

Introduction

Foundation for Research on Technology Migration and Integration (FORMIT) performs activities of scientific research, technical support, analysis, and industrial, financial, and socioeconomic evaluation to sustain migration processes and integration of technological systems in every field of society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FORMIT activities aim at supporting governments and public administrations in Italy and abroad, national and European Parliaments, the European Commission, and the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations. The Foundation cooperates with European Universities and Institutes of Research to promote economic exploitation of results and technological development, based also on the establishment of spin-off companies. FORMIT promotes synergies between institutional investments and venture capital, aiming at realizing structural and project activities of high technological content.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, FORMIT developed a partnership with the Italian University, l'Università degli studi internazionali di Roma (UNINT), creating additional synergies for the achievement of FORMIT's and UNINT's goals.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2012, FORMIT joined the global initiative for "Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear risk mitigation Centres of Excellences", jointly implemented by the European Commission and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute in several regions of the world, with the aim of contributing to the development of peace and stability in the participating regions of the world. The organization implemented different activities to support public authorities in various countries to enhance their capabilities to preserve the safety and security of citizens and the environment.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FORMIT attended the side event to the Meeting of States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention, 5 December 2014, Geneva, Switzerland, where it was invited to present the approach and results of its activities in supporting institutions in South East Asia, as a best practice in project implementation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In addition to FORMIT's cooperation with ECOSOC, FORMIT implemented 3 projects under the auspices of the European Union Centres of Excellence on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation, an initiative developed in cooperation between the European Commission and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), with the support of the European External Action Service.

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

FORMIT supported the organization of the MDG Awards ceremonies. Additionally, FORMIT supported MDG 2 through international cooperation towards developing countries' education institutions. Finally, FORMIT, in its cooperation with UNICRI, contributed to address the mitigation of and preparedness against risks related to chemical and biological material and agents and to boost cooperation at national, regional and international levels.