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## **1. Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication**

**Special, 2011**

### **Introduction**

Action sensibilisation sur les nouvelles technologies de l'information et de la communication (ASNTIC) is a non-governmental organization based in the Democratic Republic of the Congo that is focused on the development of information technology as the leitmotif of social and economic progress. Our activities are directly linked to the mission of the International Telecommunication Union and the Internet Governance Forum. Over the years, our organization has remained focused on three areas of work: (1) awareness-raising about information and communications technology; (2) digital capacity-building; and (3) information-sharing and access to the Internet.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The primary aims and purposes of ASNTIC are to build capacity among youth and women in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the area of information and communications technology; promote and raise awareness of new technologies in the Democratic Republic of the Congo; provide free basic computer classes in different schools, neighbourhoods, universities, associations, institutions and companies; and facilitate children's access to digital technology.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

No contribution was specified.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

We participated remotely in the Internet Governance Forum that was held in João Pessoa, Brazil, from 10 to 13 November 2015, and we gave a presentation on improving Internet access in rural areas of Africa.

We also presented a project on women's access to digital technology at the World Summit on the Information Society held by the International Telecommunication Union in Geneva from 2 to 6 May 2016.

In June 2017 we participated in the National Internet Governance Forum in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at which we made proposals for improving the quality of Internet service in the country.

A delegation of women and men judges from ASNTIC took part in the work of the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, which was held from 12 to 23 March 2018.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In November 2018, ahead of the 2019 presidential and legislative elections, teams from our organization worked with representatives of the National Internet Governance Forum to train 1,000 informal election observers on techniques and procedures for collecting electoral data.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

In January 2016, our provincial branch in Kisangani provided training in the use of the Internet to agricultural entrepreneurs, with the aim of equipping them with good practices for agricultural projects.

## **2. Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

Action solidaire pour le développement communautaire (ASODECOM) is a non-profit organization under the law of Burundi, recognized under Ministerial Order No. 530/1459 of 18 November 2010. ASODECOM dreams of a Burundi that is free of violence and poverty and has an entrepreneurial spirit, and where every family enjoys well-being.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

ASODECOM aims to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of the people. Its objectives are to protect and promote human rights; promote initiatives to protect the environment in order to combat climate change; help the population of Burundi to enhance their well-being through self-development; and play an active part in combating corruption in all its forms.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

After having acquired consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, ASODECOM carried out a restructuring exercise and reoriented its activities in order to align itself with Council resolution 1996/31. Two ASODECOM representatives to the Council were appointed, and the organization refocused its priorities on the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. ASODECOM is committed to collaborating with the education and academic sector and strengthening its local and international partnerships in order to contribute effectively to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

In the context of the upcoming 2020 elections, ASODECOM, in partnership with the International Peace Youth Group and the Euphrates Institute, has organized forums for exchanges between youth members of political parties and other segments of Burundi society on safeguarding peace and security in order to put an end to violence and follow the path of democracy, with a view to ensuring a better future for the country.

Efforts to combat climate change have been at the heart of the activities of ASODECOM. The organization has participated in a water monitoring project and a tree planting project on the respective international days dedicated to those themes.

Furthermore, ASODECOM, in partnership with Child and Youth Finance International and with support from the Group of 20 Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion, has promoted youth entrepreneurship through the national platform for young entrepreneurs.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The ASODECOM representatives to the Economic and Social Council have tried many times to register to participate in person at a variety of meetings, without success. However, the organization has consistently followed the Council's activities online.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Cooperation with United Nations bodies on the ground was impossible during the period in question, as it coincided with four years of political turmoil in Burundi, during which relations between the Government and local and foreign organizations were flawed. We expect there to be open cooperation during the next reporting period.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

- Promotion of entrepreneurship through the encouragement of youth entrepreneurship initiatives (Security Council resolution [2250 \(2015\)](#))
- Promotion of the use of information and communications technology by young people and women
- Monitoring of the human rights situation and advocacy for the respect of universal principles regarding the promotion and protection of human rights
- Organizing discussions on the promotion of peace for youth representatives within political entities, civil society, the media, academia and student bodies.

