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1. Femmes solidaires

Special, 2004

Introduction

Femmes solidaires is a secular feminist association. It has 190 chapters in France and is known for being a universalist and abolitionist mass education movement.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Femmes solidaires works to ensure that the fundamental rights of women are respected in France and around the world. It campaigns against all forms of violence against women: domestic, sexual (rape, including rape as a weapon of war, sexual assault and prostitution), psychological, physical, verbal and digital. The association provides support to women and girls who are victims of violence, conducts public awareness campaigns, works with schools and workplaces and creates educational tools. It is a pioneer in the creation of tools to combat cyberviolence. Femmes solidaires supported a major campaign by women in Djibouti who had been raped by members of the Djibouti Armed Forces, and backed demands for justice for three Kurdish feminists murdered in Paris in 2013. It supports the rights of women to control their own bodies, have access to sexual and reproductive services, including voluntary termination of pregnancy, contraception and medically assisted reproduction, and participate in sports. The association works with institutions to campaign against sexist representations of women, particularly in advertising and the media. Femmes solidaires is running a specific campaign against female genital mutilation. Since 2008, it has run a sponsorship programme in Afar, Ethiopia, in close partnership with a local association. The programme has evolved into an integrated project with a boarding school to enable young Afar girls to continue their secondary education. Economic empowerment workshops are available for the girls' mothers.

Significant changes in the organization

The President of Femmes solidaires joined the High Council for Gender Equality in 2018. She sat on the commission on international affairs during her first mandate and on the commission on combating stereotypes during her second mandate, in 2019.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Annual participation in the work of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women: written and oral statements, organization of side events and contributions to official and side events. Contribution to the universal periodic review of Djibouti in Geneva in 2018, in close collaboration with several Djibouti-based associations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Delegations to the following sessions: Human Rights Council in Geneva: thirty-second and thirty-third sessions in 2016, thirty-fifth and thirty-sixth sessions in 2017, thirty-seventh session in 2018.

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women: sixtieth session in 2016, sixty-first session in 2017, sixty-second session in 2018, sixty-third session in 2019.

Universal periodic review: 2018, Djibouti. Written and oral contributions for the non-governmental organizations component.

Economic Commission for Europe: contribution of Femmes solidaires to the Beijing+25 review

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Work with UN-Women France; several meetings with United Nations Special Rapporteurs, including the Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights and the teams of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Sexual Violence in Conflict.

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

Sustainable Development Goal 1, combating poverty: joint action with Secours populaire français to combat poverty among women.

Sustainable Development Goal 3, good health and well-being: advocacy for the right to voluntary termination of pregnancy, contraception, access to health for all women, access to sports.

Sustainable Development Goal 4, quality education: activities in schools in France; establishment, in partnership with another association, of a boarding school in the Afar region of Ethiopia to enable girls to continue their secondary education. Femmes solidaires promotes lifelong mass education.

Sustainable Development Goal 5, gender equality: awareness-raising among the general public, professionals and school students; international and national advocacy; action to improve the French legislative arsenal; focus on equality in all professional fields and in sports.

Sustainable Development Goal 10, reduction of inequalities: combating isolation of beneficiaries; organization of informal meetings and exchanges. Femmes solidaires is committed to the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and to combating racism and anti-Semitism.

Sustainable Development Goal 13, combating climate change: participation in the work of the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris in 2017 and awareness-raising among our activists.

Sustainable Development Goal 16, peace, justice and effective institutions: Femmes solidaires is a member of Mouvement de la paix and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons coalition.

2. FESTHES “Festival pour la santé”

Special, 2016

Introduction

The Groupe de réflexion des amis pour le développement de l’humain (Friends of Human Development Working Group) (GRADH) is a non-political association that was set up in Togo in August 2004 with the aim of promoting culture, health and education in Togo and the subregion.

GRADH brings together approximately 60 cultural associations from Togo and around the world. A number of theatre groups and troupes from a range of countries, including Togo, Ghana, Benin, Burkina Faso, the Niger, Mali, the Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Denmark, France, the United States of America and Germany, participate in the annual festival of theatre for education and health (FESTHES). The work of GRADH covers the whole of Togo and extends to several other countries participating in the festival.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of GRADH is to promote theatrical activities and the use of theatre as a means of raising awareness and educating the population through street performances, which are well suited to those goals.

GRADH seeks to:

- Strengthen the knowledge of actors in theatre groups through training workshops
- Create a framework for subregional cultural exchanges and integration
- Create live shows to educate the population
- Encourage the setting up of theatre groups in the subregion
- Create a relationship and network between theatre groups working in the fields of health, education and culture
- Increase public awareness of current health issues

Significant changes in the organization

GRADH joined the MenEngage network in 2019 and participates in activities to promote women's rights and empowerment.

