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1. Watson Institute for International Studies

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University is a leading centre for research and teaching on the most important problems of our time.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The institute focuses primarily on two research areas: global security and political economy and development. It educates students of international relations, development studies, Latin American and Caribbean studies, Middle East studies, and South Asian studies. It brings together a core faculty drawn from across the social sciences, including Brown faculty members and visiting scholars and practitioners from around the world, particularly from developing economies, to build bridges between research areas and reach beyond the academic world. In this context, it has long worked closely with the United Nations, other key international governmental organizations, national Governments, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The institute has a working relationship with the United Nations and its work is of considerable significance to the Millennium Development Goals. Researchers at the institute have participated in United Nations efforts including counter-terrorism, peacekeeping, human rights, climate change and more. Activities take place both at United Nations sites and at the institute. For example, one of the Special Envoys of the Secretary-General on Climate Change and the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel are both Brown University professors at large based at the institute. They and others with development experience and United Nations portfolios, work with scholars at the institute to analyse global issues to increase understanding on campus and beyond.

With political economy and development as a core area of research and teaching, the work of the institute implicitly and explicitly supports the Millennium Development Goals and other principles of peaceful global development. Research on climate change and environmental sustainability directly supports Goal 7.

The institute trains new generations on global challenges. Examples include high school curriculum units published at the institute, such as its choices programme “The United Nations: challenges and change” (third edition, 2011); the undergraduate programmes mentioned above; a graduate programme in development; and summer institutes for scholars from the developing world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The institute participated in the following meetings:

(a) A representative of the institute and 10 students who undertake research on climate change and environmental sustainability attended the seventeenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and provided support for the Chair of the Group of Least Developed Countries, Durban, South Africa, 28 November-9 December 2011;

(b) A representative of the institute held a meeting with the subregional office for East and North-East Asia of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Seoul, Republic of Korea, June 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

A report by the institute, "Conduct and discipline in United Nations peacekeeping operations: culture, political economy and gender" was submitted to the Conduct and Discipline Unit, Department of Peacekeeping Operations, 19 October 2009.

In 2009 and 2010, the institute provided consulting services for the Department of Peacekeeping.

In 2011, Paulo Pinheiro, an adjunct professor of international studies at the institute was appointed by the Human Rights Council as Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic and Chair of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic.

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

In support of Millennium Development Goal 3, the institute published a book on women in power in post-communist parliaments in 2009.

In support of Goal 8, the institute published a book entitled "Treasures of the Earth: Need, Greed, and a Sustainable Future" in 2009; dedicated an issue of its journal, *Studies in Comparative Development*, to global pressures, national responses and labour rights in developing countries (vol. 45, No. 2) in 2010; and published an article in the journal on dependency and development in a globalized world (vol. 44, No. 4) in 2009.

2. Women Environmental Programme

Special, 2005

Introduction

Women Environmental Programme is a non-governmental, non-profit, non-religious and voluntary organization, which was established in 1997 by a group of grass-roots women in Nigeria. It has had special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2005 and observer status with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the bodies of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change since 2012.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of the organization is to address gender injustices on issues relating to the environment and the economic and social rights of women, children and youth. Its strategic objectives are to sensitize the general public to the potentially negative impact of climate change on gender-sensitive development objectives; stimulate the management of natural resources within the framework of national and international policies and conventions for sustainable development; advocate for the rights of rural and urban dwellers to land, housing settlements and basic social infrastructure within the framework of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; build the capacity of the general public in the management of environmental conflicts, renewable energy, water and sanitation and organic pollutants; and empower women and youths for their civic rights and responsibilities, electoral processes and democratic governance in Nigeria.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization coordinated Nigerian Major Groups and participated in the drafting of the recommendations of the African Major Groups in preparation for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2012. It organized side events during the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development in New York in 2011, the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York in 2011 and the seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Durban, South Africa, in 2011 and Doha in 2012 respectively.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings: the fifty-fourth, fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York, in 2010, 2011 and 2012; the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2012; the eighteenth and nineteenth sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development in New York in 2010 and 2011; and the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly in New York in September 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the following agencies: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on human rights and democratic governance issues and on peace and conflict management in the middle belt of Nigeria; the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) on women's political empowerment; the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on research into gender-based violence in Nigeria; and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) on housing and urban slums.

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

No activities were specified.