## **3. Actions pour l'environnement et le développement durable**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

Actions pour l'environnement et le développement durable (ACED) is a non-profit organization working on agricultural and food security issues in Benin. It aims to be a leader in the provision of capacity-building for agricultural communities, with a view to enhancing food and nutrition security.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The mission of ACED is to improve food and nutrition security in Benin while ensuring environmental sustainability. ACED runs three programmes, concerning (1) agriculture and food security; (2) climate change; and (3) information and communications technology for agriculture. ACED takes an approach that combines action research, political advocacy and business to achieve its objectives. Research produces evidence that is useful in the design and implementation of relevant actions that will have an impact on communities. Since change can be maintained only with the involvement of and support from politicians, ACED carries out advocacy targeted at politicians with a view to drawing their attention to its work, engaging in dialogue and obtaining their support for its activities. To ensure that its actions are sustainable, ACED ensures that they are economically viable and able to attract interest and support from the private sector and from communities at the grass-roots level.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

ACED has developed a project for the sustainable development of the mangroves at Ramsar site No. 1017 in Benin, with financing from the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

On 11 and 12 December 2017, France hosted an international climate summit to mark the second anniversary of the adoption of the Paris Agreement, which was organized jointly by the United Nations and the World Bank. At the summit, ACED gave a presentation on its activities to help local communities adapt to climate change. It also presented and shared several papers on its experiences.

In 2015, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) office in Benin organized a national workshop to approve the national climate change adaptation programme. ACED participated actively in the workshop by sharing its experiences, with a view to the improvement of the activities envisaged in the plan.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

In 2015 ACED, on behalf of the UNDP office in Benin, conducted a national study regarding the design of a new programmatic framework to guide the sixth operational phase of the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme. The framework was successfully developed, which enabled other technical and financial partners to be mobilized in support of the implementation plan for the framework.

In 2018, ACED received technical and financial support from the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme to implement a project for the sustainable development of the mangroves at Ramsar site No. 1017 in Benin.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

ACED is contributing to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2 and 15, on eradicating poverty, ending hunger and conserving terrestrial ecosystems, through the development of income-generating activities, such as beekeeping (to conserve mangroves), environmentally-friendly market gardening and urban gardening. It is contributing to the achievement of Goals 7, 13 and 14, on affordable clean energy, action to combat climate change and the conservation of marine resources, through its work on the resilience of inland fisheries and the production of biogas from water hyacinths and household waste.

## **4. ADJMOR**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

ADJMOR is a non-governmental organization for communities and indigenous peoples that has no political or religious affiliations. The organization provides technical and other forms of support for local development actors through advisory services, advocacy and activities that contribute to the well-being of peoples. Its focus areas are basic social services (health, education and water), manufacturing, the rural economy and advisory services and training for local authorities. The beneficiaries of its activities fall into various categories: councils of villages and hamlets, indigenous and non-indigenous communities, and associations (school management committees,

community health associations, parents' associations, socioprofessional associations, associations of elected officials and technical services associations).

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

ADJMOR provides the opportunity to acquire skills to support key stakeholders in the decentralization process in Mali, local development and the promotion of human rights. It does so through outreach, advocacy, lobbying and coordination efforts, technical support and information-sharing, with a view to improving the abilities of local indigenous organizations and associations in targeted rural areas to better take into account and address issues relating to development, the environment, peace, security and human rights.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

ADJMOR has submitted contributions to studies of United Nations bodies in response to calls for contributions, including the following:

- Contribution to the study on the right to health and indigenous peoples with a focus on children and youth
- Contribution to the study on the situation of indigenous peoples
- Responses to various questionnaires of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) related to meeting the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Participation in meetings of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome and of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva, as well as in OHCHR fellowship programmes, has strengthened the expertise of members of the organization in human rights issues related to local development in general and to indigenous peoples in particular.

The organization has participated in numerous activities of United Nations bodies:

- In Geneva: the WIPO Intergovernmental Committee and the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations
- In Rome: the Committee on World Food Security of FAO
- In Morocco: the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization has good relations with the following bodies: FAO, the World Food Programme, WIPO and OHCHR. It shares information and participates in meetings and seminars on the topics of human rights and development in general.

## **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

ADJMOR raises awareness among civil society organizations and elected officials and provides training for elected officials on developing economic, social and cultural development programmes that incorporate the Millennium Development Goals.