In 2016, GRADH was accepted into the Dianova International network. In 2019, GRADH participated in the network's general assembly in Spain for the first time. Through this network, GRADH participated in the third Formative Congress in Sustainable Development, also held in Spain.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Between 2016 and 2019, GRADH was unable to organize its annual theatre festival due to lack of funds
- Prevention of diarrhoeal diseases in Togo, with financial support from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the Swiss Red Cross and the Togolese Red Cross
- Establishment of drama clubs in 14 child development centres run by Compassion International

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Due to a lack of funds, we have been unable to participate in the United Nations meetings and forums to which we were invited. Our contributions during the period have been made in writing only.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Through a collaboration with the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council, which also provided financial support, we have organized activities in 300 localities in Togo to raise awareness of the consequences of open defecation.

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

Sustainable Development Goal 3: training of 30 directors from 30 theatre groups in staging sketches on health issues. Theatrical performances, storytelling and songs about essential family practices. Theatrical performances in 300 villages and towns

in Togo on the prevention of diarrhoeal diseases, with a combined audience of 121,000 people.

Sustainable Development Goal 5: contribution to the study on masculinity and femininity in Togo. Promotion of values and women's rights. Radio programme on promoting the rights and responsibilities of women, with an audience of 270,000 people.

Sustainable Development Goal 6: training of 26 directors in staging sketches on health issues. Awareness-raising on the use of drinking water. Theatrical performances in 52 schools in Togo on the consequences of open defecation, with a combined audience of 31,200 people.

Sustainable Development Goal 16: approximately 40 theatrical, choral and storytelling performances on promoting peace and combating violence. Two sketches on national television about striving for non-violence in Togo, seen by about 3 million people in Togo and around the world.

3. Fondation des œuvres pour la solidarité et le bien-être social

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Fondation des œuvres pour la solidarité et le bien-être social (FOSBES) is a non-governmental organization operating under the law of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Established in January 2000, FOSBES places particular emphasis on human and community welfare and resilience. The fields in which it operates include education, training, health, the environment, development and poverty alleviation (agriculture, livestock breeding), immigration, human rights and the protection of minorities and indigenous peoples. Its main activities are awareness-raising, training and the provision of support and care.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Creating and fostering bonds of solidarity between people and communities through exchanges and mutual assistance; promoting the social reintegration of vulnerable persons and improving their livelihoods; protecting minorities and indigenous peoples; promoting economic and social justice for all and holding leaders accountable; campaigning to maintain the equilibrium of the planet by fighting climate change (reducing greenhouse gas emissions and protecting biodiversity); and combating HIV/AIDS.

Significant changes in the organization

FOSBES established the Consortium d'appui pour la recherche des solutions aux initiatives de développement, in collaboration with other national non-government organizations (NGOs), and was accredited by the Economic, Social and Cultural Council of the African Union in 2017 and the United Nations Environment Programme in 2018.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Unfortunately, during the period under review, FOSBES did not receive the support that it expected to receive from United Nations agencies and programmes in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which would have enabled it to be more effective on the ground. Nevertheless, with its limited means and lack of a substantial budget, the Foundation managed to organize some small-scale activities for the benefit of target communities. To overcome the obstacles that it faced, FOSBES

worked with the Consortium d'appui pour la recherche des solutions aux initiatives de développement to raise awareness about climate change, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. It has continued to organize field trips to collect data on what communities need to combat climate change, enabling it to strengthen its project to distribute improved cooking stoves to households and to reforest 25 hectares on the outskirts of Kinshasa, which will be handed over to donors. FOSBES has submitted details of its project on the media and freedom of expression to the United Nations Democracy Fund. The project on health and safety at work is being finalized.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Commission on the Status of Women, sixtieth session, 14–24 March 2016, New York
- Commission for Social Development, fifty-sixth session, 29 January–8 February 2017, New York
- Financing for Development Forum, 20–27 April 2017, New York
- Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, 24–26 May 2017, Cancún, Mexico
- SDG Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development, 21–23 March 2018, Bonn, Germany
- Human Rights Council/twelfth session of the Forum on Minority Issues, 28-29 November 2019, Geneva
- Human Rights Council/thirty-fourth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, 4–15 November 2019, Geneva
- Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women /WF seventh session on investigators, 29–30 June 2019, Geneva
- Sustainable Development, 20–22 March 2019, New York

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Currently, the FOSBES is accredited by the United Nations Global Compact, the United Nations Environment Programme (2018), the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

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

- Raising awareness of the Sanitized Villages and Schools Project (United Nations Children's Fund project)
- Implementing the Education for All project in collaboration with the National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
- Participating in the SDG Global Festival of Action with a view to strengthening the capacities of its members and creating networks that play an active role in the promotion and realisation of the Sustainable Development Goals

FOSBES has written to United Nations agencies and programmes on several occasions to request information and support in connection with advocacy but no response has been received. As it is working with very limited means, its results on the ground still fall short of its objectives. The organization therefore urges the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to recommend that the United Nations agencies based in the Democratic Republic of the Congo grant it funding to enable it to achieve its objectives. In particular, we request that a recommendation be made in connection with the Convention on Biodiversity in order to strengthen our capacity in this area.