3. Women in Dialog

Special, 1985

Introduction

Women in Dialog advances education of the public through research on race and community relations with particular reference to women. The organization runs women's centres in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (in London) and in the United States of America (in Los Angeles, Philadelphia and San Francisco).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization provides information about women as unwaged caregivers in the family, community and on the land, recognizing race and community relations as a major part of women's unwaged caring work. Its centres are used by women of different ethnic and social backgrounds as a base for their self-help activities. The organization carries out research; produces fact sheets and publications and hosts conferences, meetings, workshops, filmshows and exhibitions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization provided information on implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action regarding measuring and valuing unremunerated work in the national accounts and at the government, NGO and grass-roots levels. In January 2009 in the United Kingdom, it assisted the Women Count Network in Spain to prepare its submission for the draft plan of the Women's Institute of the Government of Catalonia on measuring and valuing caring work. In December 2009, it brought information about paragraph 120 of the Beijing Platform for Action to a reception at the White House in Washington, D.C.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization circulated information at the Durban Review Conference held in Geneva in April 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

In support of Goal 1 in the United Kingdom, the organization provided information on resources for low-income women, such as grants, housing and food and ran an annual emergency appeal for destitute women and children seeking asylum. It raised funds in the United States for victims of the earthquake in Haiti in January 2010 and hosted a fundraiser in London in April 2012 to help community rebuilding projects led by women.

In support of Goal 3, the organization provided office and meeting space, technology support and volunteer opportunities for women to increase literacy and skill levels through training to promote women's empowerment. Areas of focus included: anti-racism, asylum from rape and persecution, breastfeeding, child custody, disability, discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transsexual people, homelessness, immigration, equal pay, payment for caring work, prostitution, the impact of war, occupation and military spending and welfare reform.

4. Women's Bar Association of the State of New York

Special, 2009

Introduction

As the largest state-wide bar association dedicated to promoting the advancement of women in the legal profession and in general, the Women's Bar Association of the State of New York is committed to improving the status of all women in society. It addresses complex legal issues to advocate for change for women and children throughout the state and promote fair and equal administration of justice.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association has a long and honourable role in improving life for all women in society by advocating for equality and fair treatment of all women. It has long been in the forefront of initiatives to change laws in the areas of domestic violence, achieve equity in marital dissolution and fairness in custody decisions, of the initiative against crimes of sexual violence and of the initiative against sexual discrimination in employment. It will continue to be in the forefront of making policy on issues affecting women, children and families.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The association participated in a panel of the Non-Governmental Organizations/Department of Public Information Executive Committee at the sixty-third annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference entitled "Advance global health: achieve the MDGs" in Melbourne, Australia, 30 August-1 September 2010. In 2012, it participated in the drafting of a

statement regarding the abuse of elder women worldwide, to be read at the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings and activities:

- A briefing session for NGOs on the Trust Fund for Victims at the office of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, New York, 5 November 2009
- The eighth session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and a side event of the Victims' Rights Working Group Side Event in The Hague, Netherlands, 18-26 November 2009 and ninth session of the Assembly in New York, 6-10 December 2010
- The fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 1-12 March 2010
- A film screening of "Courting Justice", a side event co-sponsored by the organization in observance of International Women's Day, New York, 9 March 2010
- A UN-Women event entitled, "A promise is a promise" in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2011, a representative of the association served as a visiting professional (on a volunteer basis) with the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and prepared a memorandum detailing the investigative strategy for sustaining charges of gender-based persecution at confirmation of charges hearings, The Hague, 4 February-30 June.

In 2011, a representative of the association addressed the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on addressing the needs of the child witness, winning prosecutorial strategies and a Legal Advisory Section round-table discussion on comprehensive strategies for addressing the needs of victims in investigations and prosecution, in The Hague, 24-30 June.

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

The association focused on advocacy events to combat human trafficking and domestic violence including the following events:

- (a) A screening of "Very Young Girls" where a guest speaker discussed educational and mentoring programmes targeting trafficked girls or those at risk, New York, 29 November 2011;
- (b) The Gender Fairness Committee, New York City Supreme Court, civil term event entitled "A discussion of honour killings", New York, 8 March 2011;
- (c) A screening of "War Redefined", featuring the former Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia as a guest speaker, New York, 4 June 2012.

The association also focused on advocacy events to advance the status of women in society and women's access to justice, such as attending a UN-Women event on the theme of "Equality means business", addressing the principles of women's empowerment, New York, 18 October 2011.

5. Women's Board Educational Cooperation Society

Special, 2001

Introduction

The broad aim of the Women's Board Educational Cooperation Society is to foster the development of Nigerian women, empowering them through education and high work standards. Its purposes are to build up personal character; provide employable skills; foster a responsible attitude to work; provide literacy and basic health services in rural areas; and strengthen the institutional capacity of NGOs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main course of action of the organization consists of educational activities as follows: courses on leadership for university students and school girls; training in employable skills in hospitality management for underprivileged young women; courses in setting up microenterprises; seminars on business development in small- and medium-sized enterprises; professional development workshops to improve the personal effectiveness of women; community service projects in rural and suburban areas to improve living conditions; and seminars for NGOs to strengthen and build their capacity.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works on leadership programmes for female undergraduates to foster youth development. It provides skill acquisition courses in catering and hospitality to empower women. It also organizes literacy classes and medical services to improve the educational standard and health of children and women in rural and suburban areas.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2009, the organization attended the following events: the annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations orientation programme for NGOs, New York, 19 and 20 March and an interactive forum with the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information organized by the United Nations Information Centre in Lagos on 9 February.

