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1. Action citoyenne pour l'information et l'éducation au développement durable

Special, 2019

Introduction

Action citoyenne pour l'information et l'éducation au développement durable is a non-profit, apolitical non-governmental organization (NGO) established on 4 June 2013, registered on 14 November 2014 in the register of associations, and accredited by the State of Chad on 26 October 2015 in folio No. 4668 (authorization to operate issued by the Ministry of Territorial Administration). It was recognized as a national NGO on 31 August 2016 (No. 0049/DCSAHA/ONG/2016) and obtained consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 2019.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Our areas of action are preserving the environment and harnessing natural resources through sustainable education; participating in wealth creation to foster economic growth and promote development through sustainable production and responsible consumption patterns; improving the living environment of the people of Chad through innovative projects in areas such as health, housing, consumption, education, new information and communications technologies, water and energy; and promoting social equity with a view to addressing sustainable development challenges.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization obtained special consultative status with the International Organization of la Francophonie in October 2022. It also signed a partnership agreement with the Ministry of Health of Chad in 2022, as part of efforts to promote good health and social well-being among vulnerable groups negatively affected by the floods that occurred in August, September and October 2022 in Chad.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Upon obtaining consultative status in 2019, we immediately made contact with local United Nations offices to inform them of our commitment to support them in implementing the programmes set out in their agendas and in ours. We participate actively in cluster meetings on topics such as nutrition and education in Abéché and N'Djamena. The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic had a negative impact on our activities. We are therefore strengthening our ability to limit post-COVID-19 effects and to contribute to improving living conditions for people affected by crises such as flooding, COVID-19 and climate change.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

13–27 September 2022: We participated in person in the seventy-seventh session of the General Assembly and made contributions focused on promoting sustainable access to education in the Sahel.

3 and 4 November 2022: We participated in the Social Forum of the Human Rights Council in Geneva and delivered an oral statement on the importance of granting funding to NGOs in order to be able to take meaningful action to ensure access to drinking water in rural and urban areas of Chad.

28 February–1 April 2022: We participated in the forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We have begun talks with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with a view to obtaining their support for our “Green Chad” project and working with them to implement their programmes in collaboration with civil society. We are also working with the Internet Governance Forum to promote information and education to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in Chad. In early January 2023, we submitted projects to the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in N’Djamena following a call for proposals, and we hope to be selected in order to benefit from the scheme, which will enable us to take specific action.

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

We have created a framework for dialogue with civil society to develop a national strategy for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals and to adapt the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to local realities, in order to guide actors to take specific actions to achieve the Goals. As part of our “Health for all” project, with respect to eye health, we distributed over 2,000 pairs of glasses. Before that, we carried out an ophthalmological awareness-raising campaign and distributed kits to vulnerable people in the regions of Kanem, Ouaddaï, Lac and N’Djamena. As part of our “Communication for sustainable development” project, which involves planting 10,000 trees, mainly in schools and universities in Chad, and raising awareness of environmental citizenship among the population of Chad, we have planted some 2,700 trees and hope to reach our target thanks to our future partnership with UNEP.

2. Action pour le respect et la protection de l’environnement

Special, 2019

Introduction

Action pour le respect et la protection de l’environnement (ARPE) was established with a view to partnering with the world on its mission to preserve natural resources and protect the environment. The organization’s daily work is intended to address its sole cause, which is climate change. The organization’s desired achievements are to identify, develop, disseminate and support the concept of sustainable development of forest resources and protection of biodiversity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main goal of ARPE is to encourage the people of Africa to take action to protect biodiversity and develop forest and savanna ecosystems. The organization carries out various activities in Cameroon and other parts of Africa, including providing training to young people on environmental issues, holding awareness-raising and training seminars, and contributing to social protection against the effects of climate change by facilitating the involvement of States and United Nations entities in the process of managing protected areas and protecting biological elements.

Significant changes in the organization

The majority of the organization’s activities are carried out in Cameroon, Senegal and Madagascar, but it also has projects in other African countries. This year, ARPE wishes to submit a request for reclassification from Special to General consultative status.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization's activities over the past four years have focused primarily on protecting remaining natural resources.

- PROCEAS project (species conservation programme in sub-Saharan Africa)
- ProGISZEMF (programme for managing socioecological effects in mining and forestry zones)
- ProForTA project (training programme on agroecological techniques)
- PISJeS project (socioeconomic integration programme for young people with little education)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Representatives of ARPE were present at the Global Youth Forum of the World Food Forum, held at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations in Rome from 17 to 21 October 2022, under the theme "Healthy Diets. Healthy Planet."
- Representatives of ARPE attended the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 6 to 17 March 2023 at the Headquarters of the United Nations in New York.
- Several members of ARPE participated as observers in the United Nations 2023 Water Conference, held from 22 to 24 March 2023 at the Headquarters of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization's activities at the local and international level have enabled it to obtain consultative or observer status with several United Nations bodies, including the Economic and Social Council (2019), the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (2021), the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (2021), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (2022) and the United Nations Environment Programme (2022).

