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1. International Ontopsychology Association

Special, 1999

Introduction

The International Ontopsychology Association (AIO) assists and supports any activities worldwide promoting the improvement of life conditions, the development of the human being, and the full accomplishment of his dignity, in compliance with the Preamble of the Charter of the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIO spreads information through the media about scientific research findings on Ontopsychology, which is a novel approach to therapy that brings evolutionary and therapeutic solutions for the human being.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AIO organized several events during the reporting period celebrating the Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) theme for 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014. It organized a conference in June 2011 entitled “the new BRIC’s youth generation and their future responsibility in the globalized world”. The 2013 AMR theme: “Sciences, Technology and the potential of Culture for promoting Sustainable Development and achieving the MDGs” held in Lizzori and Marudo, Italy, on 22-26 March 2013, gave AIO an occasion to introduce a symposium on “Cultural diversity as a driving force for all Mankind”. Finally, it held a conference in Brazil on the AMR theme “Addressing ongoing and emerging challenges for meeting MDGs in 2015 and on how to sustain development gains for the future”, 16 February 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in all the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) high-level segments during the reported period. AIO also participated in the 2014 Global Forum of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) in Bali, Indonesia, 29-30 August 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIO cooperates with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) Academic Impact, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and UNAOC.

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

AIO organized four summer university courses on Ontopsychology related to the MDGs, and continuously organized international conferences and special events that raised awareness on the MDGs. In support of MDGs 1, 2, 7, and 8, AIO

established an ecobiological project called “Recanto Maestro” in Brazil, in partnership with national entrepreneurial activities and local institutions. This project is a centre of innovative art and humanistic culture that is involved in an innovative urbanization of the area, based on principles of ecobiology. It led to the employment of the local population and promotes local development and education.

2. International Organization for Standardization

General, 1947

Introduction

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is an independent, non-governmental, membership organization and the world’s largest developer of voluntary International Standards. It comprises 162 member countries that are the national standards bodies around the world, with a Central Secretariat based in Geneva, Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Through International Standards, ISO aims to promote the development of standardization and related activities with the objective of facilitating international exchange of goods and services and developing cooperation in the spheres of intellectual, scientific, technological, and economic activity.

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, ISO provided and delivered training and capacity-building activities involving more than 17,200 participants from 118 countries.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISO has participated in the following meetings, among others:

- the annual sessions of the joint Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)/World Health Organization (WHO) Codex Alimentarius Commission held in Geneva, Switzerland, and Rome, Italy;
- the monthly meetings organized by the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG);
- International Atomic Energy Agency’s (IAEA) Safety Standards Committee, international conferences and technical meetings; and
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations (Working Party 29); and
- UNECE Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (Working Party 6).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ISO cooperated with several United Nations bodies, as follows:

- Since February 2013, a FAO representative participates in a Working Group developing a technical specification on animal welfare.
- ISO produced many standards in coordination with the International Maritime Organization (IMO), including 28000 series on security management systems for the supply chain.
- ISO and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) collaborate in the framework of the World Standards Cooperation.
- ISO has produced many standards with UNECE, as reflected in the United Nations Global Technical Regulations (GTRs).
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) participates in the work of ISO/TC 207/SC 7, greenhouse gas management, and related activities.
- A strong collaboration exists with the WHO on ISO/TC 215, health informatics, and ISO/TC 212, clinical laboratory testing and in vitro diagnostic test systems.

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

ISO technical committees contributed to the realisation of the MDGs, among others: ISO/TC 265, Carbon dioxide capture, transportation, and geological storage (2011); ISO/TC 268, Sustainable development in communities (2012); ISO/TC 282, Water re-use (2013); ISO/TC 285, Clean cook stoves and clean cooking solutions (2013), and ISO/PC 278, Anti-bribery management systems (2013).