In 2010, it attended the following events: the sixty-third annual Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference on the theme of good health, Melbourne, Australia, 30 August-1 September; the Global NGO Forum for Women: Beijing +15, New York, 27 and 28 February; the fifty-fourth session of

the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 1-12 March; a rally on the theme of “Stand up take action, make a noise for the MDGs”, 11 September.

In 2011, the organization attended the following events: the inaugural session of UN-Women entitled “Honouring the past, envisioning the future for women and girls,” New York, 24 February; the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 22 February-4 March; and the High-level Meeting on Youth, New York, 25 and 26 July.

In 2012, the organization attended the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 27 February-9 March.

The organization submitted statements to the high-level segments of the Economic and Social Council on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to gender equality and the empowerment of women in June 2010; on implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education in July 2011; and on promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels of achieving the Millennium Development Goals in July 2012. It also submitted statements to the fifty-fifth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2011 and 2012 respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization provided skill training in the hospitality field to enable beneficiaries of poor backgrounds to obtain employment leading to poverty alleviation (Goal 1); supported formal education for children in rural areas through out-of-school classes (Goal 2); organized leadership programmes to promote gender equality and women’s empowerment (Goal 3); provided health services and training on nutrition to people in rural areas aimed at reducing child mortality, improving maternal health and combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases (Goals 4, 5 and 6).

6. Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling was established in Jerusalem in 1991 as a Palestinian, independent, non-governmental, non-profit organization, with the aim of contributing to the building of a democratic Palestinian society based on principles of equality and social justice between men and women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the organization is to address the causes and consequences of gender-based violence within the community and the gender-specific effects of the

Israeli occupation. To this end, it acts not only to reverse historical negligence and the negative cultural legacy and social outlook towards Palestinian women within the community, but also to address the needs of women in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted a recommendation that the Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination against Women include in its proposed general recommendation on women in conflict prevention, conflict and post-conflict situations. It submitted a joint report for consideration by the international fact-finding mission to investigate the implications of the Israeli settlements on the civil, political economic, social and cultural rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, as mandated by the Human Rights Council in resolution 19/17. It also testified before the international fact-finding mission on the Israeli settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and submitted a joint alternative report to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in October 2010.

The organization further testified before the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories in Amman in the summers of 2009, 2010 and 2011 and submitted written reports.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings: the fifty-fourth and fifty-fifth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 1-12 March 2010 and 22 February-4 March 2011; the review by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women of the fourth and fifth periodic reports of Israel in January 2011 in Geneva, at which it submitted an alternative report, delivered an oral statement and held a side event; and the ninety-ninth session of the Human Rights Committee in Geneva, 12-30 July 2010, at which the committee considered the third periodic report of Israel and the organization submitted an oral statement and an alternative report and took part in an NGO side event.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) through participation in meetings of the Protection Cluster Working Group and the Displacement Working Group for the Occupied Palestinian Territory. It also cooperated with UNDP on special projects on broken families and on the rule of law and consulted with UN-Women during the process of developing the national gender strategic plan.

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

The organization contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in the Occupied Palestinian Territory by promoting gender equality through extensive training programmes. It continued to build the capacity of grass-roots organizations providing training, workshops and supervision on awareness of gender issues. The organization campaigned with officials in the Palestinian Authority to promote legal reform in favour of women's rights and organized events and campaigns in November 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 as part of the global campaign to combat violence against women. It continued to provide legal and social services to women victims of violence through a team of lawyers and social workers and jointly implemented project "Takamol" to develop a sustainable legal-health-social service referral system for women victims of violence. The reform and policy development work of the organization focused on criminal law, the personal status law, the law on family protection from violence and the development of operational protocols. It continued to be actively involved with the International Women's Commission, which was established in cooperation with UN-Women to work on the implementation of Security Council resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#) on women and peace and security.

7. Women's Education and Culture Foundation

Special, 2009

Introduction

The Women's Education and Culture Foundation provides assistance to poor families with more than one child to enable them to have access to formal education, especially for the girl child, poor widows and orphans and people who are ill or disabled, as well as those below the minimum income level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The foundation implements its programmes by collecting membership fees, raising funds from donations and by arranging seminars, picnics, brunches, dinners and tours.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The foundation organized a meeting for NGOs at its Centre in Istanbul on 7 May 2012. It hosted a meeting with the Yemeni-Turkish Development Foundation and the Muslim Youth Movement of Malaysia, in Istanbul on 15 May 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The foundation attended the Fourth Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Istanbul, 9-13 May 2011.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The foundation took part in the campaign in August 2011 to provide assistance to the drought-affected areas of Somalia. Following the earthquake in October 2011, in Van, Turkey, it launched a campaign and raised funds for clothing, food and emergency relief for the victims of the earthquake. During the reporting period, the foundation supplied nearly 1,000 poor families with food, clothing, health care, shelter and education every month.