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

- From 2016 to 2022, ARPE carried out, in line with Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 13, an environmental education project called "Academy" in the towns of Ngaoundéré and Meiganga. The project consisted of providing training on reforestation techniques to children aged 8 to 14. Some 1,350 children were trained in Cameroon, and 1,500 books and 1,500 diplomas were distributed.
- ARPE, in partnership with the non-governmental organization Foder, has helped to improve mining governance in Cameroon through participatory monitoring of mining activities and the promotion of transparency, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 15 on life on land.
- The PISJeS project (socioeconomic integration programme for young people with little education) is a youth empowerment programme based in conflict zones and protected areas of Cameroon, run by ARPE at the local level. The project is intended to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 1,

which is to end poverty in all its forms everywhere, by training and supporting women and young people with and without qualifications.

Our full report is available online (Google Drive) at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G-zfxL11cQmLB8JKCLduISdbNkUqvv10/view?usp=share_link.

3. Actions pour l'environnement et le développement durable

Special, 2015

Introduction

The Centre Africain pour le Développement Equitable (ACED), formerly known as the Centre d'Actions pour l'Environnement et le Développement Durable, is a registered non-profit organization active in Benin and other African countries. ACED works on development issues such as food systems, the digital economy, the nature economy and sustainable livelihoods. ACED has special consultative status with the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of ACED is to serve as an international “think-and-do tank”, driving development from a perspective of inclusivity, collaboration and evidence-based approaches. By integrating rigorous research, high-impact policies and local action, ACED aspires to be a hub of knowledge and action, contributing positively to the development narrative of the region and beyond.

Significant changes in the organization

ACED recently changed its name (the adjustment process is under way) and has expressly extended its activities beyond Benin. Its new name is the Centre Africain pour le Développement Equitable (ACED). The new countries covered include Togo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Niger, Burkina Faso and Senegal.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACED contributed to the drafting of the third national communication of Benin on climate change. In addition, ACED worked with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in Rome, to develop and pilot a framework for analysing evidence-informed policy systems in the agricultural sector. The framework was piloted in Benin and Ethiopia.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACED participated in various United Nations meetings, including an event organized by the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation on South-South cooperation and coronavirus disease (COVID-19) responses of cross-border e-commerce small and medium-sized enterprises in developing countries, and a series of meetings organized by the Monitoring and Analysing Food and Agricultural Policies programme of FAO.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2021, ACED worked with the FAO office in Rome to develop a conceptual framework to help clarify evidence-based policy systems in African countries. ACED also worked closely with the national office of the United Nations Development Programme to coordinate the preparation of the annual report on the activities of

environmental non-governmental organizations in Benin, as part of the ProEnvironnement network. This initiative, supported by the United Nations Development Programme, aims to strengthen the network's position as a key partner in dialogue with the authorities and the coordination of the activities of non-governmental organizations involved in environmental protection.

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

ACED has made significant progress towards several Sustainable Development Goals through a number of strategic initiatives. With respect to Goal 2 (zero hunger), ACED has helped to boost the incomes of market gardeners and women basket-makers, and encouraged them to participate in local governance. In addition, ACED has promoted local meat and boosted sales of high-quality meat products, in support of Goal 12 (responsible consumption and production).

With respect to Goal 7 (affordable and clean energy), ACED has been working on converting biowaste and water hyacinths into usable biogas. This initiative also contributes to Goal 13 (climate action) by reducing greenhouse gas emissions. With respect to Goal 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure) and Goal 10 (reduced inequalities), ACED has provided capacity-building for academic staff at the University of Abomey-Calavi to encourage this target group to develop urban gardens. In support of Goal 11 (sustainable cities and communities), ACED has undertaken the ecological restoration of the city of Abomey-Calavi, using nature-based solutions to promote the conservation of local biodiversity and the provision of ecosystem services essential to urban well-being.

4. Association pour l'encadrement des démunis et des déshérités (AFEDESE)

Special, 2019

Introduction

The Association pour l'encadrement des démunis et des déshérités (AFEDESE) provides training and support in the areas of education and health to poor and underprivileged persons throughout the world. AFEDESE obtained special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 2019, and its registered office is in Geneva.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's areas of focus are combating poverty, rape, forced marriage, discrimination and racism; school dropout rates and child abuse; rural-urban migration of young people; spousal abuse; dangerous illegal immigration, with the creation of training and job centres in migrants' countries of origin; and raising public awareness of sexually transmitted diseases.

Significant changes in the organization

Centres have been established to provide training to young people and adults in various trades, including tailoring, information technology, bricklaying, carpentry and vehicle mechanics, to enable them to set up their own businesses once trained. A humanitarian care facility has been established to give the most disadvantaged social groups access to health care. As a result, people are dissuaded from emigrating and dying in the Mediterranean Sea, and crime, poverty and unemployment have fallen.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization promotes development in Africa and in developing countries; education of young people in rural areas; maternal and child health; and the establishment of specialized centres for the training of young people and adults, and of a humanitarian care facility.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

World Humanitarian Day, held on Wednesday, 19 August 2020 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, in front of room XX. Meeting of the President of the General Assembly with non-governmental organizations on Wednesday, 15 June 2022, at the Palais des Nations, in room XVII. Twelfth session of the Social Forum of the Human Rights Council, held on Thursday, 8 October 2020, and Friday, 9 October 2020, at the Palais des Nations, in room XX. Annual meeting of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva with civil society, held on Wednesday, 29 June 2022, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Palais des Nations, in room XXIV. Discussion with Volker Türk, Under-Secretary-General for Policy in the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, on Monday, 27 June, from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Palais des Nations, in room XXIV.