3. International Planned Parenthood Federation (Europe region)

Special, 2003

Introduction

The International Planned Parenthood Federation European Network (IPPF EN) is one of the six regions of the IPPF, with its regional office in Brussels, Belgium, and 39 Member Associations in Europe and Central Asia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IPPF EN's mission is to advance the basic human right of all people to make free and informed choices in their sexual and reproductive lives; and to fight for the accessibility to high quality information, education, and health services regarding sexuality and sexual identities, conception, contraception, safe abortion and sexually transmitted diseases (STI) and HIV/AIDS.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IPPF EN actively contributed to the consultation processes at the national, regional and international levels to review the Post 2015 global development framework, the International Conference on Population and Development +20 (ICPD+20) and Beijing+20 programmes.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPPF EN attended, among others, the following meetings:

- all sessions of the Commission on Population and Development (CPD), New York;
- the United Nations Population Fund Eastern Europe and Central Asia Regional Office (UNFPA EECARO) High-level Consultative Meeting on Reproductive Health Commodity Security, Brussels, Belgium, 6-7 June 2012;
- World Health Organization (WHO) Europe Conference “Eliminating violence against women”, Vienna, Austria, 25-26 November 2013;
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Women Regional Consultation on Beijing+20, Geneva, Switzerland, 6-7 November 2014;
- 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 10-21 March 2014; and
- United Nations General Assembly Special Session on ICPD Beyond 2014, 22 September 2014, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

WHO Europe and IPPF EN jointly organized a meeting on improving access to safe abortion care and related reproductive health services in the European Region, 30-31 May 2012, Riga, Latvia. IPPF EN signed a letter of Understanding with the UNFPA EECARO accompanied by Annual Work Plans (AWP). IPPF EN organized in collaboration with UNFPA EECAR the 3 first regional Inter Agency Working Group on Reproductive Health in Crises Forums, 20-21 November 2012, 6-7 November 2013, and 14-16 October 2014, Istanbul, Turkey.

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

IPPF EN continued to support initiatives in the region to hold governments accountable for the implementation of MDG 5b. A high-level meeting was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, on 19-20 March 2013 with governmental representatives, donors, and international institutions aimed at positioning Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights regional needs in the Post 2015 review.

4. International Police Executive Symposium

Special, 2011

Introduction

The International Police Executive Symposium (IPES) brings police researchers and practitioners together to facilitate cross-cultural, international, and interdisciplinary exchanges and publications for enhancement of effective and humane policing and rule of law in all nations of the world.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IPES hosts a global conference annually encouraging discussions and writings on challenging topics, including human rights; criminal exploitation of women and children; police and community relations; and intelligence exchange, among other subjects.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IPES held its 23rd Annual Meeting entitled “Economic Development, Armed Violence and Public Safety” in New York, in cooperation with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), 5-10 August 2012. The proceedings of the meetings were published in a book entitled “Economic Development, Crime and Policing: Global Perspectives”, to be released in late 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IPES attended, among others, the following meetings:

- 57th and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, and delivered an oral statement during CSW57 and held a parallel event during CSW58 entitled “Policies and Practices in Addressing Violence against Women and Girls: An Interdisciplinary Approach”, 10 March 2014.
- 7th Session of the Conference of the Parties to United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNODC), 6-10 October 2014, Vienna, Austria, and organized a side event entitled “Strategies in Combating Transnational Organized Crime in Africa: The Ghanaian Experience”.
- United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women’s (UN Women) 2nd Annual Stakeholders Forum, 4-5 December 2013, New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

International Police Executive Symposium is a member of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York. Additionally, IPES is currently working with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to discuss matters of mutual interest, collaboration, and a future meeting to be held in 2016 in

Vienna, Austria, with support of the Academic Council of the United Nations System.

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

IPES promoted gender equality and empowerment of women during the side event held during CSW 58.

5. International Real Estate Federation

Special, 1995

Introduction

The International Real Estate Federation (FIABCI) is a business network of real estate professionals worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FIABCI provides access and opportunity for real estate professionals interested in gaining knowledge, sharing information, and conducting international business 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

In May 2014 FIABCI became a partner of the United Nations Global Compact Cities Programme (UNGCCP), serving on the United Nations Sustainable Development Education Caucus as a real estate advisor. Additionally, it has organized several side events, including:

- a side event of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Real Estate Market Advisory Group (REM) on Greening the Real Estate Market during the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), 21 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;
- a side event at World Urban Forum (WUF) 6 in Naples, Italy, 1-7 September 2012, and WUF 7 in Medellin, Colombia, 8 April 2014; and
- a side event in the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) Thinkers Campus, Caserta, Italy, 18 October 2014.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings, among others:

- United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) Corporate Sustainability Forum at Rio+20, 20-22 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil;
- UNECE Green Economy Seminar “Building the cities we want”, 21 June 2012, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and

- Meeting of ministers and heads of agencies for housing, urban development, and land administration from 55 countries, which led to the adoption of a regional Strategy for Sustainable Housing and Land Management (2014-2020), 8 October 2013, Geneva, Switzerland.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FIABCI has contributed to and supported the work of UNECE REM. It coordinated an UNECE REM project on real estate rating: “Real Estate property and market risk evaluation for Real Estate backed financial products”. FIABCI also works with UN-Habitat, UNGC and UNGCCP to promote sustainability in real estate.

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

FIABCI’s activities are primarily focused on MDG 7 and 8. FIABCI has kept a focus on sustainability. The promotion of the Policy Framework on Sustainable Real Estate Markets supports the role of a transparent, structured real estate market as a cornerstone of any national economy. FIABCI has continued to be a main representative of the private sector at UNECE REM. Through its awards programme the “FIABCI Prix d’Excellence”, FIABCI recognizes excellence, including in sustainability, in real estate development projects around the world.

6. International Religious Liberty Association

Special, 2003

Introduction

The International Religious Liberty Association (IRLA) is an association dedicated to freedom of conscience for all people. The IRLA has national associations in 80 countries and 13 regional chapters that cover the whole globe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IRLA disseminates the principles of religious liberty throughout the world; defends and safeguards civil rights of all people: freedom to worship or not to worship, to adopt a religion or belief of their choice, to manifest their religious convictions in observance, promulgation, and teaching, subject only to the respect for the equivalent rights of others; supports the right of religious organizations to operate freely in every country by their establishing and owning charitable or educational institutions; and organizes local, regional, and national chapters as well as seminars, and congresses.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

IRLA organizes yearly meetings of experts, seminars, symposiums, and religious liberty festivals in all continents; publishes a journal ‘Fides et Libertas’

and a World Report every four years; and runs a TV programme ‘Global Faith and Freedom on religious freedom around the world’.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IRLA regularly attends meetings of the Human Rights Committee in New York and Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. IRLA participates in the annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and other United Nations sponsored meetings such as the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IRLA collaborates with the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief. It actively affirms, develops, and educates about the principles of religious liberty and freedom of conscience enshrined in the United Nations documents dealing with religious freedom.

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

IRLA focused its activities on the development and implementation of educational and awareness programmes to expand knowledge of religious freedom and human rights for all people and groups around the world. IRLA was also involved in the campaign against human trafficking.

7. International Rescue Committee

Special, 1999

Introduction

The mission of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) is to help people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover, and gain control of their future. The IRC has operational presence in more than 40 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The IRC serves people forced to flee from war, conflict, and disaster and the host communities that support them, as well as those who remain within their homes and communities. The IRC aims to be a leader in the humanitarian field by implementing high-impact, cost-effective programmes and using its learning and experience to shape policy and practice.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The IRC implements programmes to achieve outcomes in safety, health, education, income and power for the people the organization serves.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

IRC participates in a number of United Nations consultation processes, conferences, meetings, and panels. IRC engages with the United Nations through the Inter-Agency Standing Committee, notably through participation in the Emergency Directors Group (2014-2016) and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) and InterAction.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IRC partners with United Nations specialized agencies, such as the United Nations High Commissioner Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) to deliver relief and assistance. The IRC engages with the United Nations Secretariat — including the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), the Department of Political Affairs (DPA) and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) on issues pertaining to protection and assistance. The organization also participated in the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Humanitarian Affairs Segment, during which it co-sponsored a side event in 2014.

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

The IRC's work in crisis countries in healthcare, including maternal and reproductive health, as well as child protection and education, economic recovery and development, and women's empowerment all contribute to the achievement of the MDGs. More recently, the IRC has joined efforts to contribute to the drafting of the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly to ensure that those living in conflict areas are not left behind.