8. Women's Federation for World Peace International**General, 1997****Introduction**

The aim of the Women's Federation for World Peace International is to realize a peaceful and harmonious global family. Its four major purposes are: empowerment of women worldwide; the reinforcement of family values; the sound upbringing of children; and building partnerships for peace through the cooperation of women.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization has two major areas of work: (a) poverty eradication through service projects, including building and running schools and vocational centres, microcredit programmes, foster parent and scholarship programmes, agriculture and food aid, AIDS prevention programmes, sanitation and nutrition guidance and medical aid; and (b) the reconciliation and peacebuilding "Bridge of peace" sisterhood project.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization implemented the poverty reduction projects cited above in 50 developing countries. It attended conferences at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

- The fifty-third to fifty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, at which it held parallel events, on 2 March 2009, 2 March 2010, 23 February 2011 and 27 February 2012 and submitted written joint statements with other NGOs
- The high-level segments of the Economic and Social Council in 2009 in Geneva and in 2010, 2011 and 2012 in New York and held a side event

co-sponsored with the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the International Labour Organization in July 2012

- Every session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva from 2009 to 2012
- Informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector in 2010, 2011 and 2012
- Department of Public Information/Non-Governmental Organizations Conference, Melbourne, Australia, 30 August-1 September 2010

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization cooperated with the United Nations in the following ways:

(a) In 2009, it donated \$6,700 to the United States Fund for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) for the children of Gaza;

(b) In 2010, it donated \$9,000 to the World Food Programme (WFP) for flood victims in Pakistan, \$4,300 to UNICEF for the earthquake victims in Haiti, \$5,800 to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Kenya for drought victims in the Horn of Africa and \$3,333 to UNHCR Japan for emergency relief in Somalia;

(c) In 2011 and 2012, it cooperated with the World Bank on a demobilization and reintegration project in Rwanda, accepting 210 ex-combatants as students at its New Hope Technical Institute in Rwanda.

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

The organization contributed to the Millennium Development Goals in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and Oceania as follows:

(a) Goal 1. It set up a microcredit project in Jordan for 456 women and built and managed vocational training schools for 4,700 women in Afghanistan, Cameroon, India, Jordan, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, Sao Tome Principe and Senegal;

(b) Goal 2. It built and managed elementary schools in Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau and Liberia and provided scholarships for 1,234 elementary school students;

(c) Goal 4. It held nutrition guidance classes for mothers of malnourished children in Zambia to benefit 12,523 children;

(d) Goal 5. It organized mobile clinics in three villages without doctors in the Niger;

(e) Goal 6. It held AIDS prevention seminars in Belarus, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Japan, Kenya, Mauritania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Trinidad and Tobago.

9. Women’s Learning Partnership for Rights, Development and Peace

Special, 2005

Introduction

The Women’s Learning Partnership for Rights, Development and Peace works with grass-roots, autonomous partner organizations in the global South to build a world where leadership is democratic and ethical and women’s human rights are realized and protected.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to build the capacity of partner and women’s organizations to increase effectiveness and sustainability; strengthen regional and international networks and campaigns that promote gender equality; and conduct grass-roots training in leadership and information and communications technologies to foster civic participation and create culture-specific curricula and publications for use in training and sharing of knowledge.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization advocates for full implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and Security Council resolution [1325 \(2000\)](#) on women and peace and security. It develops culturally appropriate curricula and training, aligning with the practices of UNFPA. It works towards the elimination of violence against women, complementing the goals of UN-Women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- A parallel event at the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women on celebrating 30 years of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, New York, 6 March 2009
- A parallel event created with partner organizations in Brazil, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Jordan, Lebanon and Nigeria at the fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women on the theme of “2020 vision: mobilizing for women’s rights and eliminating violence against women,” New York, 5 and 8 March 2010
- An event organized with the Commission on the Status of Women in 2012 on the theme of “From fear to freedom: ending violence against women”

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In May 2011, the organization explored joint advocacy for the anniversary of the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness with the Statelessness Unit

of the Division of International Protection of UNHCR. It was appointed by OHCHR to serve on the commission to investigate human rights abuses in the Syrian Arab Republic in September 2011. The organization also met with the Statelessness Unit of the Division of International Protection of UNHCR regarding the “Claiming equal citizenship” campaign in May 2012.

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

The organization develops resources, training and technologies to provide women with tools to fully engage in society (Goal 3) and to bolster the capacity of women’s organizations working to empower increasing numbers of women (Goal 8).