Meeting on the New Agenda for Peace and the new vision of disarmament, held on Tuesday, 18 April 2023, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Palais des Nations, room XXIII, organized by the Office for Disarmament Affairs and the Director and Deputy to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, Adedeji Ebo.

Side event during the twenty-fourth session of the Working Group on the Right to Development entitled “Good practices in operationalizing the right to development in South-South cooperation”, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the University for Peace, held on Thursday, 18 May 2023, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Palais des Nations, room XXIV.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We work with other organizations because we know that we are stronger together and that there are some things that we cannot do alone. These organizations include

Vision mondiale pour la santé; the Association pour l'éducation, les soins, la promotion de la femme et de l'enfant, a non-profit humanitarian organization established in Switzerland in 2008 and headquartered in Geneva; and several other organizations that have the same goals as us.

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

Many people are being left behind: women are still not participating as they should be in the labour market, pay gaps persist, youth unemployment is alarmingly high, and inequality is growing. In response, AFEDESE has helped to support adults, including people who have dropped out of school or who are illiterate, by providing education and training in various specialties. It has also built classrooms, and recruited and paid for teachers.

5. Afric'ompetence

Special, 2019

Introduction

Afric'ompetence is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) that focuses on sustainable development, social action and emergency relief. It was established under the regulations of Chad, received authorization under folio No. 006/MISP/RCB/DC/SG/SAAD/2011 and was granted recognition under national recognition decree No. 0104/MEPD/SG/SPONG/2019. Afric'ompetence obtained special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 2019. It is present in several provinces of Chad. It operates in Switzerland as an association and in Cameroon as the office of an international NGO.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Afric'ompetence has three main objectives:

- To ensure the development of basic services for the poorest communities
- To provide humanitarian assistance to people in vulnerable situations
- To help disadvantaged communities in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals set by the international community

Significant changes in the organization

Afric'ompetence held a regular meeting at the office in Switzerland on 5 January 2022 and elected a new bureau. It obtained national approval for the operation of the Afric'ompetence office in Cameroon in April 2022.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Afric'ompetence participates actively in cross-cutting activities in partnership with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), across various clusters (food security, shelter, non-food items, camp coordination and camp management, protection, etc.) in Chad.
- Afric'ompetence has joined forces with other humanitarian actors, including OCHA, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the World Food Programme, to manage camps for people affected and displaced by the floods in and around N'Djamena, at the Koundoul sites I and II.
- With the support of the United Nations Children's Fund and its partners, Afric'ompetence is carrying out water, sanitation and hygiene activities (training and raising awareness of hygiene practices among disaster victims).
- Afric'ompetence participates actively, together with OCHA and its partners, in the distribution of food and non-food items (updating beneficiary lists, securing distribution operations, food distribution monitoring, etc.) at sites for displaced persons.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of Afric'ompetence attended the following meetings:

- Annual meeting of the Director-General with civil society, held on Tuesday, 14 February 2023, in room XXII, Palais des Nations.

- Meeting of the President of the General Assembly with NGOs, held on 1 March 2022, in room XX, Palais des Nations.
- Event entitled “Democracy in sub-Saharan Africa: trends, best practices, challenges and threats”, held on 24 October 2022, in room XXIV, Palais des Nations.
- Forty-ninth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held from 28 February to 1 April 2022 at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in room XX.
- Launch of the report on data and displacement on 12 September 2022, in room XXVII, Palais des Nations.
- Second Illicit Trade Forum, held by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on 6 and 7 September 2022, in room XVII, Palais des Nations.
- Multi-stakeholder meeting on the human rights of older persons, convened by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights at the request of the Human Rights Council, held on 29 and 30 August 2022, in room XVII, Palais des Nations.
- Discussion with Volker Türk, Under-Secretary-General for Policy, on 29 June 2022, in room XXIV, Palais des Nations.
- Fiftieth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held from 13 June to 8 July 2022, in room XX, Palais des Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Afric’ompetence co-organized, with financial and material support from the United Nations Population Fund, an awareness-raising activity entitled “16 days of activism on gender and violence against women” at the Koundoul sites I and II for displaced persons.

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

In Chad, Afric’ompetence contributes to:

- Sustainable Development Goal 17 by supporting 4,410 households (26,933 people) affected by the floods in N’Djamena and the surrounding area.
- Sustainable Development Goal 6 by supporting 5,100 people with water, sanitation and hygiene activities.
- Sustainable Development Goal 2, by supporting the food security of approximately 500 households.
- Sustainable Development Goal 5, by reaching 18,000 people through awareness-raising activities to combat violence against women.
- Sustainable Development Goal 4, by providing protection to 500 children.