4. Fondation Ngangambi

Special, 2016

Introduction

Our foundation is a non-profit organization. Since 2010, it has been working in the field of justice and human rights for persons in need, including indigenous peoples, older persons and persons with a physical disability. The organization is continuing to pursue its mission to implement projects to support the vulnerable groups mentioned above. It operates in the Democratic Republic of Congo, specifically in Kongo Central Province.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to help persons in need, particularly indigenous persons, persons with a disability and older persons by implementing advocacy and outreach programmes. Since 2016, the organization has been implementing projects to improve the living conditions and defend the rights of such persons.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

1. The NGO has organized football tournaments for persons with a physical disability and young persons in order to spread a message of peace and encourage persons with disabilities to practise sport for their health.
2. The NGO has distributed footballs to indigenous persons in villages and orphaned children.
3. The NGO is financing a project to build a sewing training centre for women aged between 18 and 25 years who have dropped out of school owing to a lack of financial resources. The aim is to help them learn a trade for their future.
4. The NGO has built a pharmacy to give free medical prescriptions to vulnerable persons who do not have private health insurance or cannot afford access to health care. Such persons include growing numbers of elderly persons, persons with a disability and children.
5. The NGO has launched a tree-planting project in order to save the planet.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

1. Representatives attended the Private Sector Investment Conference for the Great Lakes Region, organized by the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa on 24 and 25 February 2016, in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2. Representatives attended the high-level thematic debate on human rights organized by the President of the General Assembly in New York on 12 and 13 July 2016.

3. Representatives attended the debate of the candidates for the post of Secretary-General held at the General Assembly Hall in New York on 12 July 2016.

4. Representatives attended the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, organized by UN-Women in New York from 11 to 22 March 2019.

5. Representatives attended the eighteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, held from 22 April to 3 May 2019 in New York.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Our organization has been unable to make direct contact with some United Nations agencies and bodies for cooperation purposes. Instead, we have attended conferences to gain an understanding of how these agencies work.

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

The organization's activities are not focused on achieving the Millennium Development Goals but on supporting development in a broader sense through awareness-raising, mobilization and advocacy activities.

5. Fondation Ostad Elahi: éthique et solidarité humaine

Special, 2008

Introduction

Fondation Ostad Elahi: éthique et solidarité humaine, a foundation recognized as operating in the public interest by the French State in 2000, is based in Paris. Taking its inspiration from the system of ethics devised by Ostad Elahi (1895–1974), the aim of the foundation is to foster closer relations between people by developing what lies at the root of all solidarity: the sense of decency present in everyone. In geographical terms, it essentially covers France and the French-speaking countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's work involves conferences, seminars, think tanks, university research projects, higher education modules, publications and Internet television, among other things. Taking a secular and intercultural approach, it creates forums for reflection and exchange that enable people to re-engage with the ethical and spiritual questions at the root of any society.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization helps to develop tolerance and intercultural solidarity by organizing conferences (published online and by Editions l'Harmattan) under the aegis of the Académie des sciences morales et politiques:

- 24 September 2016, Institut de France, Paris: “*L’Un dans l’autre – de l’unité des spiritualités*”
- 23 September 2017, Institut de France, France, “*Voix de femmes, voie mystique*”

- 10 November 2017, Institut de France, Paris, “*Un état des lieux de l’enseignement et de la recherche en éthique*”, 2nd edition
- 29 September 2018, Institut de France, Paris, “*Du sens de la mort au sens de la vie*”
- 28 September 2019, Institut de France, Paris, “*Musiques de l’âme*”

The organization promotes and develops ethics teaching and research by:

- Developing teaching modules in ethics for the universities and *grandes écoles*, including Paris Descartes University, Lille III University, the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts, the Faculty of Law of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, the Mines Telecom Institute-Business School, Telecom South Paris, Sciences Po Paris and Paris-Dauphine University
- Organizing, in 2017, the fifth award ceremony for ethical teaching and research, under the aegis of the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation
- Establishing an online television channel on ethical conduct, featuring interviews with leading figures and recordings of research conferences
- Publishing four works on ethics between 2016 and 2019

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development: written statement entitled “Rethinking and strengthening solidarity within society by teaching altruism”, published by the Commission with the symbol [E/CN.5/2016/NGO/35](#)
- Annual ministerial review, 2016: written statement published with the symbol [E/2016/NGO/22](#)
- Fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development: written statement entitled “Ethics education is a fundamental factor in reducing poverty”, published by the Commission with the symbol [E/CN.5/2017/NGO/52](#)
- Annual ministerial review, 2018: written statement published with the symbol [E/2018/NGO/7](#)
- Annual ministerial review, 2019: written statement published with the symbol [E/2019/NGO/112](#)

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information provided.