10. World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows

Special, 1981

Introduction

The aims and purposes of the World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows are to act a channel of communication amongst its members; rekindle a fervour for the United Nations and encourage development of cordial relations between them; cultivate a passion for international affairs and keep them informed of pertinent global issues; and utilize their individual and collective resources to help improve public understanding of the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The association holds talks, discussions, conferences, seminars, colloquiums and symposiums on vital international questions. It has raised awareness among the public through its goodwill ambassadors or messengers of hope.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The association disseminated information to the public about the United Nations system through a series of lectures entitled “Innovation Talks”. Through its “Education for peace” programme, it has been a vehicle for imparting knowledge about the United Nations to school children and adult groups. Through promotional activities with special themes, (for example, peace, development and the environment), it has focused on informing the public about the work of the United Nations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The association participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

11. World Evangelical Alliance**Special, 1997****Introduction**

The World Evangelical Alliance is a global ministry working with local churches around the world to join in a common concern to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus in their communities. It is a global organization with 600 million constituents in 129 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization embraces a spiritual world view of unconditional compassion and encourages communities to live in peace with each other.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization supported the Millennium challenge campaign by organizing five annual events, which included training within various sectors of its global leadership to reach the Goals. Representatives of the organization participated in the UNHCR dialogue on faith and protection in 2012 and have since participated in the follow-up discussions of the faith-based network UNHCR formed from the dialogue. Local member churches of the organization in southern Sudan assisted WFP in feeding and providing seed and tools for crops for internally displaced people in areas of tribal conflict.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012, the organization participated in the UNHCR dialogue on faith and protection. It also attended the following meetings:

- The fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, March 2012
- The forty-ninth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, July 2011
- The tenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, May 2011
- The nineteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, May 2011
- The forty-fourth session of the United Nations Commission on Population and Development, April 2011

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During this reporting period, representatives of the organization travelled to 30 countries to promote peace initiatives and the realization of human rights, including to southern Sudan to lead a tribal peace conference among the indigenous tribes and helped secure funding for peace projects to facilitate reconciliation and prevent future conflict. As a co-president of Religions for Peace, the organization regularly participated in United Nations initiatives, which included promoting the child survival pledge in collaboration with UNICEF, guiding the development of multi-religious resources in conflict transformation and in religion and foreign policy. It also took part in sessions of the universal periodic review in Geneva. The alliance to which the organization belongs in southern Sudan assisted WFP in feeding and providing seed and tools for crops for internally displaced people in areas of tribal conflict.

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

The initiatives taken by the organization include the following:

(a) Goal 2. Church buildings of the organization in Kenya, the Sudan and Uganda were used as classrooms and church members volunteered as teachers;

(b) Goal 5. Maternal health has been advanced by the organization through helping facilitate medical personnel from its United States and United Kingdom alliances to train doctors in Kenya and the Sudan in obstetrics and prenatal care;

(c) Goal 7. Representatives of the organization have been actively engaged in educating its constituency concerning climate change and related environmental concerns, as cited by United Nations leaders and agencies;

(d) Goal 8. The partner organizations have worked strategically to support implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

12. World Family of Radio Maria

Special, 2009

Introduction

The World Family of Radio Maria is an international organization which collaborates with 58 local non-profit organizations in more than 45 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the organization are to encourage both social and cultural growth in countries where the NGO works through the promotion of its social and cultural values, for the improvement of social relations and exchanges and for the enrichment of human resources; realize activities that promote education and training for professional technical jobs in broadcasting media by focusing its activities on developing countries in order to promote and valorize their local cultures; establish services and programmes to create higher standards of living, new economic conditions, social progress and development for human persons; and

promote health information, programmes for the illiterate and educational cooperation with professional teachers and in the media.

Significant changes in the organization

During the reporting period, some changes have been made in the statute: article 2.5 has been introduced to emphasize the non-commercial attitude of the organization. Pursuant to new article 9, the Board of Directors can be composed of 5-10 members (previously the maximum number was 9). Article 10.1 has been modified by introducing the position of a Vice-President. Finally, article 11.3 has been slightly changed so that in case of a split ballot resulting in deadlock, the President shall cast the prevailing vote. The new Board of Directors now includes 10 members from Albania, Austria, Cameroon, Guatemala, India, Italy, the Philippines Rwanda and Uruguay. Since 2009, 12 new non-profit organizations from different countries have become members.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the organization focused its attention on promoting freedom of opinion, expression and religion and developing programmes for social progress in food, agriculture and primary schools.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- A meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum of the Economic and Social Council to discuss the role of aid in mitigating the impact of the financial and economic crises on achieving national development goals and the Millennium Development Goals, 22 April 2010
- Informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector, New York, 14 and 15 June 2010
- The forty-fourth session of the Commission on Population and Development, 11-15 April 2011
- Informal thematic debate of the General Assembly on international migration and development, 19 May 2011
- Non-Governmental Organizations Committee for Social Development, Civil Society Forum, 31 January 2012
- The fiftieth session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development, 1-10 February 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

In Uganda, with local NGOs, the organization produced and broadcast programmes on the rehabilitation of drug addicts, street children, environmental sustainability and medical programmes. In Chipata, Zambia, in collaboration with

the Ministry of Education and UNICEF, the organization created programmes for fostering organic agriculture, the prevention of malaria and the education of children.