## **5. Agence pour les droits de l'homme**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

Agence pour les droits de l'homme (ADH) is an association under articles 60 ff. of the Swiss Civil Code. It was established for an indefinite period, and its headquarters is in Geneva. The agency has expanded by opening two offices, one in Belgium (Brussels) and one in Africa (Dakar). ADH endeavours to support victims when:

- A violation of basic rights is deemed to be serious and affects a significant number of individuals
- A case has been put aside or disregarded by large non-governmental organizations, institutions or courts

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims and purposes of ADH are:

- To identify, observe and disseminate information relating to cases of human rights violations anywhere in the world
- To provide up-to-date information regarding new developments in human rights bodies founded by the United Nations, industrialized countries, emerging countries and developing countries
- To promote world peace and the recognition of peoples, while respecting religious, cultural and legal diversity
- To denounce acts of injustice and breaches of human rights norms upheld by the Charter of the United Nations

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

Almost one year ago, the general assembly of ADH appointed the new President.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

ADH has participated in the Human Rights Council in Geneva through written submissions and oral statements and the organization of panels. During the past four years, ADH has continued its human rights efforts in overlooked countries, notably on issues such as the violation of the rights of the minority Shia population by the Nigerian army, human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic, globalization of economic relations and human rights, human rights in Yemen and human rights in the Sudan. In relation to these issues, ADH presented to the Human Rights Council in Geneva:

- Two oral statements at the thirtieth session of the Council
- Two written submissions and two oral statements at the thirty-second session of the Council

- Two written submissions and one oral statement at the thirty-third session of the Council
- Three written submissions at the thirty-fourth session of the Council
- One oral statement during the universal periodic review of the Syrian Arab Republic on 16 March 2017, during the thirty-fourth session of the Council
- One written submission and one oral statement at the thirty-fifth session of the Council
- One written submission and one oral statement at the thirty-sixth session of the Council
- Two written submissions at the thirty-seventh session of the Council

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

During the past four years, ADH has participated in six sessions of the Human Rights Council:

- Thirtieth session, in 2015
- Thirty-second session, in 2016
- Thirty-third session, in 2016
- Thirty-fourth session, in 2016
- Thirty-fifth session, in 2017
- Thirty-sixth session, in 2017

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

ADH has participated in seven sessions of the Human Rights Council and has also tried to increase its cooperation with the Economic and Social Council.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

In order to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, ADH created and coordinated a network of global leaders who could contribute to the achievement of its objectives. It has also employed all appropriate means (the Internet, internal bulletins, reports, etc.) to achieve its objectives and keep the public informed. During the past four years, ADH has collaborated with Swiss and Belgian organizations with similar goals.

## **6. Aide internationale pour l'enfance**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

Founded in 2000, Aide internationale pour l'enfance (AIPE) has a two-pronged mission. Through all its international projects, it seeks to combat child exploitation by promoting the access of children to high-quality education. At the local level, the organization has established itself as a key Canadian actor in global citizenship education.



### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aim of AIPE is to enable child victims of exploitation to reach their full potential through education. To do so, AIPE breaks down prejudices by carrying out important work to raise awareness and implement solutions proposed by local communities.

### **Significant changes in the organization**

The structure of AIPE has remained stable over the past four years, enabling it to prepare to expand by opening a branch in France and by launching a new project in Haiti on children's rights education.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Through its projects, AIPE contributes to the work of the United Nations in the following ways:

- Our school reintegration project in India gives children living in slums access to schools that provide basic education, thereby significantly reducing the number of children who are exploited or kidnapped.
- The project to support young victims of debt bondage in India gives young people the opportunity to receive vocational training and to have access to decent jobs.
- Since 2010, we have supported vocational training for young girls freed from sexual exploitation in Boisar, India.
- The microcredit project has the same aim and contributes effectively to the reduction of poverty among marginalized women in India.
- Our project in Thailand promotes respect for the rights of migrant children, including the rights to education and health.
- The new AIPE project in Haiti promotes the empowerment of children and enables them to develop their potential.
- The global citizenship education projects raise awareness among the public in Canada of the devastating impact of child exploitation.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The founder of AIPE participated in the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 9 to 20 March 2015. During the sixtieth session of the Commission, from 14 to 24 March 2016, she gave a presentation on the positive impact of microcredit on marginalized women in India. The Director General of AIPE participated in the sixty-second session of the Commission, from 12 to 23 March 2018.