8. International Road Safety

Special, 1987

Introduction

La Prévention Routière Internationale (PRI) is a worldwide NGO founded in 1959. PRI demands zero tolerance for road victims. It focuses on prevention and human factor. Its members are specialists in school education, communication, campaigns, and advocacy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

PRI's aim is to promote road safety at the international level, by raising awareness for road safety, and stimulate international cooperation between national road safety organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

PRI and its members committed themselves to the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020. PRI actively participated in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) symposium held in Belgrade, Serbia, in 2011 to launch the Decade of Action. It organized its annual international conferences within the framework of the Decade. Additionally, PRI attended the 2nd United Nations Global Road Safety Week and organized LongShortWalks in many countries. In May 2013 it organized an international conference on road safety of pedestrians and cyclists during the road safety week. PRI also participated in the launch event of the 2013 United Nations Global Status Report on Road Safety in Geneva.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

PRI is member of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration (UNRSC) and attended all its meetings. PRI participated as an observer in the UNECE-Working Party 1 (UNECE-WP1) and attended some of its meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

PRI cooperated with UNRSC and UNECE-WP1. In all the international events, PRI collaborated with the United Nations bodies, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and country representatives from the Middle East, North Africa, and Eastern Europe.

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

PRI, directly and through UNRSC, made a contribution to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable development (Rio+20). It continues to support to the Post-2015 Development Agenda and the inclusion of road safety, through the UNRSC and the Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals.

9. International Samaritan

Special, 2011

Introduction

International Samaritan provides education, housing, food, micro-loans, and service immersion experiences to alleviate poverty in developing countries. Its programmes target garbage dump communities in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Haiti, and Ethiopia.

Aims and purposes of the organization

International Samaritan aims to alleviate poverty in garbage dump communities worldwide. International Samaritan accomplishes its goals through donations and volunteer's efforts, which are used to build and fund schools, nurseries, housing, and medical centres; and provide food programmes, and scholarships.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The International Samaritan works through various programmes, as follows:

- Housing: International Samaritan built housing for families with single mothers living in the garbage dump community of Granada, Nicaragua.
- Education: International Samaritan has supported and improved schools in Nicaragua and Guatemala, which provide education to 2,450 children through high school. The organization supported sixty students with scholarships to attend school in Guatemala and Ethiopia.
- Nursery: International Samaritan supported the Santa Clara Nursery in Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- Food and Nutrition: International Samaritan supported two food programmes in Guatemala City, Guatemala.
- Medical Missions: it organized multiple medical and dental brigades to Honduras and Nicaragua.
- Poverty Awareness: International Samaritan organized 66 service learning immersion experiences for high schools, colleges, and churches.
- Women Empowerment and Support: International Samaritan started and supported a “Girls Club” in Guatemala City, Guatemala, that provides assistance in the educational and personal lives of young women.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

International Samaritan’s work contributed to MDGs 1-6, as described above. International Samaritan also contributed to MGD 8 in Nicaragua and Guatemala by partnering with the local and regional municipalities, Nicaraguan Ministry of Health, and a local NGO to build homes, improve schools, and organize medical missions.

10. International Service for Human Rights

Special, 1991

Introduction

The International Service for Human Rights (ISHR) is an independent NGO established in 1984 and dedicated to promoting and protecting human rights.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ISHR's goal is to support human rights defenders and advocate for stronger and more effective human rights laws and institutions. It conducts research and analysis and undertakes policy development and advocacy. It provides capacity building to human rights defenders and conducts strategic litigation at the international and regional level.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ISHR supports and accompanies defenders in their advocacy at the Human Rights Council (HRC), Universal Periodic Review, United Nations Human Rights treaty bodies and the General Assembly. It works to ensure that the role and needs for protection of women defenders are reflected in international standards and resolutions; strengthen the protection of corporate accountability NGOs under international and national laws and policies; and end reprisals against human rights defenders. It also publishes periodic newsletters with the latest international human rights news, views and developments, as well as handbooks and research reports.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISHR made many statements at the HRC and held many parallel events at the HRC and General Assembly, including the following, among others:

- parallel meeting on most at-risk human rights defenders, HRC 19th Session, Geneva, Switzerland, 2012;
- Statement on the protection of human rights defenders, HRC 23rd Session, 2013;
- parallel meeting on indigenous peoples and the international human rights framework, 67th Session of the General Assembly, 2012; and
- parallel event, co-sponsored by mission of Tunisia and of Uruguay, on pledges and vision of candidates for the HRC, 69th Session of the General Assembly, 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In October 2011, ISHR participated in a high-level panel discussion on "Stopping reprisals for cooperating with the United Nations in the field of human rights", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), on the sides of the General Assembly. In 2014, ISHR and the OHCHR co-organized a panel on the protection of human rights defenders during the Forum on Business and Human Rights.

