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1. Organisation nationale des donneurs de sang bénévole

Special consultative status: 2011

Introduction

The Organisation nationale des donneurs de sang bénévoles (ONDS) is a non-governmental organization based in Cameroon.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to: recruit and retain blood donors; compile statistics; increase the public's knowledge about the prevention of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV/AIDS; provide medical monitoring of donors; promote cooperation with national and international organizations that pursue the same aims.

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

ONDS participated in the preparatory meeting for the 65th United Nations Assembly on 24 August 2014, in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ONDS cooperates with the World Health Organization in connection with World Blood Donor Day.

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

Through its initiatives to reduce new cases of HIV/AIDS, in particular through awareness-raising and educational activities, the organization is contributing to the achievement of Goal 6.

2. Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas (ODEMA)

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Organización de Entidades Mutuales de las Américas (ODEMA) brings together self-help entities of the Western Hemisphere. It comprises 85 entities of 2,000 mutual funds in 18 countries throughout America (North, Central, South and the Caribbean).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives are to integrate mutual groups, unify legislation, develop inter-mutual agreements, develop joint programmes with international organizations, such as the Organization for American States (OAS), facilitate the exchange of information between mutual entities, governments and international organizations and represent mutualism in international forums. Mutual entities serve their associates through capacity building and service provision in health, education, tourism, insurance and housing assistance.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's contribution to the work of the United Nations over the last four years included:

- briefings held at the request of Permanent Missions from South America and the African Union (as part of our South-South approach to mutualism public awareness), New York;
- the holding of two international events in South America inviting United Nations agencies, such as the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat), United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- four annual meetings, and participation in several meetings of the United Nations in New York and Geneva, Switzerland; and
- the involvement in the International Labour Organization's (ILO) work to improve social security base lines.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- 2014 ECOSOC Forum on Youth;
- Annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) during this reporting period. It organized a side event on the role of mutuality in gender equality;
- Open Ended Working Group on Ageing at the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), 2012;
- Fifth Session of the Conference of State Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- the Committee on the Rights of the Child of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva, Switzerland, 2012; and
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Organization co-sponsored an intern at the Economic and Social Council, division for Public Administration, in 2014. It also supported the work of the ILO on the social protection floor for an equitable and inclusive globalization.

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

The organization focuses on MDG 3 and 8. ODEMA organized five international events on mutualism where these objectives were promoted.

3. Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities**General, 1995****Introduction**

The Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities (OICC) is an affiliate member of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC). It comprises 187 members, which are capitals of Islamic countries and cities from all over the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Organization aims toward the joint actions of members in the preservation of their identities and cities to achieve their growth and prosperity through responsible development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Organization held its 11th International Scientific Symposium in the holy city of Makkah, Saudi Arabia, on 1-3 September 2013, in an attempt to implement the conclusions of the Rio+20 Conference. This symposium led to the establishment of an Islamic Capitals and Cities Observatory for Environment and Sustainable Development, which should, among other things, monitor all environmental experiences and activities in Islamic capitals and cities. OICC also organized the yearly International Conferences on “Environmental Protection is a Must”, in Alexandria, Egypt, in May 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. The organization, alongside some partners, worked on a series of annual conferences on technology and sustainable development. It organized the International Conferences on “Technology and Sustainable Development in the Third Millennium” in Alexandria, Egypt, in December 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

OICC attended the following meetings:

- the 14th Session of the General Conference of United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Vienna, Austria, 28 November-2 December 2011;

- the 49th, 50th, and 51th session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), New York; and
- the 55th and 57th sessions of the Commission on Status of Women (CSW), New York, March 2011 and 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Organization has cooperated with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)/NGO Branch by posting an article on its website in 2014 on the benefits of consultative status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

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

The 11th International Scientific Symposium held on 1-3 September 2013 contributed to MDG 7.

4. Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico

Special, 2011

Introduction

Organização das Famílias da Ásia e do Pacífico (OFAP) speaks for the family and supports the United Nations and other organizations to plan and build a healthy society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

OFAP works to address drugs and substance addiction, social and human sustainable development, population migrations and human trafficking, elders-youth relations, and women's status.