Each time we participated in a session of the Commission on the Status of Women, we subsequently raised awareness among our partners, donors and target audiences of the challenges faced by women around the world and of ways to combat inequalities.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

Our educational projects in India, Thailand, Haiti and Canada respond to several Sustainable Development Goals. These projects have a common vision of ensuring that all children have the same right to education (Goal 2). Our projects also promote gender equality and attach great importance to the participation of girls, given that they are less likely than boys to attend school (Goals 5 and 6). Furthermore, the young people whose education we support through school reintegration programmes and the financing of studies are more likely to have access to decent work (Goal 8) and to contribute optimally to social development. In addition, AIPE is developing two other projects. The first enables former victims of sexual exploitation to receive vocational training (Goal 2) and promotes their access to decent work (Goal 8). The second concerns microcredit and allows marginalized women to start a small business, enabling them to provide for their families (Goal 1). These projects enable women to improve their social position through training and entrepreneurship (Goal 5).

## **7. Association “Paix” pour la lutte contre la contrainte et l’injustice**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

Association “Paix” pour la lutte contre la contrainte et l’injustice (APLCI) is an organization that promotes and protects human rights and fights against injustice, without discriminating between the different segments of society. Its focus is on social, economic and cultural rights.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

APLCI defends human values in order to:

- Combat all oppression and exploitation, in the interests of peace and social justice.
- Help ensure harmony in Mauritania and among its people.
- Defend and safeguard the rights and interests of all citizens, without distinction.
- Raise the awareness of all citizens, without distinction, about the effects of all forms of coercion and injustice and organize action by them on the issue.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- In 2015 APLCI, together with other national organizations, contributed to the preparation of the national report of Mauritania for the second cycle of the universal periodic review. As part of the universal periodic review process, an interactive dialogue was held between the members of the Human Rights Council and the national delegation on what the country had done to fulfil its human rights commitments.
- In 2016, the organization participated actively in the twenty-second Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Marrakesh, Morocco.

- In 2017, it participated actively in the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, held at the Palais des Nations, by making an oral statement under agenda item 3, during the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities and the interactive dialogue with the Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism.
- The organization also participated in the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council, at which it made an oral statement under agenda item 3, during the clustered interactive dialogue with the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention and the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences.
- In 2018, the organization participated actively in the work of the ninety-fifth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Geneva, following the submission of its alternative report to the Committee.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- In 2018, APLCI participated actively in the work of the seventy-ninth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva and made a statement to the Committee at the Palais Wilson on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- In 2019, at the fortieth session of the Human Rights Council, the organization made an oral statement under agenda item 3, during the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on minority issues, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Since 2015, APLCI has participated in the cooperation activities of Mauritania with the various human rights mechanisms, in particular the Mauritania country office of OHCHR, with which we have a fruitful partnership in the following areas:

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

#### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

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

## **8. Association Africa 21**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

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

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

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

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

Since 2015, the association has opened two field offices (in Senegal and Cameroon) and is in the process of opening a representative office in France.

It has also been granted observer status by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

Africa 21 has also become a “do tank”. It is a member of several initiatives in Geneva: *Projet Afrique* (University of Geneva), the Programme for Country Partnership and the SDG Lab (United Nations Office at Geneva). Africa 21 currently has more than 100 members.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- Advocacy and dissemination of information concerning the 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals in Africa, through our monitoring activities and conferences
- Analysis of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Africa in our periodical *Afrique durable 2030* (which has 12,000 readers from the development sector) and at our seminars and workshops
- Field project (Empretec) with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in Cameroon
- Active participation in conferences, forums and other events of international organizations in Geneva, including the United Nations Office at Geneva (Programme for Country Partnership and SDG Lab)

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development: Trade and Development Board, Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (ISAR), BioTrade Initiative, e-commerce and the Internet, financing for development, meetings of least developed countries, issues concerning Africa, etc.
- International Telecommunication Union: Summit on the Information Society
- International Labour Organization (ILO): annual conference
- World Health Organization: annual assembly
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- United Nations Environment Programme: finance and business
- Human Rights Council: special procedures and special rapporteurs, socioeconomic rights, right to development, etc.
- World Trade Organization: Public Forum
- World Intellectual Property Organization: developing countries and indigenous knowledge
- Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

- Africa 21 has contributed to the implementation of a project by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to promote youth entrepreneurship in Cameroon (training for trainers and the financing of a business incubator through the City of Geneva solidarity fund).
- The organization is in the process of securing funding for two projects concerning sustainable development in Africa. One is a project in partnership with the West African Economic and Monetary Union on the establishment of eco-entrepreneurship in West Africa. The other involves the organization of media and journalism days in Africa on the theme of climate change, in partnership with Geneva-based international organizations (such as the United Nations Office at Geneva, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Organization of la Francophonie, WMO and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change).
- International Trade Centre, ILO.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

The organization has launched a Sustainable Development Goals Club and a Laboratory for Sustainable Leadership (for leaders of public and private sector organizations, on the vision for 2030).