13. World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations

Special, 1993

Introduction

The World Federation of Ukrainian Women's Organizations unites 27 non-profit organizations in 17 countries in Europe and North and South America and in Australia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The federation supports the human rights of women and children in Ukraine and the Ukrainian diaspora, promoting the Millennium Development Goals, especially those related to reducing extreme poverty and guaranteeing universal education, gender equality, maternal health and environmental safety.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The federation is a member of the NGO Committee on UNICEF. Representatives of the federation participate in the New York NGO Committees on the Family, the Status of Women, Ageing, Children's Rights and Migration. They also participate in the NGO consultation before the annual meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women and attended the sessions of the Commission every year during the reporting period at United Nations Headquarters in New York. It also attended weekly briefings by the Department of Public Information.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The federation participated in the following meetings:

- Fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 2-13 March 2009.
- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 1-12 March 2010, at which it co-sponsored a parallel event on best practices. On 30 April, it co-signed a statement on violence against women addressed to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council.
- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 22 February-4 March 2011, at which it co-organized a parallel event on the theme of "Women and girls in science and technology: obstacles overcome, goals achieved" on 23 February 2011.
- Fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 27 February-9 March 2012 and together with the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the United Nations it co-organized a parallel event on 1 March on

the theme of “Rural women: realities and initiatives towards empowerment” featuring the Ukrainian candidate for the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The federation supported the leadership of the Permanent Mission of Ukraine on General Assembly resolution 65/220 on the right to food, attending conferences on 3 December 2010 and 17 January 2011 in New York recalling the use of hunger as a weapon in the “Holodomor” of 1932-1933 in Ukraine.

In its quest to champion human rights in Ukraine, the federation has intervened on behalf of jailed Ukrainian opposition leader Yulia Tymoshenko, preparing materials for review by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. It prepared an NGO submission on Ukraine for the fourteenth session of the universal periodic review in Geneva. It also attended a briefing on 21 November 2012 at United Nations Headquarters in New York by Valeriya Lutkowska, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Human Rights of the Ukraine.

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

Member organizations of the federation conduct humanitarian poverty relief and health-related projects, primarily by supporting geriatric institutions, orphanages and children’s clinics. For example, the Ukrainian National Women’s League of America financed a partnership that brought medical personnel from the Shriners Hospital for Children in Boston, Massachusetts, to paediatric hospital No. 8 in Lviv, Ukraine, to conduct medical seminars in Lviv in 2011 and 2012. In the summer of 2011, the Ukrainian Women’s Organization of Canada cooperated with Project Harmony in Nikopol, Ukraine, hosting several children (one of whom they fitted with prosthetic limbs) in Toronto for 6 weeks of cultural excursions and camping.

14. World Lung Foundation

Special, 2009

Introduction

The World Lung Foundation works in partnership with organizations throughout the world that share its mission. It cooperates closely with agencies working in the field of tobacco and tuberculosis control, as well as asthma and child lung health. Key partner agencies include the Stop TB Partnership, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The foundation both finances other agencies to undertake programmes and implements its own programmes. Its projects fall into three principal areas of activity: social mobilization and advocacy for lung health; public health programmes and initiatives; and education, research and training.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The foundation has been actively involved in work on non-communicable diseases, pushing for “best buy” tobacco control measures as an important driver of non-communicable diseases that needs recognition. It also participated in discussions and meetings on targets for non-communicable diseases in 2012 via the NCD Alliance.

The foundation is becoming active in working to address the problems related to indoor air pollution from cookstoves in the developing world. It is part of the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves and has been actively participating in meetings on this issue in the last year. In addition, it works very closely with WHO, particularly in the areas of tobacco control and road safety, sponsoring several WHO projects around the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The foundation participated in the following meetings:

- Fifth anniversary of the launch of the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, Geneva, 26 February 2010
- United Nations HIV/AIDS meeting — lessons for non-communicable diseases, 2010
- WHO World “No Tobacco Day” event, 2011
- High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, New York, 19 and 20 September 2011
- The first Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Non-Communicable Disease Control, Moscow, 28 and 29 April 2011
- Participant with WHO consultant status in the fifth session of the Conference of Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, Seoul, 12-17 November 2012

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The foundation has interacted with the following organizations over the past three years:

- United Nations
- World Health Organization
- World Bank
- United Nations Development Programme
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- United Nations Population Fund
- United Nations Children’s Fund

- World Food Programme
- United Nations Foundation

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

The foundation actively participated in the first Global Ministerial Conference on Healthy Lifestyles and Non-communicable Disease Control in Moscow on 29 and 29 April 2011 and the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases, New York on 19 and 20 September 2011, working to expand the Millennium Development Goal targets to include non-communicable diseases, especially those related to the epidemic of tobacco use.