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

- Between 2016 and 2019: Teaching on the two-year Master’s degree course in Global Quality and Sustainable Development at the Department of Management, Innovation and Forward Planning of the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts, Paris
- Teaching on the two-year Master’s degree course in Quality, Safety, the Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility at the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts, Pays de la Loire

6. France volontaires

Special, 2016

Introduction

Established as an association in 2009, France volontaires is the French platform for international volunteerism for exchange and solidarity. It has a presence in France and a network of 24 units of volunteers in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Being invested with a broad mission scope, France volontaires works to develop and promote commitments to voluntary service and the community on an international level. It advocates for recognition of the contributions made by volunteers to the Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

France volontaires is a member of the Volunteer Groups Alliance, which is one of the major groups and other stakeholders defined by the United Nations. The Alliance promotes the contributions of volunteers to sustainable development and strives to ensure that their role is recognized at all levels, including in United Nations processes. France volontaires acted as Co-Chair of the Alliance in 2017 and 2018.

Together with the Alliance, France volontaires organizes an annual side event at the high-level political forum on sustainable development. It contributes to the drafting of a position paper and to ensuring that people's voices are heard. In 2017 and 2019, funding from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs enabled France volontaires to send two young international volunteers to represent the voluntary sector at the high-level political forum on sustainable development.

Working across a range of fields, France volontaires contributes to various initiatives undertaken, and documents produced, by the major groups and other stakeholders.

In the field, France volontaires makes it possible for volunteers committed to international solidarity to support the activities of several United Nations agencies, such as the World Food Programme, the United Nations Capital Development Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has actively participated in several United Nations meetings:

- High-level political forum on sustainable development, in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 in New York
- Regional consultations on the United Nations plan of action for volunteering in Europe (Geneva) and Asia (Bangkok) in March 2019
- SDG Global Festival of Action for Sustainable Development, in May 2019, in Bonn, Germany;
- International Volunteer Day, celebrated on 5 December each year in the countries where volunteers are posted, in collaboration with United Nations Volunteers

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2017, France volontaires signed a memorandum of understanding with United Nations Volunteers to collaborate on activities to develop and promote recognition of volunteering for the Sustainable Development Goals and to foster a sense of ownership of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through public engagement.

In 2018, a partnership agreement was also signed with the United Nations Children's Fund to define the conditions governing the mobilization and deployment of France volontaires volunteers within this United Nations agency.

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

By the nature of its mission, France volontaires contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 17. In addition, the organization has carried out numerous initiatives, including:

- Raising volunteers' awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals during pre-departure training and by publishing themed booklets on volunteering as a cross-cutting lever for achieving the Goals
- Organizing French Volunteering Day, celebrated in 23 countries in October 2017 on the theme of the contributions made by volunteers to the Sustainable Development Goals
- Participating in consultations between the State and civil society and contributing to the conduct of voluntary national reviews in some 15 countries
- Contributing to the national process of drawing up the French road map for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in 2018 and 2019
- Launching a survey, in 2019, on the contribution of French international volunteers to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with a focus on Sustainable Development Goal 4 and Madagascar
- Coordinating the Territories for the Resilience of Oasis Communities Project, which is aimed at strengthening these communities' resilience to climate change by involving young local volunteers
- Participating in the European and National Volunteers for Resilience Project to improve disaster risk management by local communities through the involvement of international and national volunteers
- Participating in the International Citizens for Local Perspectives Project to strengthen links between international volunteer organizations and local organizations working with migrants
- Participating in the Promote and Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals to Innovate and Grow Together Project, launched by the Service de coopération au développement, a member of France volontaires, to respond to the challenge of strengthening the sense of ownership of the Sustainable Development Goals

7. Fundación Lobbying Social

Special, 2016

Introduction

In 2015, Fundación Lobbying Social joined the United Nations Global Compact. On 12 April 2015, it joined the network of civil society organizations of the

Organization of American States. On 13 April 2016, it obtained consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and, on 20 April 2016, it became a member of the Information Department of the United Nations.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Fundación Lobbying Social model gives rise to sustainable, viable ecosystems equipped with methodologies for solving systemic problems.

Significant changes in the organization

A total of 10,035 persons volunteered for Fundación Lobbying Social from 2011 to 2016. Today, it has 20,570 national volunteers. Since 2011, it has made a difference to the lives of over 8,900,000 people.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 1 to 12 August 2016, in Atizapán de Zaragoza, Mexico, a second session of coaching and scouting was organized for volunteers working to promote sustainable development and implement the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

On 18 November 2016, the head of the Mexican office of the United Nations Environment Programme supported the second stage of the Green Lobbyists for the Promotion of Biodiversity and Habitat Programmes by donating 1,150 vinyl stickers to 27 parks and gardens in Benito Juárez, Mexico.