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

ISHR published analytical reports on States reviewed under the Universal Periodic Review. The reports include updates on State's achievements on the MDGs.

11. International Sociological Association

Special, 2003

Introduction

International Sociological Association (ISA) is a non-profit association for scientific purposes that represent sociologists everywhere, regardless of their school of thought, scientific approaches, or ideological opinion.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ISA's goal is to advance sociological knowledge throughout the world. It establishes contacts between sociologists and other social scientists throughout the world and encourages international dissemination and exchange of information on developments in sociological knowledge. It facilitates and promotes international research and training, convenes meetings, and regularly schedules world congresses.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Some of the conferences organized by ISA include: "Beyond the Crisis: Sociology Facing New Forms of Risk, Uncertainty and Precarity", with the Spanish Federation of Sociology, 2013; and "Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology", 18th ISA World Congress of Sociology, Japan, 2014. ISA also led activities for young scholars. It organized International Laboratories for PhD Students in Social Sciences where students presented their doctoral projects work. ISA has also published numerous books and studies.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISA attended, among others, the following meetings:

- 55th, 56th, 57th, and 58th Session on the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- 10th and 11th Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, New York, 2011, 2012;
- Committee on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), Geneva, Switzerland, 2011;
- Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Vienna, Austria, 2011, 2012; and

– 65th United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Conference, New York, August 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ISA organized side events during all CSW sessions during the reporting period and provided statements and literature reviews to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) conferences.

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

The theme of the ISA World Congress of Sociology in 2014, “Facing an Unequal World: Challenges for Global Sociology”, was chosen in line with the MDGs. Plenary speakers offered papers on the risks produced by the destruction of the social fabric and the state of neglect suffered by millions of human beings that barely survive.

12. International Statistical Institute

Special, 1947

Introduction

The International Statistical Institute (ISI) is a professional society established in 1885, with individual and institutional members in over 140 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ISI’s objective is to promote the understanding, development, and good practice of statistics worldwide. ISI organizes workshops and trainings to build capacity in the area of statistics. ISI also holds a biennial World Statistics Congress that brings together several thousands of statisticians.

Significant changes in the organization

Revised Statutes and By-Laws came into effect on 29 November 2011.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ISI organized the World Statistics Congress in 2011 in Dublin, Republic of Ireland, and in 2013 in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China. ISI launched the International statistical literacy project increasing statistical literacy for youth and adults across 120 countries. It co-organized the International Year of Statistics in 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ISI participated in the 42nd, 43rd, 44th, and 45th Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission (UNSC), New York, 22-25 February 2011; 28 February-2 March 2012; 26 February-1 March 2013; 3-7 March 2014. It organized a side event “Developing a Partnership between the Statistical Agencies and the International Statistical Institute: A Discussion” during the 45th Session, on 3 March 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ISI cooperated with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD) on World Statistics Day and the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and Big Data. The UNSD organizes several sessions in the biennial ISI World Statistics Congresses.

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

ISI has undertaken several initiatives aiming at increasing the statistical capacity in developing countries and thus the statistical basis for the MDGs. Examples are the initiatives for the High-level Workshops on Leadership in Modern Statistical Systems for Anglophone African Countries in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and for Francophone countries in Dakar, Senegal; and initiatives for mentoring systems for students in developing countries.

13. International Touring Alliance

Special, 1947

Introduction

The International Touring Alliance (AIT) is a federation of automobile associations, touring clubs, and tourist bodies. Its 126 member associations from 98 countries represent over 120 million individual club members worldwide.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AIT's main objectives are to facilitate tourist travel, particularly with regard to movement across national borders and driving abroad. To this end, AIT strives to harmonize international traffic regulations and protect road-users from abusive and restrictive taxation, procedures, and legislation. It also works to promote all measures which may contribute to road safety and the responsible use of all means of transport.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Each year, AIT takes part in numerous meetings of various United Nations Working Groups, mainly those within the framework of the Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Within the Economic Commission for Europe, the AIT takes an active part in the work of the Inland Transport Committee and its specialized working parties. Written and oral reports are submitted on subjects related to road safety, international driving permits, customs matters, and border facilitation documents. The AIT participates on a regular basis in the Working Party on Customs Questions Affecting Transport (WP.30), the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), and