Significant changes in the organization

OFAP established the International Observatory on Family Concerns as an OFAP agency in 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

OFAP, with partners, contributed to the work of the United Nations by:

- organizing a side event during the 54th Session of Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) of United Nations Office of Drugs and Crimes (UNODC), March 2011;
- sponsoring the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) in publishing the report “Femicide”;
- organizing a round table at the 56th session of CND of UNODC on “Countering money-laundering and promoting judicial cooperation to enhance international cooperation”; and
- elaborating a simplified version of the United Nations Convention Against corruption (UNCAC) with UNODC.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

OFAP attended the following meetings:

- the Vienna NGO Committee meeting in UNODC, Vienna, Austria, 26 June 2011;
- the reconvened 20th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) of UNODC, Vienna, Austria, 12-13 December 2011;
- The 6th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC) of UNODC, Vienna, Austria 15-19 October 2012;
- all sessions of CND of UNODC, Vienna, Austria;
- the Special event of the 2013 World Drug Report launching ceremony on the United Nations International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking within the framework of CND, Vienna, Austria, 26 June 2013; and
- the training to Strengthen Civil Society Capacity on UNCAC and its review mechanism, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 25-27 February 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

OFAP collaborated with UNCAC on “Anti-Corruption Academic Materials for Primary School Students: Instilling the values of the UNCAC at an early age”.

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

No activities were specified.

5. Oxfam Novib

Special, 1995

Introduction

Oxfam Novib is one of 17 affiliates of the Oxfam confederation. Oxfam Novib, based in The Hague, Netherlands, works in 29 countries and territories.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Oxfam Novib works to lift people out of poverty. It helps rebuild livelihoods in situations of crisis or emergency.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2011 and 2014, Oxfam Novib has engaged with the work of the United Nations through processes like the annual meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the establishment of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) or the development of a post-2015 development framework. The organization seeks to link best

practices and knowledge of what works from its development work on the ground to the global decision making level.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Over the reporting period, Oxfam Novib has participated in the annual meetings of the CSW, in New York, and the annual meetings of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Oxfam Novib collaborates with several United Nations bodies, including UN-Women, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHCR) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

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

Oxfam Novib's work is inherently focused on the realization of all MDGs.

6. Pacific Rim Institute for Development and Education

Special, 1999

Introduction

The Pacific Rim Institute for Development & Education (PRIDE) is active in the United States of America, Mexico, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Ireland and Haiti.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PRIDE develops programmes benefitting victimized children, women and families in at-risk life environments by providing cross-cultural education and socioeconomic development for sustainability and empowerment. PRIDE develops global ethics trainings with the goal of seeking peaceful solutions to conflicts.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PRIDE's project "Rear The Children" is an on-going educational programme providing opportunities to register, educate, adopt or reunite children with siblings or family. PRIDE has led advocacy efforts to raise awareness within global and national organizations about femicide and violence against indigenous border communities of Mexico. It organized a workshop entitled "Decent Work for Women & Girls: Exploring How Social Entrepreneurship can Assist to Achieve It" at Baha'i International Community United Nations Office, New York, 13 March 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PRIDE attended the following meetings:

- the 51st and 52nd session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD) in 2013 and 2014, in New York. PRIDE submitted a written statement “Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration, full employment and decent work for all” in February 2013;
- United Nations Conference “Moderately Prosperous Urban-Rural Innovations”, during which it submitted a written statement, Reference number: 142343, Geneva, Switzerland;
- The 65th Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference where PRIDE sponsored a panel discussion “Alternative and Transformation Education: 3 Models from the Caribbean”, New York, 27 August 2014; and
- The 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), “Challenges and achievements in implementation of Millennium Development Goals for women/girls”, New York, March 2013 and 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In September 2014, PRIDE filled the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Independent Evaluation office online survey “Evaluation of contributions of the global/regional Human Development Report”.

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

PRIDE worked on achieving MDG 8 through sustainable growth patterns, cultural and economic cohesion and ethical and democratic management. PRIDE developed a partnership with Guan Xi Province “Nan-ning City moderato Develop Centre” to establish China’s National Garden Cities model.

7. Pag-Aalay Ng Puso Foundation (Offering of the Heart Foundation)

Special, 1999

Introduction

Pag-aalay Ng Puso Foundation, Inc. (Offering of the Heart Foundation), based in Manila, Philippines, was started by a group of Filipino and Japanese volunteers in 1988. Over the years, the foundation has expanded to help Overseas Filipino Worker communities in Yokohama, Tokyo and other cities in Japan.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The foundation’s activities address the most urgent needs of communities mired in poverty with the purpose of raising their standard of living, dignity and values towards life.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Heeding the call of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in preserving the cultural heritage sites in the Philippines, the organization guides, watches and educates communities living near heritage sites. Offering of the Heart Foundation joined the Economic and Social Council programme for sustainable development via forest conservation by educating Dumagat tribal families living in Sierra Madre mountains, Bulacan, Philippines, about linkage of forest and food productivity from years 2000 to 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the 6th International Forum for Sustainable Asia and the Pacific, United Nations University, Yokohama City, Japan, 23-24 July 2014, as well as the 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference “2015 and Beyond: Our Action Agenda”, New York, 27-29 August 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization worked with the United Nations during the “International Migration Network” on issues of migrant labour in Japan. The foundation also joined United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and relief agencies after the devastation of the islands of Leyte, Samar, Philippines after the super typhoon Haiyan, in November 2013.