6. Agence pour les droits de l’homme

Special, 2015

Introduction

The Agence pour les droits de l’homme (ADH) is an association under articles 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code. It was established for an indefinite period, and its headquarters are in Geneva. ADH has expanded by opening a second office in

Brussels. For the past four years, ADH has worked as an observatory of human rights violations and a network for cooperation and development in Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main goals and objectives of ADH are:

- To support the effective, universal and harmonized implementation in Africa of conventions, international covenants and all international and regional instruments relating to civil, political, economic and cultural rights.
- To consolidate cooperation within African civil society.
- To promote world peace and the recognition of peoples while respecting religious, cultural and legal diversity.
- To combat the many forms of injustice, illegality, corruption, impunity, intolerance, torture, enforced disappearance, war crimes, genocide, crimes against humanity and all violations of humanitarian law.
- To denounce acts of injustice and breaches of the human rights norms set out in the Charter of the United Nations.
- To promote respect for the rule of law, national sovereignty, a just international economic and social order and, in particular, the right to sustainable development.

Significant changes in the organization

Pursuant to the decision taken at the general meeting of ADH held on 1 October 2021, Fahrie Krasnici became the new President of ADH.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ADH submitted written statements to the Human Rights Council in Geneva on the human rights situation in overlooked and vulnerable countries, in particular in Africa. The statements covered such issues as the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action, the situation of African villages with no medical facilities, racism, the rights of migrants, the spread of terrorism in Africa, and human rights in Africa, specifically in the Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Togo and Zimbabwe. In relation to those issues, ADH presented to the Human Rights Council:

- Three written statements at the fortieth session of the universal periodic review working group
- One written statement at the forty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council
- One written statement at the forty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council
- Three written statements at the forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council
- Two written statements at the fiftieth session of the Human Rights Council
- One joint statement (by six non-governmental organizations (NGOs)) to the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, Ashwini K.P. (November 2022)

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Over the past four years, ADH has participated in five sessions of the Human Rights Council:

- Forty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council in 2021

- Forty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council in 2021
- Fortieth session of the Human Rights Council in 2022
- Forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council in 2022
- Fiftieth session of the Human Rights Council in 2022

ADH also took part in a virtual event organized by the United Nations entitled “Peace, diversity and our common humanity”, held on 4 and 5 October 2021.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ADH has participated in six sessions of the Human Rights Council and has also sought to maintain its cooperation with the Economic and Social Council.

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

To achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, ADH has capitalized on its network of African public figures and NGOs with the capacity to contribute to the conduct of its activities in the areas of education and combating poverty. ADH has also employed all appropriate means (updating its website, internal bulletins, reports) to achieve its objectives and keep the public informed.

ADH works with over 40 African NGOs, as well as with Swiss and Belgian NGOs that have similar objectives that are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals.

ADH was one of the 160 NGOs in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that sent a letter to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on 13 December 2022 concerning the development of relations between NGOs and the United Nations.

7. Aide internationale pour l'enfance

Special, 2011

Introduction

Aide internationale pour l'enfance (AIPE) is a non-profit international cooperation organization. Its mission is to combat child exploitation around the world and encourage Canadians to actively promote respect for the rights of all children. AIPE provides community-based education for global citizenship and carries out awareness-raising on issues such as social justice, human rights, sustainable development and gender equality.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Most of the people supported by AIPE projects in India and Thailand are children aged 6 to 14 who are victims of child labour, human trafficking or homelessness. These children live in precarious conditions, hindering their healthy and safe development. In order to support the children's education, some of the projects are also designed to empower their mothers, who are often single parents, so that they can provide financially for their children.

Main objectives of AIPE:

- To reintegrate child labourers and survivors of human trafficking

- To break the cycle of poverty by ensuring education for children, in particular girls
- To enable marginalized women to set up their own businesses and increase their income
- To combat early marriage
- To help children to thrive

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes. The structure of AIPE has remained the same over the past four years.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AIPE combats child exploitation by working simultaneously on three fronts: access to education, gender equality, and combating poverty and social marginalization. Its projects promoting access to education for children who live in slums or are victims of debt bondage in India have significantly reduced the number of exploited children. The education and economic empowerment of marginalized women and survivors of human trafficking enables them to stand up for their own rights and those of their children. AIPE, which is a Canadian organization, works with local organizations based in India and Thailand and helps to foster cooperation and solidarity among human rights advocates.

The organization's efforts to educate and mobilize the people of Canada are also a means of fostering involvement in social struggles. For example, in 2022, AIPE produced a detailed how-to guide on advocacy at the United Nations and followed a group of students aged 16 and 17 as they spent several months developing an advocacy campaign on the rights of women and children.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Director General of AIPE participated in the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, from 11 to 22 March 2019. AIPE was also registered to participate in the sixty-fourth session of the Commission, which had to be cancelled due to the outbreak of the pandemic in 2020. The Director General and two other members of the team participated virtually in the sixty-fifth session, held in 2021, and the sixty-sixth session, held in 2022.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The mission of AIPE is in line with target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals, which is to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking, and prohibit and eliminate child labour. Goal 8, on decent work and economic growth, is the *raison d'être* of the organization and is at the heart of all its projects. To achieve that objective, the work of the organization is guided by the other Sustainable Development Goals, including Goal 1 on ending poverty, Goal 4 on quality education, Goal 5 on gender equality, Goal 10 on reducing inequalities and Goal 12 on responsible consumption and production.

Examples of achievements:

- The AIPE microcredit programme in Andhra Pradesh enables 30 women per year to significantly increase their incomes and send their children to school.
- Through its project to educate children freed from debt bondage, AIPE has enabled approximately 100 children to receive an education, up to university age for the majority.
- The organization's new home for boys living on the street will provide accommodation and schooling for 50 boys aged 6 to 14 in Visakhapatnam, India.
- Through a project that supports a migrant community in Bangkok, AIPE has provided long-term support to 400 Burmese families, with the aim of ending child exploitation and child labour in the community.