On 7 October 2017, the organization acted as a consultant for the first model United Nations held at Anáhuac Querétaro University.

On 15 June 2018, the National Autonomous University of Mexico held a 360-degree forum on the local system for fighting corruption.

From 27 May to 2 June 2019, the Senate organized a training workshop on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Meeting of the NGO Branch for the support and coordination of the Economic and Social Council, held from 25 January to 3 February 2016 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York

First meeting between the Global Compact Network Mexico and non-commercial organizations, held on 11 October 2016 in Mexico

Presentation of the new United Nations Global Compact strategy at the United Nations, Mexico, on 12 June 2017

Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, held from 26 to 28 April 2017 in Mexico

Meeting with the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations of the Economic and Social Council, on 22 June 2018 at the United Nations Information Centre for Mexico

Regional event on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, on the theme of turning global goals into local goals, Global Compact Network Mexico, 15 December 2019, in Xcaret, Quintana Roo

Regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, 30 January to 19 February 2019, United Nations, New York

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

6 October 2016, Mexico, Global Compact Network Mexico, issuance of a document on the private sector in Mexico and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, with the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Mexico

23 July 2016, Pan-American Institute for Senior Business Management, Mexico City, 2016 annual meeting, businesses and the pillars of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Global Compact Network Mexico

15 June 2017, Mexico City, second meeting in preparation for the forty-seventh General Assembly of the Organization of American States, Mexico 2017, with the Head of the Section for Civil Society Relations of the Organization of American States

May 2017, United Nations, Mexico, programmatic pathway, with the representative of United Nations Volunteers in Mexico

30 March 2017, United Nations, New York, mentoring programme of the Executive Committee for NGOs of Disabled Peoples International, Disabled Peoples International Resource Centre, with the Chair of the Executive Committee for NGOs of Disabled Peoples International

27 May 2019, Mexico City, 15 years of capitalizing on global goals in local actions, Global Compact Network Mexico with the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director

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

23 March 2016, session on ecological scouting, High School 45, Benito Juárez, Mexico

26 November 2016, Mexico City, Women's Congress, section 17 of the Workers' Trade Union of Distrito Federal

26 August 2016, third "Taste of the North" exhibition, Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, presenting the 2030 Agenda and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals

29 June and 1 July 2017, coaching and scouting session for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, Angel Albino Corzo Elementary School, Benito Juárez, Mexico

3 August 2018, Mexico, establishing the Commission on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of Benito Juárez Citizens' Council

3 November 2019, Federal Consumer Protection Office, study on levels of awareness of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals

18 July 2019, Benito Juárez, Quintana Roo, Caravana Maya to translate the Constitution of the State of Quintana Roo into Mayan.

8. Health and Environment Program

Special, 2016

Introduction

The Health and Environment Program was founded in 1997 to inform and educate people in Cameroon and the rest of the world about health and the

environment. The organization participates in meetings organized by the United Nations or its agencies, including the Human Rights Committee, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the International Telecommunication Union. It also organizes side events and stands and participates as a high-level speaker.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to raise the awareness of, and involve, all sectors of the public in development programmes and the Sustainable Development Goals within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Its objectives are: educating the public through conferences, seminars and capacity-building activities; developing, managing and following up on socioeconomic projects; transferring knowledge among members through training, the dissemination of research findings, and the dissemination of technical information via media broadcasts and the adoption of a grassroots approach; studying and evaluating the impact of current systems of production and exchange on the environment and raising young persons' and women's awareness of environmental issues; monitoring and disseminating scientific and technical output on environmental matters; preventing shortages by processing, drying, packaging and storing foodstuffs; and establishing a database on the social and economic development of the country.

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 contributed to five main activities: advocating for women's rights in Jammu and Kashmir; protecting the right to health in the Sudan; promoting the human right to live in peace for groups in Cameroon who are persecuted by secessionists and jihadis; comprehensively briefing the Human Rights Council in order to draw the international community's attention to the lack of political reform in countries where there are increasing numbers of human rights violations, namely, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Myanmar; and advocating for access to water in rural areas of Iran.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the organization attended the thirty-third session of the Human Rights Council, under the auspices of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, with a view to analysing reports in order to strengthen national human rights action plans in countries such as Costa Rica, Ethiopia and the Syrian Arab Republic. The representatives made oral statements in Geneva from 13 to 30 September 2016. They subsequently attended the thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, thirty-sixth, thirty-seventh, thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second and forty-third sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva making oral statements on each occasion. The representatives attended the 121st session of the Human Rights Committee, observing and making constructive contributions to the delegations present, including the delegation of Cameroon on 24 and 25 October 2017. The organization co-organized side events on the following subjects: sanctions and human rights, in Geneva on 13 September 2017 with the NGO Ma'arij Foundation for Peace and Development; the Rohingya minority crisis, in Geneva on 26 September 2017; and human rights concerns in Africa, in Geneva on 20 September 2017. Its representatives also made various oral statements on coercive measures and human rights in the Sudan.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

At the 2018 World Investment Forum, under the auspices of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the organization and about 12 young African entrepreneurs set up a project to address development challenges with a view to raising awareness of, and supporting, innovation in the renewable energy sector, economically empowering women and transforming investment and entrepreneurship in Benin, Cameroon, and Mauritius. The event took place in Geneva from 22 to 26 October 2018. Every year, during the World Summit on the Information Society, the organization participates in high-level panels at the International Telecommunication Union in Geneva.