## **9. Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance**

**Special, 2011**

### **Introduction**

Association burkinabé pour la survie de l'enfance (ABSE), established on 21 July 1991, is an organization whose mission is to work towards the well-being of women and children.

### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

ABSE has the following objectives:

- Combat infant mortality
- Combat ignorance and illiteracy
- Promote and ensure respect for the rights of women and children
- Promote the social reintegration of children and the social and professional reintegration of children and young people in difficult circumstances
- Promote the development and advancement of women and children in Burkina Faso

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

No contribution was specified.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

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

- The annual conference on the status of women held in New York
- The meetings on human rights at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in Geneva

ABSE was prevented from contributing more to the implementation of United Nations programmes for various reasons, including the very late arrival of invitations to international meetings and problems in obtaining visas. Difficulties in mobilizing resources also make participation in meetings very difficult. However, the organization plans to mobilize more resources from its own funds in order to participate more actively in the work and meetings of the United Nations in the coming years.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Collaboration with United Nations bodies has increased since the last report. ABSE works with the United Nations Development Programme to promote civic-mindedness and strengthen democracy in Burkina Faso. Specifically, ABSE worked to promote civic engagement among young people in the elections held in Burkina Faso in 2015 and 2016. ABSE is also working with the World Health Organization to ensure universal health coverage in Burkina Faso. It has undertaken a number of activities in that regard, including advocacy with the Government, which have led to the provision of free medication for children under the age of 5. The organization also

works with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Burkina Faso. In cooperation with the Office, it has coordinated aid and emergency relief in areas hosting persons displaced following terrorist attacks in Burkina Faso since 2015. This collaboration allows ABSE to regularly participate in coordination meetings and working groups.

ABSE has also strengthened its partnership with OHCHR in recent years, which has enabled it to participate in advocacy activities in Geneva. This collaboration also facilitated the drafting, transmission and consideration of the universal periodic review report that ABSE submitted in 2018.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

The organization has contributed to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by:

- Ensuring the registration of 2,933 births in nine regions of Burkina Faso between 2015 and 2018
- Supporting the manufacture of nutritional supplements for newborns as part of its child nutrition project
- Providing care for 90 children orphaned by HIV, between 2015 and 2018
- Participating in the commemoration of World AIDS Day on 1 December every year
- Participating in the organization of International Children's Day in November every year
- Taking 125 girls employed as domestic workers, one of the worst forms of child labour, out of work and placing them in training centres
- Implementing a project to combat early marriage of minors in Burkina Faso since 2016
- Implementing a project to combat gender-based sexual violence in schools
- Drilling 30 boreholes for the benefit of children in rural schools

## **10. Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

During the past four years, Association de la jeunesse congolaise pour le développement (AJCD) has made significant progress in its work and has identified a number of shortcomings that need to be addressed in order to make it more effective and enable it to grow.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims and purposes include:

- Promoting young people's self-esteem and their ability to manage their own affairs
- Combating poverty
- Combating HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases
- Working for the advancement of women, children and families

- Working for sustainable development
- Promoting human rights, democracy and good governance
- Promoting culture and a culture of peace and non-violence
- Assisting in the holding of free, transparent and peaceful elections
- Opposing racism and racial discrimination

### **Significant changes in the organization**

AJCD was granted partner status with the International Organization of la Francophonie on 3 July 2018.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

AJCD was invited by the United Nations information centres to facilitate a workshop on preparing applications for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in May 2018. AJCD worked with the United Nations Development Programme to prepare the voluntary national report of the Congo on its implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, in the margins of the high-level political forum on sustainable development in July 2018.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- AJCD participated in the least-developed countries summit in May 2016 in Antalya, Turkey.
- In December, three members of AJCD participated in the twenty-fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in Katowice.
- AJCD was authorized to participate in the following meetings: the Commission on the Status of Women, in 2018 and 2019; the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, in 2018 and 2019; the high-level political forum on sustainable development of 2018; and the spring meetings of the World Bank Group and the International Monetary Fund in April 2018.

Overall, the will to participate is there, but the Embassy of the United States of America fails to take into consideration the status of the United Nations.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

AJCD cooperates with the United Nations with regard to the Framework Convention on Climate Change, specifically with youth non-governmental organizations (YOUNGO) and the secretariat of the Framework Convention, in the areas of climate change and the Sustainable Development Goals. During the past four years, AJCD has engaged with the following bodies: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the United Nations Office for Project Services, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)/the United Nations Development Fund for Women and the United Nations Environment Programme.