8. Appui solidaire pour le renforcement de l'aide au développement

Special, 2019

Introduction

From 2019 to 2022, Appui solidaire pour le renforcement de l'aide au développement (ASRAD) made a number of significant achievements. The lives of many vulnerable children and families have improved thanks to the organization's efforts, in keeping with our mission, despite the very difficult health situation in the country, growing insecurity in the central and northern parts of the country, and a very tense sociopolitical environment.

I was heartened when I entered the school in the Safo commune near Bamako. I saw a father talking enthusiastically about it, thanking ASRAD for the well-trained teachers and the school kits that were now enabling his children to learn under good conditions. I saw children who were intelligent, happy to participate in class and proud of their ability to read well.

There has been no shortage of challenges over the past four years. We fought the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic with an ambitious response plan targeted at tens of thousands of vulnerable children and families. To date, no child sponsored by ASRAD in Mali has contracted the virus. We have contributed to reducing inter-community hostilities and to facilitating dialogue between young peacebuilders. We have planted hundreds of trees, and we have supported people displaced by conflict. In 2023, we will expand our humanitarian crisis response plan and develop synergies with our resilience activities. The protection of children and the consolidation of peace will continue to play a role in each of our initiatives. Our vision for each child is a life lived to the fullest. I wish to thank all donors for their contributions. I would also like to thank the communities and the Government of Mali, through its technical services.

I would also like to thank all our partners for their effective collaboration, as well as the ASRAD staff for their steadfast commitment and their availability. Together, we are helping to improve the well-being of the children of Mali. May God bless Mali and protect Malians.

- Message from Dr. Kabiné Doumbia, General Coordinator

Aims and purposes of the organization

- Motto: Peace – Strength – Joy
- Main objective:
 - To improve living conditions for humankind

- Specific objectives:
 - Human development
 - Positive social transformation

Significant changes in the organization

The organization underwent changes in several areas in order to adapt to the requirements of partner organizations and of United Nations organizations with respect to projects and programmes, and continues to do so with a view to improving collaboration with the United Nations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We made a number of statements at general assemblies with the Secretary-General for civil society. We also participated in meetings of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Economic and Social Council relating to the development of relations between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

From 2019 to 2022, we took part in 88 meetings of the United Nations held in New York, Vienna and Geneva; Poland; Côte d'Ivoire, Rwanda and Ethiopia; Glasgow, United Kingdom (twenty-sixth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change); and Egypt (twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change). We also participated in meetings of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Economic and Social Council relating to the development of relations between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We still had no real cooperation with United Nations bodies in Mali, and no projects or programmes have been implemented with United Nations bodies in the country.

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

All our projects and programmes support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. We have sent a full report by email through the following link: <https://esango.un.org/civilsociety>.

9. Association “Paix” pour la lutte contre la contrainte et l’injustice

Special, 2015

Introduction

The Association “Paix” pour la lutte contre la contrainte et l’injustice (APLCI) is an organization that promotes and protects human rights and combats injustice, and has had special consultative status with the United Nations since 2015.

Aims and purposes of the organization

APLCI is an organization that promotes and protects human rights and combats injustice. It was founded in 2006 with the aim of combating all forms of oppression and exploitation in the interests of peace and social justice, contributing to the development and harmony of Mauritania and its people, defending and protecting the rights and interests of all citizens without distinction, and raising the awareness of all citizens, without distinction, about the effects of all forms of coercion and injustice and organizing action by them on the issue.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

APLCI has contributed actively to the work of the United Nations through the drafting of alternative reports for submission to the various human rights bodies in Geneva:

- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2012);
- Human Rights Committee (2013);
- Report for the second cycle of the universal periodic review – Mauritania (2015);
- Committee against Torture (2018);
- Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (2018);
- Committee on the Rights of the Child (2018);
- Report for the third cycle of the universal periodic review – Mauritania (2020);
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (2021);
- Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (2023).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

APLCI has been participating in United Nations meetings since 2015 by delivering oral statements, as described below.

- In 2019, it participated in the fortieth session of the Human Rights Council by delivering an oral statement during the general debate on the promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development.
- In 2020, it participated in the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council by delivering an oral statement during the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, held under agenda item 3.
- In 2021, it participated in the forty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council by delivering an oral statement during the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, held under agenda item 3;
- In 2022, it participated in the forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council by preparing a written statement for the meeting of the President of the General Assembly with representatives of non-governmental organizations, which did not take place.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2015, APLCI has participated in the cooperation activities of Mauritania with the various human rights mechanisms, in particular the Mauritania country office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, with which we have a fruitful partnership in the following areas:

- Technical support for the production of our alternative reports
- Advocacy techniques and processes
- Introductory training in human rights monitoring
- The role of civil society in the promotion and protection of human rights

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

As part of its efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals in 2021, APLCI, through a partnership with World Vision Mauritania, organized a vast awareness-raising and support campaign for vulnerable groups affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in the wilayah of Nouakchott Sud, benefiting 575 families.