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

Every year, the organization has observed United Nations Day, World Environment Day, International Women's Day, and the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.

9. Initiative d'opposition contre les discours extrémistes

Special, 2016

Introduction

The NGO Initiative d'opposition contre les discours extrémistes is an organization that promotes and protects human rights and fights against extremist discourse.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization focuses on human values that we can all share in order to: curb extremist discourse in Mauritania by strengthening the legal arsenal and implementing information-sharing and awareness-raising campaigns for citizens, groups and deprived communities who may be victims of this discourse; organizing conferences and round tables on the nature, direction and scope of extremist discourse; organizing subregional, regional and international tours to put an end to extremist discourse and advocate for the right of Mauritanian citizens to live in perfect harmony, free from all forms of division, mistrust and suspicion; inviting scholars, political actors, opinion formers, and people of good will to speak out against persons who support extremist discourse; and strengthening the skills and capacities of illiterate persons living in deprived communities so that they are prepared to confront extremist discourse.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2016, the organization actively participated in the twenty-first Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Marrakech, Morocco.

In 2017, it actively participated in the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council 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 Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2018, at Palais Wilson in Geneva, the organization actively participated in the ninety-fifth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination by reading a statement to the Committee.

In 2019, the organization participated in the Social Forum of the Human Rights Council at Palais des Nations in Geneva and the forty-second session of the Human Rights Council. On 3 October 2019, at the Assembly Hall in Palais des Nations, it observed the election of the members of the Committee against Torture.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Since 2016, the organization has participated in activities involving cooperation between Mauritania and the different human rights mechanisms, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights country office in Mauritania, with which it has established a fruitful partnership for the provision of technical support in preparing alternative reports to human rights bodies and providing introductory training in human rights monitoring.

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

No information provided.

10. Jeunesse horizon

Special, 2004

Introduction

No information provided.

Aims and purposes of the organization

No information provided.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2017: paper entitled “Making poverty eradication an integral goal in all policies: what would it take?” submitted to the integration segment of the 2017 Economic and Social Council, held in New York from 8 to 10 May 2017

2017: paper entitled: “Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions by promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing inherent challenges”, submitted to the high-level segment of the 2017 Economic and Social Council, held in New York from 17 to 20 July 2017

2019: paper entitled “Empowering people and ensuring inclusion and equality in Cameroon”, submitted to the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in New York on 19 July 2019

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During this period, no members of Jeunesse horizon participated in meetings of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Every year, Jeunesse horizon commemorates the days established by the United Nations, including Human Rights Day, which is celebrated on 10 December in collaboration with the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms of Cameroon. On these occasions, Jeunesse horizon often receives technical support from the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa and the United Nations information centre.

2018: since October 2018, Jeunesse horizon, in partnership with the United Nations information centre and the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, has been working with certain schools in the cities of Douala, Yaoundé and Bafoussam (namely, the Oyack Secondary School in the Littoral Region, the Mbalngong Bilingual Secondary School in the Centre Region and the Bafoussam Classical Secondary School in the Ouest Region) to raise awareness of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This initiative stemmed from the “One Pupil – One Declaration” project. This partnership provides for the donation of documents related to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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

Goals 2 and 3:

2016–2019: as part of its ongoing efforts to pursue its flagship activity, Jeunesse horizon continues to enrol children in schools. Over the past four years, with the support of several honorary members, some 30 children from disadvantaged families have been fed, clothed, and enrolled in schools. Furthermore, financial and logistical support provided by the Association famille bamiléké of Arizona, in the United States, has made it possible for Jeunesse horizon to support two orphanages, one in Yaoundé and the other in Bafoussam.

Goal 4:

2018: in the area of quality education, the organization formed a partnership with the Centre international de promotion et de protection des droits de l’homme in order to promote inclusive education in Monatélé, Lékié.

Goals 6 and 8:

2016: since June 2016, Jeunesse horizon, in partnership with various women’s rights organizations, has organized educational talks to develop the capacities of rural women, especially widows, in the areas of agriculture and the environment as a way of commemorating International Widows’ Day, which falls on 23 June every year.