AJCD also works with United Nations entities such as the World Bank and the bodies responsible for the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Office of the Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth.



### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

- Participation in preparations for the voluntary national review of the Congo, in conjunction with the Ministry of Sustainable Development
- On 1 December of each year, awareness-raising on HIV/AIDS
- On 5 June of each year, demonstration and campaign on sanitation involving members of AJCD
- Training of 120 young people from disadvantaged groups at Saint Pierre Claver in south Brazzaville in May 2016
- Civil society contribution at the twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, at a meeting held at the Hotel Marina
- On 6 March of each year, planting of trees in Yié, the site designated by the State for the International Day of Forests
- Drafting of the terms of reference for the national youth climate conference together with the Consultation Framework for Congolese Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples (CACO-REDD) and the Ministry of Sustainable Development

AJCD reiterates its commitment to work towards and strive for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, which are an integral part of its work and of the objectives of the United Nations.

## **11. Association des femmes peules autochtones du Tchad**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

Created in 1999 and officially recognized in 2006, Association des femmes peules autochtones du Tchad (AFPAT) is an apolitical, non-profit organization.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The main objective of AFPAT is to improve living conditions for the Fulani people, in particular the Mbororo, through the broad implementation of the following two programmes:

- Promotion and protection of human rights and the rights of indigenous peoples through national and regional laws and international obligations
- Protection of the environment within the framework of the three Rio conventions: the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

Change of name (Association des femmes peules et peuples autochtones du Tchad) and change of logo.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- AFPAT is a member of several African networks, including the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee, Réseau Climat et Développement, the Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, the World Alliance of Mobile Indigenous Peoples, the Network of Indigenous and Local Communities for the Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems in Central Africa, the African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests, CEFDAC Chad, human rights associations in Chad and the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change, as well as several other international networks of indigenous peoples.
- AFPAT works with the Ministry of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the Ministry of Livestock and Hydraulics, the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Public Health and Social Affairs.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

AFPAT has participated in several United Nations meetings, including:

- Twenty-second, twenty-third and twenty-fourth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the Framework Convention on Climate Change
- Fifteenth session of the Committee for the Review of the Implementation of the Convention to Combat Desertification and the preparatory meetings
- Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- Meetings concerning the periodic report of Chad of 2018
- Regular monthly meetings between United Nations bodies in Chad, including one on human rights and one on humanitarian matters
- High-level political forum on sustainable development
- Meetings held by the division for indigenous peoples of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

AFPAT continues to collaborate with UNESCO, the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity. AFPAT has worked nationally and internationally with United Nations bodies to achieve the objectives of the United Nations in the following ways:

- Framework Convention on Climate Change: during the negotiations on the establishment of the local communities and indigenous peoples platform and its working group, as well as the sessions of the subsidiary bodies that preceded them
- Ongoing project with the least developed countries on the integration of traditional knowledge into national climate change policies and programmes
- Convention on Biological Diversity: indigenous issues and the tasks under articles 8 (j) and 10 (c) on biodiversity and protected species
- Efforts to protect nature with local partners, including United Nations agencies: AFPAT has been a civil society representative for two years for matters pertaining to the Convention to Combat Desertification

- Membership of the policy board of the United Nations Indigenous Peoples' Partnership, a partnership involving the International Labour Organization, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Population Fund

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

AFPAT is a member of the indigenous peoples major group for the Sustainable Development Goals and as such participates in regional and international review meetings, including high-level meetings.

## **12. Association des ressortissants et amis d'Éséka**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

Association des ressortissants et amis d'Éséka is an organization that carries out its work in Éséka district, Nyong-et-Kélé Department, Centre Region, Cameroon. It is a non-profit organization and a pressure group that works towards sustainable development in Cameroon.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims and purposes of our organization are, among others, to assist people in the areas of education, health, public awareness-raising, vocational training and well-being, and above all to protect their rights and interests before the authorities. We combat social injustice, tribalism and favouritism. The organization campaigns for multiculturalism, tolerance, merit, justice and cooperation.