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

The foundation has focused mainly on education, with the enrolment of 350 children in its day care classes and the construction of a new day care facility. It has also introduced livelihood, low interest loans, and skills training programmes to 500 families of Navotas city, Metro Manila, and 80 tribal Dumagat households in Angat Dam, Philippines.

8. Pan Pacific and South-East Asia Women’s Association of Thailand

Special, 1999

Introduction

Pan Pacific and South East Asia Women’s Association of Thailand has associates in 20 countries. It acts as a non-political force, aiming to be an agent of change in the status of women, inspiring peaceful cooperation in the region and allocating its resources to local projects in the region.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the association are to strengthen relations with the women in the Pacific and South East Asia region and promote good understanding and friendship; develop cooperation with women in the region in the study and improvement of the social condition; and promote the objectives of the association internationally.

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 participated in:

- all sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- 20th, 21st and 22nd Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), 11-15 April 2011; 23-27 April 2012; 22-26 April 2013, Vienna, Austria;
- 55th Session Commission on Narcotic Drugs and on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Reconvened, 12-16 March 2012, Vienna, Austria;
- all sessions of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific from 2011-2014, Bangkok, Thailand;
- Asia-Pacific Civic Society Forum on Sustainable Development: “Consolidating and reaching out for development justice”, 15-17 May 2014, Bangkok, Thailand; and
- Seventh Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, 6-10 October 2014; Vienna, Austria.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The association has been actively involved in education and healthcare in household and personal care, including for women prisoners. It has launched projects for the youth and elderly. It has also promoted art and culture in order to bring people together through better understanding of each other.

9. PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association

Special, 1995

Introduction

The PanAmerican-PanAfrican Association, Inc. (Pa/Pa) is a cultural, educational, and economic exchange foundation that organizes programmes focused on the United Nations, related to cultural understanding, indigenous peoples, violence against women and sustainable development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pa/Pa and its affiliated organizations support equal access to economic and educational opportunities and encourage the role of Civil Society in ensuring equal justice for all.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Pa/Pa persistently brought to public attention the struggles of the Arab Spring in Syria and other Middle Eastern countries. Pa/Pa attended the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio+20, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012 and broadcasted its outcomes to increase awareness about sustainable technology best practices. Pa/Pa organized two side events in collaboration with Shina, Inc. on the occasion of the 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Pa/Pa attended the Indigenous Peoples Forum and gave a statement on the dangers that climate change poses to Small Island Developing States (SIDS), 16-27 May 2011, New York. It also participated in the 55th, 57th and 58th Session of CSW, New York. It organized side events during CSW 57 and CSW 58 on the subject of “Violence Against Women: Influence of Culture and Abuse”.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Pa/Pa hosted a panel discussion on 16 October 2014 with the President and the Senior Fellow of the World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows (WAFUNIF) entitled “Global Leadership Through Practical Experiences at the United Nations”.

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

Pa/Pa made donations to the organization Shia, Inc., which supports women and girls in Tanzania and participated in the panel at Women Empowered to Achieve the Impossible (WETATI) in March 2014 on the role of the United Nations in women’s rights issues. The organization also supported organizations that work to

improve the understanding between peoples through art and culture, including the Washington International Piano Arts Council.

10. Pax Christi International

Special, 1979

Introduction

Pax Christi International is a faith based movement and network with more than 115 member organisations active worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Pax Christi International's activities are in line with peace and security, respect for human rights and development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Pax Christi International supported the call of the United Nations Special Rapporteur Richard Falk to boycott products from Israeli settlements and businesses profiting from the settlements. It provided humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians with the LetUsThrough Thunderclap Campaign initiated by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA). It was also involved in requesting the liberation of Palestinians imprisoned in Israel, in cooperation with the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in September 2014. Pax Christi International also campaigned for a referendum in Western Sahara. It co-initiated an interreligious declaration signed by 70 religious leaders calling on member states to work toward a global ban on fully autonomous weapons, which was presented at the Convention on Conventional Weapons at the United Nations in Geneva, in November 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Pax Christi International participated in many United Nations meetings, including the:

- NGO Committee on Disarmament, Peace and Security;
- periodic United Nations Office of Disarmament Affairs-NGO Consultative Meetings in New York;
- 52nd Session of the Commission for Social Development, 11-21 February 2014, New York;
- Group of Governmental Experts on the Convention on Chemical Weapons Convention, in Geneva, Switzerland;
- 65th Annual United Nations Department of Public Information(DPI)/NGO Conference, 27-29 August 2014, New York;

- 3rd Session of the Preparatory Commission for the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; and
- all Arms Trade Treaty Conferences in New York;

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Pax Christi International presents reports and recommendation papers during United Nations conferences and side-events. Among many, it participated in the public discussion on the 5th Biennial Meeting of States of the United Nations Small Arms Programme of Action on 18 February 2014.

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

No activities were specified.

11. Paz y Cooperación

Special, 1999

Introduction

Paz y Cooperación (PyC) strives for peace and cooperation in the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main objective is to meet the needs of the most vulnerable, enforcing peace, sustainable development, human rights, solidarity and education, especially in Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In order to achieve its objectives, PyC participates in the regular sessions of the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland, and the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York. PyC celebrates United Nations Day and the Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as part of its yearly programme.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PyC attended all session of the CSW, New York; all sessions of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD), New York; and United Nations Climate Change Summit, 23 September 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PyC cooperated with the United Nations' bodies during the 64th and 65th United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conferences, 3-5 September 2011, Bonn, Germany and 27-29 August 2014, New York; and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO)

World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, 10-12 November 2014, Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

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

In order to achieve the MDGs, PyC:

- ensures the development of families with children in situation of abandonment and provision of a source of income through the creation of small businesses;
- ensures protection and care of children between 0-5 years old through construction and equipment of Child Care Centres in Ecuador;
- helps improve women's livelihoods through the creation and promotion of small businesses;
- supports preventive care for mothers with children under high risk;
- promotes the improvement of the socioeconomic situation of women affected by HIV/AIDS in South Africa through participatory workshops and awareness campaigns; and
- improves access to water and sanitation to combat malnutrition of rural indigenous communities in extreme poverty situation.

12. Peace Action

Special, 1999

Introduction

Peace Action is based in the United States of America, with affiliates in all fifty states.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Peace Action's goals are to promote peace and disarmament, both in the United States of America and across the world. Its actions include lobbying with progressive members of Congress.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Peace Action keeps its members informed of the latest United Nations activities by attending meetings and briefings. In 2014, it had two co-chairs of Committees to the annual United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Peace Action attended the yearly DPI/NGO Conferences in New York; hosted a side-event on water and war in 2014; and participated in the Commission on the

Status of Women (CSW) every year. The Youth Committee also partnered with the Permanent Mission of the United States of America and United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) to plan an event on youth participation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization partners with other NGOs to hold meetings at annual conferences such as the DPI Conferences and CSW. It participates in fundraising activities for DPI's Annual Conferences.

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

Peace Action has co-sponsored various meetings, notably on water, youth participation, and NGO involvement.

Additional information

Peace Action has been involved in bringing youth groups to United Nations meetings. It has been working with DPI and their Youth Initiative.

13. Permanent Assembly for Human Rights

Special, 1995

Introduction

The Permanent Assembly for Human Rights (APDH) has 30 offices throughout Argentina and two permanent representations in Geneva, Switzerland and Berlin, Germany.

Aims and purposes of the organization

APDH's mission is to defend life, justice, peace, and democracy, including the protection of economic, social and cultural rights. In order to achieve this, the APDH collects and evaluates national, human rights data; meets public authorities to enforce these rights; denounces human rights violations; spreads and facilitates pedagogical actions aimed to create civic consciousness; counsels those who are victims of human rights violations; coordinates its action with fraternal entities; and promotes the sanction of necessary laws to ensure the protection of human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Between 2011 and 2014, APDH carried out a large number of activities to advance the United Nations agenda, including:

- a workshop on women's rights "Public Policies Against Gender Violence" in August 2014;

- advocacy before governmental agencies and workshops on children’s rights, such as “The human rights of children and adolescents in the practices of local services”;
- subscribing to an agreement with the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of the Nation with the main objective to promote judicial proceedings on crimes against humanity, 7 December 2011;
- the creation of a course and teaching team on disability and inclusion; and
- free job training workshops.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

APDH attended each of the three annual sessions of the Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in Geneva, Switzerland. APDH worked with the Special Rapporteurs of the UNHRC on adequate housing; the rights of indigenous peoples; extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions; contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination; and the promotion and protection of the right to freedom of opinion and expression. The APDH submitted written and oral statements to the Human Rights Council on, among others, torture, adequate housing, human trafficking, education, women, indigenous people, enforced disappearance, child, mercenaries, and migrants. APDH also made contributions to the: Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (shadow report on Argentina, 46th and 47th session); the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) with a written statement, in 2012; and the Committee on Enforced Disappearance, with a shadow report on Argentina, in 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization sponsored a side event with the Special Rapporteur of the UNHRC on Torture entitled “Legitimacy of torture in democracy: Strategies for its eradication”, 11 March 2014, Geneva, Switzerland.