It also liaised with several United Nations agencies on tobacco control at the global and country levels, especially with WHO, a partner in the Bloomberg initiative to reduce tobacco use.

In the United Republic of Tanzania, the maternal health programme of the foundation worked in three rural regions, where it has upgraded health centres and trained non-physician clinicians to provide comprehensive emergency obstetric care.

15. World Political Forum

Special, 2009

Introduction

The World Political Forum is an international association, based in Turin, Italy, with connections with other similar bodies worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The forum aims at a wide range of reflections on the effects of globalization on States, sovereignty and societies, including the regional and local dimension, to promote attainment of the highest level of welfare, respect for human rights and the promotion of universally shared values of civilization.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, in collaboration with members of the European Parliament, the forum organized an international meeting related to environmental matters in February 2009 on the theme of "Peace with water", which culminated with the elaboration of a memorandum for a world water protocol and participation in the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The forum attended the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Copenhagen, 7-18 December 2009.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The forum mobilized civil society on environmental issues, aspects and effects of the financial and economic crisis and solutions to it. In each year of the reporting period, it observed World Water Day on 22 March, International Mother Earth Day on 22 April and World AIDS Day on 1 December.

16. World Resources Institute

Special, 1989

Introduction

The World Resources Institute focuses on the intersection of the environment and socioeconomic development. It goes beyond research to put ideas into action, working globally with Governments, business and civil society to build transformative solutions that protect the earth and improve people's lives.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The transformative ideas of the institute protect the earth, promote development and advance social equity because sustainability is essential to meeting human needs today and fulfilling human aspirations tomorrow. It spurs progress by providing practical strategies for change and effective tools to implement them.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The institute signed a memorandum of understanding with UNEP that provides a framework of cooperation and understanding and facilitates collaboration on shared goals and objectives. Activities include a partnership between the two organizations to assist countries in applying the Guidelines for the Development of National Legislation on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The institute participated in the following meetings:

- In 2009, the eighth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, New York, 20 April-1 May and the eighth session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 18-29 May
- In 2010, the eighteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 3-14 May and informal interactive hearings of the General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector
- In 2011, the ninth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, New York, 24 January-4 February, the second meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, New York, 7 and 8 March 2011, the nineteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 2-13 May, and the second intersessional meeting of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, New York, 15 and 16 December
- In 2012, initial discussions on the zero draft of the outcome document of the Conference on Sustainable Development, the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York, 27 February-9 March, the third intersessional meeting of the Conference on Sustainable Development, New York, 26 and 27 March and the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In partnership with UNEP, UNDP and the World Bank, the institute prepared, distributed and promoted a report entitled *World Resources 2010-2011: Decision Making in a Changing Climate* to help developing country officials at the national level make decisions that support communities and economic sectors to become more climate resilient. The report offers specific, practical strategies and innovative case studies on how to integrate climate change risks into national policies and planning. It also provides recommendations in five key public policy areas for developing government officials and donor agencies: public engagement, decision-relevant information, institutional design, tools for planning and policymaking and resources.

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

Through its work on the green economy in the United Nations in 2011 and subsequent work on the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, both directly and through its network of partners, the institute has established itself as one of the “go to” think tanks on sustainable development. It is now able to engage actively with both the High-level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the Open Working Group of the General Assembly on Sustainable Development Goals to ensure that the emerging goals are universal and that they fully integrate sustainability and equity.

17. World Water Council

Special, 2005

Introduction

The idea for a World Water Council as an international multi-stakeholder platform was born at the United Nations Water Conference at Mar del Plata, Argentina, in 1977 in response to increasing concern about world water issues from the global community. The World Water Council was established in Marseille, France, in 1996 as a non-profit non-governmental umbrella organization.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The council provides an international multi-stakeholder platform to over 300 active members from more than 60 countries. It is governed by a Board of 36 Governors and its President and Bureau, representing varying aspects of water policymaking, management and use. The council also catalyses initiatives and activities, the results of which converge every three years toward its flagship event, the World Water Forum.

Significant changes in the organization

Minor changes to the constitution were ratified by the General Assembly of the World Water Council in 2009. Its by-laws were ratified in 2009 by the General Assembly and minor modifications to them approved in 2012. New Board Governors were elected in both 2009 and 2012 and a new President took office in 2012.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The council played an active role in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in June 2012 by contributing to the zero draft of the outcome document at the end of 2011 and actively participating in the online stakeholder consultation process. It spoke at the UN-Water side event that took place on site. It also acted as rapporteur on the sustainable development dialogue for water organized by the Government of Brazil just prior to the conference. Three recommendations were transmitted directly to the Heads of State and Governments through one of four round-table sessions, namely to secure water supply by protecting biodiversity, ecosystems and water sources.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The council participated in the following meetings:

(a) The fifteenth to eighteenth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. At the eighteenth session, the Government of Qatar and the Secretary-General invited the council to a high-level side event on 4 December 2012 in Doha, attended by United Nations system leaders from UNEP, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the World Bank and high-level representatives of the host country and of the States parties to the Convention;

(b) The seventeenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, New York, 4-15 May 2009, at which the council presented the results of the fifth World Water Forum during a side event co-organized with its Turkish partners;

(c) A meeting with the Secretary-General, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, at which various opportunities for future collaboration between United Nations agencies and the water community were discussed, with special attention given to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development and the subject of green growth;

(d) The UN-Water International Conference in Zaragoza, Spain, on 3-5 October 2011 on the theme of “Water in the green economy in practice: towards Rio 2012”, at which the council was a member of the steering committee and participated on site;

(e) The high-level meeting on water and food security organized by Qatar and the Office of the Secretary-General during the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly in September 2012, which was attended by the Secretary-General and the Director of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), FAO and UN-Habitat were governing members of the council from 2009 to 2012 and UNESCO and UN-Habitat were re-elected in 2012. The council continues to be an official partner of UN-Water and attends its annual meetings. In addition, it continues to collaborate regularly in the edition of successive reports on world water development of the UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme.

The council has been a continuous member of the High-Level Expert Panel on Water and Disaster of the Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation. Following the convening of the panel (with representation from the Advisory Board, the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, WMO, UNESCO, UNICEF and the International Centre for Water Hazard and Risk Management) and after issuing its report entitled “Prevention and action to minimize death and destruction: building resilience toward sustainable development” during the fifth World Water Forum in Istanbul in 2009, the council delivered a speech on disaster prevention at a conference organized by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva. In April 2011, members of the Bureau of the council were invited by Japanese officials on an official mission to inspect the devastation caused by the tsunami in the north-east of the country.

On 14 March 2012, during the sixth World Water Forum, the council convened a high-level panel on the subject of the right to water and sanitation in collaboration with the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation.

FAO led the preparation on the subject of water and food for both the fifth and sixth World Water Forums and participated in a high-level panel on water, food and energy during the fifth World Water Forum. The Director-General of FAO and the President of the council met on 4 October 2010 and again on World Water Day in 2012 in Rome.

Other United Nations organizations, such as UN-Habitat, UNEP, WHO, WMO and UNESCO, have assumed major coordinating roles for the thematic and political processes of the fifth and sixth World Water Forums.

The council is a member of the steering committee for the UNDP Hub for Innovative Partnerships. This initiative aims to support the 1 per cent solidarity mechanism in the field of water and sanitation, as part of innovative funding initiatives to achieve target 7C of the Millennium Development Goals.

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

The World Water Forums are the main mechanisms of the council for promoting further reflection and exchange of ideas and catalysing positive change to resolve today's water-related challenges. Representatives of national and local governments, United Nations agencies, intergovernmental organizations, civil society, academia, water operators, business and industry, professional associations, indigenous groups, youth and the media come to the Forums to exchange views and advance the international water agenda.

The Water Monitoring Alliance, an online portal in English, French and Spanish is designed to accommodate multi-criteria searches and to present country and regional information, for example on water supply and sanitation coverage, water resource availability and use, and provides links to monitoring activities by country and region. Over 50 country profiles are now available.

Right to Water and Sanitation Programme. Since 1996, the council has been working on this subject. It has also contributed to a consultation process led by OHCHR on human rights obligations related to access to safe drinking water and sanitation.

Water and Green Growth Programme. On 29 November 2010, the council initiated a multi-year partnership with the Government of the Republic of Korea on the role of water resources as a catalyst to sustainable economic growth.

Water for Growth and Development in Africa. In partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, the Council published a report at the end of 2011 proposing a framework for financial decision-making in an African context to ensure water security and human and economic security.

Water and Food Security. A memorandum of understanding was signed with the Qatar National Food Security Programme in October 2012 to establish a programme on this issue. This work will be initiated in 2013 with a view to first conclusions being presented at the seventh World Water Forum in 2015.

Additional information

Water and Climate. In 2009, the council published a synthesis report entitled "Don't stick your head in the sand" and 16 perspective papers on adaptation to climate change with the UNESCO cooperative programme on water and climate, the International Water Association and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Financing. At the fifth World Water Forum in 2009, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and the council launched a joint report

entitled “Creditor reporting system on aid activities”. A high-level panel on the theme of “Water to extinguish the financial and economic fires” was convened on the same occasion with representation from FAO and the Secretary-General’s Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation.

Finally, the council has actively participated in and promoted many awareness-raising events around the world, including World Water Day on 22 March (dedicated to water quality in 2010, urbanization in 2011 and food in 2012), International Mother Earth Day on 22 April 2010 and Live Earth in April 2010. In particular, the council created and operated the World Water Pavilion at Expo 2010 in Shanghai, China, where approximately 500,000 visitors, including a significant number of younger people, were introduced to world water challenges. It also organized a photo contest around the theme of water and cities.