2016–2019: Jeunesse horizon supports cleaning campaigns that involve young persons cleaning gutters in the Méhandan, Nsimeyong and Essos neighbourhoods on Saturdays and sometimes Sundays. This work protects residents against environmental diseases and enhances the working life of the access structures in these neighbourhoods. In this connection, a partnership has been signed with the Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development of Cameroon.

11. Juristes pour l'enfance

Special, 2016

Introduction

Juristes pour l'enfance is a French association bringing together jurists (academics, lawyers, judges and prosecutors) or people involved with children who wish to use their expertise, particularly legal expertise, to defend the rights of children.

The aim of this organization is to lead and develop family-based social action of general interest, focused on protecting the interests of born, unborn and future children, and on all forms of child protection.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Juristes pour l'enfance works to ensure that children's rights are respected in court and to promote a culture of respect for children's rights in society.

The actions include:

- Scholarly literature (studies, research, substantive articles)
- Contributions to the development of legal provisions (proposals for law and amendments with parliamentarians, participation in think tanks on legislative reforms to be carried out)
- Legal actions focused on the defence of children's rights (in the administrative, civil or criminal fields)
- Dissemination to the general public of materials for discussion (videos, symposiums, conferences, interviews, articles for the general public)

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Juristes pour l'Enfance offers its legal expertise to health professionals in charge of children facing particular difficulties: children placed in the childcare system and children with disorders of sex development.

The association promotes the development of standards to ensure equal access to education for children with disabilities. It provides support to families in their relations with the school so that all children can benefit from a quality education that respects each individual person.

It works to ensure that women's dignity is respected, particularly by opposing the dissemination of pornography to children. It also advocates for sex education that includes the emotional dimension and respect for the bodies of girls and women. It actively combats sexual violence against minors by adults.

It is committed to providing legal training for young women law students and encouraging women's voices in public debate.

Juristes pour l'enfance campaigns for the reduction of inequalities in France, with a particular focus on respect for children with disabilities and their equal rights and on promotion of care of children in difficult circumstances by foster families.

Lastly, it works to put an end to violations of children's rights, particularly those committed by websites containing illegal content. It also intervenes in cases involving

children where it appears that their rights are threatened. It contributes to the production of legal standards that are as respectful as possible of the rights of the child, as defined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child of 20 November 1989.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The budget is not sufficient for such participation.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information provided.

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

The association contributed to Sustainable Development Goal 5 on gender equality by opposing the promotion of pornography among a child audience in a rugby stadium in France.

It contributed to Sustainable development Goal 16 on peace, justice and strong institutions by joining the Collectif pour l'enfance, which brings together some 30 associations with the aim of having effective legislation adopted in France to punish sexual acts committed by an adult against a minor of 15 years of age, by introducing an offence punishing the sexual act between an adult and a child without the possibility of taking into consideration any consent of the child whatever.

It has contributed to this Goal by drafting amendments to various bills and proposals for French parliamentarians on legislation affecting children's rights, to ensure that these rights are respected.

12. La manif pour tous

Special, 2016

Introduction

La manif pour tous is an association that defends children's rights, as defined under the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and human rights, as defined under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The association advocates for the respect of marriage, filiation, adoption, the family and matters concerning social life and the fundamental freedoms.

Aims and purposes of the organization

La manif pour tous exchanges information online and on social networks and meets with journalists, elected officials and institutional leaders. It organizes poster campaigns, conferences and other public events. It is meant to be the voice of civil society and take part in public debate on matters of concern.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

La manif pour tous has made a strong contribution to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 5 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

by alerting public opinion to the risks of reproductive exploitation for women's rights around the world.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2016:

- Representatives of the organization attended the Commission on the Status of Women at its sixty-first session, hosted by UN-Women, at the United Nations, New York, from 13 to 24 March

2017:

- Representatives attended the meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development organized under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council, at the United Nations, New York, from 10 to 19 July 2017, the President of La Manif Pour Tous made an oral statement and La Manif Pour Tous contributed a written statement to the forum.
- The President attended the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, in New York, on 28 September 2017

2018:

- Representatives attended the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women under the auspices of UN-Women at the United Nations, New York, from 12 to 23 March 2018, where La Manif Pour Tous submitted a written statement.
- Representatives attended the intersessional seminar on the protection of the family and the rights of older persons during the thirty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council, at the United Nations, Geneva, on 11 June 2018, and the President of La Manif Pour Tous made an oral statement on the role of the family.

2019:

- The representatives organized a side event at the fortieth session of the Human Rights Council in collaboration with ADF International at the United Nations, Geneva, on 6 March 2019, entitled “Maternal Surrogacy and the Human Dignity of Women and Children”.
- Representatives attended the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women under the aegis of the UN-Women at the United Nations, New York, from 11 to 23 March 2018, where La Manif Pour Tous submitted a written statement.
- La manif pour tous participated in the thirty-second session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review in January 2019 by submitting a report for Cambodia.
- La manif pour tous participated in the thirty-third session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review in May 2019 by submitting a report for Norway and Portugal.
- La manif pour tous participated in the thirty-fourth session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review in May 2019 by submitting a report for Egypt, Slovenia, Italy and Angola.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

La manif pour tous met with national project coordinator of the Action for Cooperation against Trafficking in Persons (UN-ACT) in Thailand concerning human trafficking in South-East Asia, in particular with respect to surrogacy.