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

APDH created an Advisory Programme to eradicate Gender Violence from 2011-2014 that provides advice, support, and reinforcement to gender and violence policies in 12 municipalities in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

14. Plan International

Special, 2011

Introduction

Plan International, Inc. (Plan) is a child’s rights and development organization that works in 71 countries, with liaison offices in New York, Geneva, Switzerland, Brussels, Belgium, and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Plan aims to improve the life of children in developing countries by implementing projects together with children and communities, conducting advocacy, and influencing policy at all levels.

Significant changes in the organization

Plan opened an office in Nigeria, and liaison offices to the United Nations in New York and the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Plan International Inc. was actively involved in the process of developing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It facilitated youth participation, conducted advocacy with Member States, and participated in high-level consultations to ensure that children's issues were prioritized. It also worked on protecting and promoting children's rights. Plan contributed to the adoption of the Third Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on a Communications Procedure. Finally, it deployed humanitarian interventions after the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in 2013 and the 2014 West African Ebola outbreak.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Plan participated in annual meetings of the United Nations General Assembly, the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and all triannual meetings of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), delivering oral and written statements and providing expert speakers, as well as three human rights Expert Meetings on children's rights, in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2011, 2013, 2014. Plan prepared approximately 50 reports for country reviews of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), and the Universal Periodic Reviews. Plan contributed to the drafting of outcome documents and reports of United Nations bodies. Plan was influential in the first-ever resolution of the UNHCR on "Birth registration and the right of everyone to recognition everywhere as a person before the law" ([A/HRC/RES/19/9](#)) in 2012, and its two subsequent resolutions. Additionally, Plan collaborated with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence Against Children to produce the report, "Protecting Children from Harmful Practices in Plural Legal Systems" in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Plan collaborated with over 20 United Nations bodies including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction; and the United Nations Refugee Agency. Moreover, Plan joined the "Solutions for Youth Employment" (S4YE) coalition with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the World Bank, which seeks to support access to employment for 150 million youth by 2030. It also worked with several United Nations bodies in its campaign to promote Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS), collaborating with, for example, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the World Health Organization (WHO), and others.

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

Plan collaborated with the World Food Programme (WFP), to reduce extreme poverty in early childhood. It promoted girl's education through the "Because I'm a girl" campaign with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations' Girls' Education Initiative.

15. Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Special, 1999

Introduction

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) promotes women's health and well-being based on respect for each individual's right to make informed and independent decisions about health, sex and family planning.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PPFA aims at advancing health rights and planned parenthood through education on these matters.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through Planned Parenthood Global, PPFA supported in-country partners to submit the shadow reports to United Nations committees concerned with health, gender equality and human rights for Costa Rica, Peru, and Ecuador. Moreover, PPFA mobilized supporters and affiliates within the United States of America to participate in the following post-2015 development agenda consultations:

- consultations hosted by the United Nations Association in 7 cities across the United States of America, October-December 2013;
- reception co-hosted by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) and United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA), in New York, 17 June 2014; and
- mobilization of thousands of supporters online to participate in My World 2015, the United Nations Global Survey for a Better World.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PPFA attended all the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and Commission on Population and Development (CPD), in New York. PPFA hosted side events during the CPD 45, 46, and 47 and the CSW 57 and 58 on several topics, including religious and political opposition to international human rights as well as sexual and reproductive health.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PPFA partners with UNFPA on Global Mobile, a project currently piloted in Ecuador and Nigeria. This project harnesses mobile technology and Planned Parenthood's existing online resources to increase access to sexual and reproductive health services for youth in developing countries. PPFA supports contributions to UNFPA from the United States of America's Government through advocacy with policymakers.

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

PPFA works with over 60 affiliates operating approximately 700 health centres to provide comprehensive reproductive health services to nearly 3 million people annually. PPFA engages its 8 million supporters in promoting broader global principles, including on World HIV/AIDS Day and International Women's Day.