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

The organization has consistently submitted written proposals to the Economic and Social Council on the issue of political freedom in Cameroon and in Africa, on the political right of prisoners to participate in electing their country's leaders from now on, on the illegal migration of African people to Europe and on the land rights of the traditional communities in Cameroon. At our annual conferences, the themes are in general chosen in accordance with the guidance of the United Nations and the current situation in the country. Proposals have been submitted to the authorities on the management of the current crises in various regions of Cameroon. We worked hard to protect indigenous land during the gold rush in the town of Éséka.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Because they have been unable to obtain visas, our members have not yet been able to attend meetings of the United Nations in New York, but some of our representatives have taken part in activities at the United Nations Office at Geneva. Nevertheless, we are actively involved in the drafting of written proposals for the Economic and Social Council.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

We have contacted local representatives of United Nations bodies in Cameroon on several occasions, but have never received a positive response. We are continuing our efforts to develop such cooperation, which is absolutely essential to improve our work.

We are requesting reclassification of our special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

- Our organization signed and funded a memorandum with the Multifunctional Centre for the Advancement of Young People in the town of Éséka in 2016.
- Our organization actively assisted victims of the train crash in the town of Éséka and carries out charity work within communities to provide psychological support to the people.
- Since 2015, our organization has provided technical and financial assistance to the only football club in the town of Éséka, Sirocco Fezer d'Éséka, with a view to guiding young people in their growth and personal and social development.
- Our organization is currently renovating the buildings of the high school in Éséka in order to create conditions conducive to better education for sustainable development. Six buildings with 18 classrooms have already been renovated.
- Our organization was involved in the monitoring of the presidential elections of 2018 in Cameroon as an observer, with a view to enhancing democracy.
- Our organization held meetings on themes related to the United Nations agenda, including migration, peace, human rights, famine, education and health.
- Our organization was involved in and facilitated a significant donation of various materials to the Éséka district hospital by one of our members.

## **13. Association femmes solidaires au Togo**

### **Special, 2015**

#### **Introduction**

The organization aims to contribute to the improvement of the socioeconomic and cultural conditions of people in general and women in particular in order to promote sustainable human development.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

- Conduct awareness-raising activities and training for women in relation to the full exercise of their rights, duties and fundamental freedoms
- Combat sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS
- Fight against all forms of discrimination by cultivating a spirit of fellowship and cooperation
- Promote women's leadership
- Encourage entrepreneurship

- Promote vocational and artisanal training and fight for the protection of the environment
- Promote cooperative initiatives

### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

Association femmes solidaires au Togo (AFES-TOGO) transmits the information it receives from United Nations agencies to the partners and communities with which we work. Our partnership with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) enables us to build on its actions. In that regard, AFES-TOGO has conducted several awareness-raising campaigns for the prevention of early pregnancy in schools and other locations over the past two years.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

The difficulty of funding travel has thus far prevented the organization from participating in meetings of the United Nations. However, the leadership of the organization is working to overcome that problem.

### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

AFES-TOGO has an excellent relationship with UNFPA through the Platform for Civil Society Organizations in Kloto, in connection with its work on HIV/AIDS. The organization has benefited from significant support (funding, manuals and videos) for its awareness-raising activities and sexual education sessions for girls.

### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

AFES-TOGO has developed projects to promote the well-being of vulnerable communities, in line with the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals. These projects have had a beneficial impact.

- Campaigns targeted at young people to raise awareness of and prevent early pregnancy: in order to prevent early pregnancy and its consequences among young people in and out of school, UNFPA supports non-governmental organizations in organizing awareness-raising campaigns and providing services in the areas of family planning, sexually-transmitted infections and HIV counselling and testing. These awareness-raising campaigns are being conducted in the prefecture of Kloto, Togo. In each campaign, the HIV testing component involves 400 young people, the sexually-transmitted infection component 80 young people, and the family planning component 80 girls. Six awareness-raising campaigns have been organized in total, meaning that 3,360 young people have received care in two years.
- Leadership and personal development training project: this project is being implemented in the city of Kpalimé, Togo. It was established in August 2018 in response to the need to equip girls in school with leadership and personal development skills in relation to issues such as self-image, self-confidence and time management. This project, which is being implemented without any financial or technical support from partners, is aimed fundamentally at changing the mindset of young girls in the community by helping them to believe in themselves and in their potential, in order to positively influence their future. A

total of 33 girls aged between 16 and 18 from general and technical public secondary schools in the prefecture of Kloto have participated in the project.