10. Association Africa 21

Special, 2015

Introduction

Africa 21 is an association under Swiss law, based at the heart of “International Geneva”. It was established in 2011. It has been recognized by the Swiss authorities as an association operating in the public interest since 2012 and is registered in the commercial register of the canton of Geneva. The association’s area of expertise is the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Africa, in particular through mechanisms and initiatives run by entities of the United Nations system.

In addition to the Economic and Social Council, the association is accredited with the World Trade Organization, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It is also a partner of the University of Geneva.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Africa 21 is a think tank and a “do tank”. Its members consider the implementation of sustainable development in Africa and the role that multilateralism can play in providing support in that regard. Africa 21 is a strong supporter of the 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which provide the framework for its activities. As a “do tank”, it seeks to develop innovative thinking that can be transformed into action on the ground, as is the case with the project it has been implementing in Cameroon in cooperation with the United Nations since 2016. Africa 21 is also an expert network that brings together theorists and practitioners and serves as a link between the various actors of “International Geneva” who work on or are interested in Africa. Lastly, it is a facilitator within the community in Geneva and, more broadly, among actors involved in development in Africa. Africa 21 also aims to influence and train such actors on sustainable development practices and issues.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2019 and 2020, the association launched two programmes:

- The network of African journalists specialized in sustainable development and climate change
- The programme for the promotion of green entrepreneurship in Africa

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Advocacy, dissemination of information, capacity-building and development of expertise on the 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in Africa for African journalists who are members of the association's network of journalists (700 journalists in 40 countries).
- Analysis of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Africa in our periodical *Afrique durable 2030*, which has 12,000 readers from the development sector, and at our seminars and workshops.
- Launch of a pilot project in Daloa, Côte d'Ivoire, as part of the programme for the promotion of green entrepreneurship in partnership with the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research and other partners (feasibility study phase: setting up a training and support centre for young green entrepreneurs in Daloa, with projects that have a positive impact on local communities and contribute to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals on the ground).
- Active participation in conferences, forums and other events of international organizations in Geneva, including the United Nations Office at Geneva (Programme for Country Partnership and SDG Lab).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- UNCTAD: Trade and Development Board, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR), BioTrade Initiative, e-commerce and the Internet, financing for development, meetings of least developed countries, issues concerning Africa, etc.
- International Telecommunication Union: World Summit on the Information Society
- UNEP: finance and business
- Human Rights Council: special procedures and special rapporteurs, socioeconomic rights, right to development, etc.
- World Trade Organization: Public Forum
- World Intellectual Property Organization: developing countries and indigenous knowledge
- Africa 21 also takes part in the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development every year with a delegation of African journalists from its network

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The association has developed working relationships with many international organizations as part of the activities of the network of African journalists specialized in sustainable development and climate change, including the United Nations Development Programme, UNCTAD, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate

Change, UNEP, the International Organization for Migration, the International Telecommunication Union, the World Trade Organization, the International Trade Centre, the Economic Commission for Africa, the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, the International Labour Organization and the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

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

- Launch of the network of African journalists specialized in sustainable development and climate change
- Launch of the programme for the promotion of green entrepreneurship in Africa

11. Association Assistance communautaire et développement

Special, 2019

Introduction

The Association Assistance communautaire et développement (ASCOM) is a non-profit organization whose values are impartiality, engagement and volunteering. It focuses on the environment and food security and operates in the Brakna, Trarza, Nouakchott Nord and Nouakchott Ouest regions of Mauritania.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of ASCOM are to reduce the suffering of vulnerable populations and to promote the rights to food, health, housing, education and a healthy environment. ASCOM combats poverty and targets young people and women. To achieve its goals, ASCOM implements strategies based on a participatory approach, involving beneficiary communities upstream and downstream of its activities. The work of ASCOM is focused on matters such as climate change, income-generating activities, promoting employment for young people and women, functional literacy in the local language and the solar-powered water pumping system. Other areas of focus include the sustainable management of natural resources; the restoration of degraded land; combating pollution, including marine pollution; combating the effects of climate change; sustainable and integrated water management; water, sanitation and hygiene for all; and forest preservation.

Significant changes in the organization

An important change was the election of Mariam Ciré Sall as Secretary-General of the association; she had been Treasurer in the previous administration. Aminata Ly joined the new administration as Treasurer.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ASCOM implemented projects that were funded by the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme of the United Nations Development Programme and that contributed to combating climate change and land degradation. ASCOM contributes to all the projects it receives by providing qualified personnel and equipped premises.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ASCOM participated in online webinars organized by United Nations entities. We have registered to participate in person in United Nations meetings but have been denied entry visas by the Embassy of the United States in Mauritania.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ASCOM cooperates with the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme in Mauritania on environmental protection activities and with the United Nations Population Fund on initiatives related to reproductive health. ASCOM takes part in the humanitarian coordination meetings organized by the World Food Programme every two months.