the Forum for the Harmonisation of Vehicle Regulations (WP.29), among others. AIT has been actively involved in recent revisions of the United Nations Customs Conventions on the Temporary Importation of Private Road Vehicles (1954), the Commercial Road Vehicles (1956), and the Convention on Road Traffic of 1968.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AIT closely follows the activities of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and takes an active part in their work insofar as it relates to the AIT's fields of competence.

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

The AIT, in collaboration with the International Automobile Federation (FIA), supports the United Nations Decade of Action on Road Safety and the Post-2015 Agenda targets for road safety and sustainable transport.

14. International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development

Special, 2003

Introduction

International Volunteerism Organization for Women, Education and Development (VIDES) is an international youth volunteering organization which coordinates activities to promote of the rights of women, youth, and children, especially for those most in need, in 43 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

VIDES implements educational and training programmes targeted to children, youth, and women so they can be active and participative citizens in their societies.

Significant changes in the organization

VIDES opened local units in Brazil; the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela; Spain; Switzerland; the Republic of Congo; Colombia; and Haiti.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

VIDES organized a Regional Seminar on "Human Rights and volunteerism", 31 October-2 November 2013, in Nemi, Italy; and a Regional Conference on "Youth participation and Human Rights", 31 October-2 November 2014, in Viterbo, Italy. It also held ad-hoc training courses for human rights defenders, such as "The right to education of children living and/or working in the street" February-March 2011, Geneva, Switzerland, among others.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

VIDES participated in the Human Rights Council (HRC), Universal Periodic Review (UPR), and Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). VIDES regularly

collaborated with the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). From 2011 to 2014, VIDES submitted 41 statements to the HRC; 16 UPR joint-submissions; organized 6 side events during HRC regular sessions and 4 parallel events during the CSW.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

VIDES and its local partner, the Salesian Sisters of Don Bosco, reinforced a partnership with United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) in the Dantokpa Market, Cotonou (Benin), where children victims of exploitation are supported. VIDES and Salesian Sisters also collaborated with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to prevent and reduce gender-based violence in Cotonou, Benin.

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

VIDES's work has supported the MGDs, through the following activities, among others:

- MDG 1: Job orientation courses and vocational training for deprived youth; emergency food assistance;
- MDG 2: Building or renovating schools; Training teachers; Sponsoring of primary education children;
- MDG 3: Vocational courses and entrepreneurial training for women;
- MDG 4: Provision of general medical care; Food supplements for children;
- MDG 5: Provision of women medical care;
- MDG 7: Building wells; Installation of water filters to provide drinking water; and
- MDG 8: Organization of computer training and English speaking courses for youth.

15. International Women's Health Coalition

Special, 1995

Introduction

The International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC) works in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as on a global level.

Aims and purposes of the organization

IWHC advances the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of women and young people, particularly adolescent girls.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Among other events, IWHC actively participated in negotiations for the reviews of Rio+20, the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 2014, Beijing+20, and the post-2015 agenda. IWHC also advocated for the child, early and forced marriage Resolution at the 24th Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) and Resolution 65 at the 68th Session of the General Assembly.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated, among others, to the following meetings:

- 55th, 56th, 57th, and 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20-22 June 2012;
- General Assembly Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals, New York, March 2013 - July 2014;
- High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Goals, New York, June-July 2014;
- General Assembly Special Session on ICPD Beyond 2014, New York, September 2014; and
- Economic Commission for Africa: Beijing+20 Review, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, November 2014.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

IWHC provided strategic and technical advice to several United Nations bodies, including: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women), and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). Additionally, UNFPA funded IWHC to train young women advocates on reproductive health from the Global South in 2011.

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

In 2011, IWHC co-sponsored “Expanding community-level access to midwifery resources,” with UNAIDS, UNFPA, United Nations International Children’s Fund (UNICEF), the World Bank and WHO to accelerate progress in maternal health. During the reporting period, IWHC provided 59 institutional grants to organizations working to advance MDG 5b to achieve universal access to reproductive health.