## **14. Association marocaine des droits humains**

### **Special, 2007**

#### **Introduction**

Association marocaine des droits humains (AMDH) is a non-governmental organization recognized as operating in the public interest, established on 24 June 1979. In 2018, AMDH had more than 11,000 members, 21 per cent of whom were women and 21 per cent young people. It has 92 local offices throughout Morocco, which are grouped into 10 regional sections. The activities of AMDH are focused on four basic categories: women, youth, workers and intellectual democrats. With regard to women's representation in leadership positions, AMDH has successfully implemented the principle of "at least one third, with a view to parity" within the organization. Currently, women account for at least one third of the members of its administrative committee, head office and local offices. Moreover, at least 25 per cent of staff in all AMDH local, regional and national offices are young people (under 35 years of age).

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

AMDH works to preserve human dignity and ensure the respect, protection and promotion of all human rights in all their dimensions. Its aims include:

- Raising awareness of human rights issues and providing human rights education, with a particular focus on women, young people, children and workers
- Ensuring that Morocco ratifies, without reservation, all international covenants on human rights, that those rights are incorporated into Moroccan law, that Moroccan law is compliant with the covenants, and that the covenants are respected
- Identifying, denouncing and condemning all human rights violations and working towards their cessation
- Offering solidarity and support to victims of violations

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

In view of the dramatic increase in violations of economic, social and cultural rights, AMDH has given greater attention to those rights and also to environmental rights.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

- Publication of annual reports on the situation of economic, social and cultural rights in Morocco and presentation of those reports at press conferences
- Implementation, in partnership with the International Institute for Nonviolent Action (NOVACT) and the United Nations Democracy Fund, of the "Bytes without Borders" project, which aims to build the advocacy capacities of all organizations involved in the promotion of digital rights and freedom of expression and to help establish an appropriate legislative and institutional environment

- Implementation, in partnership with the Spanish organization CEAR and the Spanish Refugee Assistance Committee, of a project concerning the protection of the rights of persons requiring international protection, which involved training on the defence of the rights of migrants and refugees
- Conduct of a study in partnership with NOVACT and the Catalan Institute for Human Rights on causes of gender-based discrimination, which included the development of a strategy to increase women's participation in decision-making in non-governmental organizations, as part of the Lysistrata gender equality project

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

- AMDH continues to attend meetings of the United Nations human rights treaty bodies (Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and universal periodic review meetings).
- AMDH welcomes and meets with United Nations representatives responsible for human rights issues when they visit Morocco (meetings with the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance on 13 and 14 December 2018 at the United Nations office in Rabat).

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

AMDH continues to regularly submit alternative reports to United Nations treaty bodies at the time of consideration of the official reports of the Moroccan Government. AMDH members also usually participate actively in the meetings of those committees. It submitted three alternative reports during the period 2014–2018:

- Alternative report to the fourth periodic report of Morocco on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 2015
- Joint alternative report to the sixth periodic report of Morocco on the implementation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 2016
- Joint alternative report to the report submitted by Morocco for the third cycle of the universal periodic review, conducted in May 2017

#### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

- AMDH celebrates the international days related to economic, social and cultural rights and organizes activities concerning the defence and promotion of those rights.
- AMDH sends memorandums to government authorities.

## **15. Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit**

### **Special, 2011**

#### **Introduction**

Association mauritanienne pour la promotion du droit is a human rights non-governmental organization established in 2003 by Mauritanian researchers to contribute to the sustainable development of the country through involvement in efforts to produce synergies at the national and international levels. It is approaching

its twentieth anniversary and will enter its next phase with greater confidence and firmness in the implementation of its projects, which are executed for the benefit of humankind.

#### **Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization's primary aims and purposes are to:

- Ensure the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular those relating to sustainable development and the promotion of human rights
- Promote participatory action among development partners
- Promote the participation of development non-governmental organizations in sustainable development projects
- Support a participatory culture
- Promote partnerships

#### **Significant changes in the organization**

There have been no significant changes.

#### **Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations**

No contribution was specified.

#### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

We have taken part in meetings organized locally by United Nations entities, such as the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the Economic and Social Council. Our representatives in New York participate actively in meetings of the Economic and Social Council. Our representatives in Geneva and Vienna also participate in meetings of entities of the United Nations system.

#### **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization still does not have a specific agreement with any United Nations body. However, it takes every opportunity to attend meetings and conferences organized by entities of the United Nations system. It has consistently participated in activities aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals, for example, even though it does not have a specific agreement to that effect.

#### **Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals/Sustainable Development Goals**

No contribution was specified.

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