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

ASCOM is working to achieve Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 13. We have carried out projects with partners such as the International Organization of la Francophonie, the Institut de la Francophonie pour le développement durable, the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme, the Embassy of France and the Embassy of Japan to achieve the above-mentioned Goals. The initiatives taken by ASCOM have led to improved food security thanks to increased food production resulting from the installation of a solar-powered watering system and to the development of processing, storage and marketing techniques. ASCOM has also promoted sustainable systems for the production of drinking water for watering purposes, in order to maintain soil fertility and combat soil degradation. An evaluation of the projects, carried out in February 2023, showed the positive results achieved. People's incomes, access to drinking water, food security and the acquisition of consumer goods increased. Nearly 75 per cent of beneficiaries said that their income had increased, and 69 per cent said the same about their savings. For some 41 per cent of beneficiaries, the number of meals per day increased compared with before the project. In addition, 72 per cent reported an improvement in their food intake. The situation of women in the area targeted by the project also improved.

12. Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance (ABSE), established on 21 July 1991, is a non-governmental organization whose mission is to promote the well-being of women and children in West Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ABSE has the following objectives:

- To combat infant mortality
- To combat ignorance and illiteracy
- To promote and ensure respect for the rights of women and children
- To encourage the social reintegration of children and the social and professional reintegration of children and young people in difficult circumstances

- To foster the development and advancement of women and children in Burkina Faso.

Significant changes in the organization

In addition to Burkina Faso, ABSE has opened a country office in Abuja, Nigeria, and a representative office in Cotonou, Benin.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ABSE participates in the work of the United Nations through the Organization's entities and programmes in Burkina Faso and Nigeria. Most of the time, the involvement of ABSE takes the form of technical support for studies and research on topics related to its objectives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Through our representatives in New York and Geneva, ABSE participates in meetings and conferences organized by the United Nations, including:

- The annual conference on the status of women held in New York
- The meetings on human rights held at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva
- The various online activities to which we are invited

Our organization was not able to contribute more to the implementation of United Nations programmes for a variety of reasons, including the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic and problems in obtaining visas for participants from Burkina Faso. Difficulties in mobilizing resources also make participation in meetings very difficult, especially as it has become very challenging to ensure the coverage of administrative costs for projects. However, the organization plans to mobilize more resources from its own funds in order to participate more actively in the work and meetings of the United Nations. The creation of the "Solidarfund" participatory financing platform is the first step towards resolving this situation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Collaboration with United Nations bodies has increased since the previous report. ABSE works closely with the United Nations Development Programme to promote civic-mindedness and strengthen democracy and social cohesion in Burkina Faso. ABSE is also working with the World Health Organization to ensure universal health coverage and to combat malaria in West Africa. A number of activities undertaken in that regard, including advocacy with the Governments of the member countries of the Economic Community of West African States, have led to the provision of free medication for children under the age of 5 in target countries. ABSE also works with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Burkina Faso. In cooperation with the Office, it has coordinated aid and emergency relief in areas hosting persons displaced following the terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso. This collaboration allows ABSE to regularly participate in coordination meetings and working groups. ABSE has also strengthened its partnership with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in recent years; this has enabled ABSE to participate in advocacy activities and to follow up on the alternative report it submitted.

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

The organization has contributed to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals through the implementation of a programme to support young people in Burkina Faso in their efforts to promote soil-less agriculture in order to preserve the environment.

Also, as a member of the network of organizations for sustainable development, ABSE participates in many activities related to environmental preservation and, as such, has been involved since 2018 in a project related to the processing of non-timber forest products.

13. Association du développement communautaire en Mauritanie

Special, 2019

Introduction

The Association du développement communautaire en Mauritanie is an organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights and humanitarian law, including technical and financial support for vulnerable groups and families in need, from all segments of society, without distinction.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association du développement communautaire en Mauritanie has the following main priorities:

- (i) The environment;
- (ii) Development;
- (iii) Health;
- (iv) Awareness-raising.

To highlight those priorities, we can cite our organization's work on the development of our communities through income-generating activities and a vast campaign to raise awareness among citizens and provide them with training regarding their rights and duties, with a particular emphasis on health and education.

Significant changes in the organization

No major changes have been made by our executive office or by the association's general assembly.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our organization obtained special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 2019, just as the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic was emerging worldwide, including in Mauritania. The pandemic specifically blocked the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, which are the main facilitators of partnership with civil society organizations. We hope that the reopening of the world will enable our organization to participate in the various meetings and events of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, New York and Vienna.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

As explained above, our organization obtained special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 2019, just as the COVID-19 pandemic was emerging worldwide, including in Mauritania. The pandemic specifically blocked the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, which are the main facilitators of partnership with civil society organizations. This explains why we have not been able to participate actively in meetings of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2019, the Association du développement communautaire en Mauritanie has participated in the cooperation activities of Mauritania with the various human rights mechanisms, in particular the Mauritania country office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, with which we have a fruitful partnership in the following areas:

- Technical support for the production of our alternative reports
- Advocacy techniques and processes
- Introductory training in human rights monitoring
- The role of civil society in the promotion and protection of human rights

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

In 2016, through a partnership with the organization Convergence citoyenne des droits de l'homme en Mauritanie, the Association du développement communautaire en Mauritanie began a very ambitious four-year awareness-raising and educational programme to disseminate Act No. 024-2018 of 21 June 2018 on the General Child Protection Code and Order No. 2005-015 of 5 December 2005 on the protection of children under criminal law. A total of 5,670 families and 595 teachers across the country have benefited from the programme. The General Child Protection Code stipulates that the best interests of the child shall be the primary consideration in all measures taken concerning him or her by all persons, judicial or administrative organs and public or private social protection institutions.

14. Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit**Special, 2011****Introduction**

The Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit is a development-focused non-governmental organization established in 2000 by a group of Mauritanian leaders committed to achieving a world of justice and democracy, in which men and women can play an equal part in all aspects of social, political and economic life.

Since 2001, the association has been raising awareness of various key issues, including the promotion of human rights, through projects implemented in conjunction with national and international organizations.

Our association has observer status with the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights. It has also had special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2011.

In addition, since 2014, we have been a member of the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union, in which we campaign for the realization of the aspirations of African peoples, as expressed in Agenda 2063 of the African Union.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit has the following objectives:

- To promote human rights
- To participate in economic, social and cultural development in poor areas
- To combat poverty by supporting disadvantaged people
- To promote community work
- To strengthen women's pre-cooperative groups
- To promote the education sector by building schools in rural areas
- To promote the health sector by building health posts
- To build the capacities of non-governmental organizations in the area of human rights
- To strengthen initiatives to promote the rights of immigrants

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes to our association since the last quadrennial report was submitted in 2018.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Since the submission of our last quadrennial report in 2018, we have continued to contribute to the work of the United Nations system through the submission of reports to the various United Nations system bodies relating to the rights of women, children and migrants.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Our association regularly participates in the meetings of the Human Rights Council and of the United Nations treaty bodies, including those relating to the rights of migrants, women, children and persons with disabilities.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Our association works with the United Nations Development Programme on human rights-related projects in Mauritania, particularly in the justice and sustainable development sectors.

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

Accelerating economic development in Mauritania is at the heart of our association's efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. Not only is the incidence of poverty and malnutrition especially high in our country, but the choice and implementation of effective measures to overcome these problems is also particularly complex. A number of the Goals specifically relate to income growth, job creation and industrialization, and the achievement of all the other Goals depends on the progress achieved on the economic front.

Four years after the submission of our last report, the Sustainable Development Goals continue to be our main priority. We believe that, thanks to the Goals, all development partners have been able to situate their activities within a common framework and to strengthen the coherence and effectiveness of their efforts at the country level. The United Nations has also launched the Sustainable Development Goals Action Campaign, aimed at disseminating information on and mobilizing global support for the Goals, and at ensuring the preparation of national reports on progress towards the Goals, and the Millennium Project, bringing together hundreds of decision-makers, practitioners and experts to explore ways of accelerating and sustaining the progress achieved. Our association is working to raise awareness among non-State actors in order to support these efforts.

15. Association mondiale de psychanalyse du champ freudien (AMP)

Special, 2011

Introduction

The Association mondiale de psychanalyse du champ freudien (AMP) has been promoting various activities in the countries of the four continents on which its schools operate. AMP maintains that Lacanian psychoanalysis has a very important role to play in the discourses of our time, and that the rigorous theoretical and clinical research carried out under that framework can serve to illuminate and clarify current issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objective of AMP is to promote the development of psychoanalysis worldwide. It advances the practice and study of psychoanalysis in accordance with the teachings of Jacques Lacan, and develops initiatives to provide training in and democratize psychoanalysis. AMP ensures that psychoanalysis is disseminated throughout the world through educational activities. It publicizes the initiatives of the various schools by providing information on them to the media and by supporting them before the mental health authorities. In each of its schools, it encourages the establishment of free consultation centres to ensure that psychoanalytic treatment remains within reach for as many people as possible. It also keeps a close eye on mental health legislation in the various countries in which it operates.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2019, various activities were conducted to address and respond to specific social issues affecting the situation of women worldwide, such as the Latin forum on the theme “Migration and then...”, bringing together various Latin American countries; the forum on the theme “Democracy under threat”, held in Spain; and the forum on the theme “We are all exiles”, held in Vienna.

Since February 2020, AMP has been focusing on developing means and mechanisms to address the traumatic situation caused by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. For example, it published the book *Letters in Quarantine: Psychoanalytic Chronicles of a Pandemic*.

In 2021 and 2022, AMP focused its research on the various issues concerning women from the perspective of psychoanalysis. It is also preparing for its global congress, to be held in Paris in April 2022. In addition, four large multilingual and

international research groups have been set up to explore four major issues relating to the situation of women: the effects of the “woke” movement, new developments in psychiatry, the impact of religion and the implications of virtuality.

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 Sustainable Development Goals

Since the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, AMP has promoted a number of strategies to address the traumatic effects of the conflict and to encourage dialogue between the various sectors involved at various levels. The first activity, a psychoanalytic forum on the theme “Ukraine-Russia-World: Why war?”, was held virtually in February 2022. Six months later, a second conversation took place in person in Switzerland. AMP plans to continue its work with colleagues in conflict-affected regions.

During the populist attacks on the democratic Government elected in Brazil in October 2022, AMP once again demonstrated its commitment to the rule of law by expressing, through its Brazil-based school, its rejection of all forms of fascism and by promoting forums for debate and contribution to the democratic system. This work is ongoing.

AMP will support research and direct initiatives, such as assistance proposals aimed at vulnerable segments of the community, in order to promote gender equality and the defence of women. New strategies are also being developed in line with this objective, including the launch, in March 2023 in Argentina, of a free seminar on gender, sexual difference and the body, a valuable forum enabling human resources to receive training with a gender perspective and a broad approach to the subject.