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

La manif pour tous has contributed to Development Goal 5 by actively participating in International Women's Day in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 and by organizing events in France.

13. Le Conseil de jeunes congolais de l'étranger**Special, 2012****Introduction**

The Conseil de jeunes congolais de l'étranger is an association governed by articles 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code. Its permanent headquarters are located in Le Locle, Switzerland.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Conseil de jeunes congolais de l'étranger aims to promote the development of Africans who are unaware of their human rights by offering them opportunities for information and specific training.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We are involved in various activities at the Palais des Nations.

The Conseil de jeunes congolais de l'étranger is piloting a programme to create an International Criminal Court for the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

NGOs are invited to participate in the appropriate intergovernmental forum so that their contribution can benefit the work of the Council and consequently the United Nations. Participation in the work of the Council and its subsidiary bodies could include: contributions to the various meetings and to the documents and reports emanating from them written and oral statements proposals for development projects the organization of meetings or parallel events among NGOs.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No information provided.

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

The Sustainable Development Goals are a call to action for all countries – poor, rich and middle-income alike – to promote prosperity while protecting the planet. They recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that foster

economic growth and addresses a range of social needs, particularly education, health, social protection, job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection.

14. Les enfants de Frankie

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Les enfants de Frankie association helps and supports sick children, children with disabilities disadvantaged children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association contributes to promoting the fight against discrimination, children's rights and sustainable development, with the cooperation of France and Monaco.

Significant changes in the organization

It has expanded its geographical reach by amending article 3 of its statutes, by deleting references to Monaco and Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (PACA) region.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

1. Participates in World Children's Day with the National Education Department of Monaco.
2. Operates on the environment by setting up recycling workshops and promotes cultural and sports outings.
3. Distributes recycled hygiene products, clothes, toys and books.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Consideration of the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2016

E-discussion at the Economic and Social Council on the theme "Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges" from 20 March to 12 April 2017

Geneva Peace Week, 6–10 November 2017

UN Web TV live broadcast of the seventy-eighth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, 14 May–1 June 2018

Half of teenagers experience violence at school – United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) – 6 December 2018

Time to listen to children: the United Nations celebrates 30 years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child – UNICEF, 20 November 2019

Mediterranean: rescuing children must take precedence over politics, UNICEF, 15 August 2019

UNICEF calls for promoting assistive technology to include millions of children with disabilities, 7 March 2019

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Cooperation on sustainable development of the Millennium Development Goals with the United Nations Development Programme.

UNICEF on the right to safety, health and education of children

Showing of Pascal Plisson's film *Le grand jour*

Adoption of the Millennium Development Goals and dissemination of the United Nations agenda.

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

Action taken towards Sustainable Development Goal 4 on quality education:

The association finances projects to prevent children from dropping out of school. It identifies problems encountered by educators and provides material and financial solutions. It sets up apprenticeships for children who drop out of school. It distributes 900 lots of school supplies each year. It has created a comic book about protecting the environment.

Sustainable Development Goal 1 – no poverty: there are still too many people in our region struggling to meet the most basic needs. Sports and cultural activities are a source of motivation and contributes towards the child's development. The association offers neighbourhood associations tickets for shows and introduces people to sports.

It intervenes with the Social Action Division and departmental children's homes as a top priority. It distributes food for hundreds of children to charitable organizations and acts on requests from local communities. The association provides financial support to enable children to be enrolled in school canteens to avoid malnutrition and helps finance school trips.

Sustainable Development Goal 3 on ensuring health and well-being: the organization improves the conditions of young patients by financing hospital equipment; finances art therapy sessions; raises awareness about physical fitness and distributes organic hygiene product; purchases music therapy equipment to assist children with disabilities with verbal expression.

Sustainable Development Goal 10, on reduced inequalities: children with disabilities often do not have access to extracurricular activities. The objective is socializing by setting up outings with other children referred to as "normal". The association provides funding for a Lugicap sledge for the outings of the association for persons with multiple disabilities so that the children can ski. It invites visually impaired children to the cinema.

Sustainable Development Goal 14, on life below water: it pursues life-saving courses with Centre de Sauvetage (Acquatic Rescue Centre) of the Fondation Princesse Charlene. It organizes outings to the Museum of Oceanography in Monaco with Ateliers Marins.

Sustainable Development Goal 12, on sustainable consumption and production: the association makes it a point of honour to use paper from sustainably managed forests for the distribution of its biannual journal and replaces most of its communication by sending emails.

Sustainable Development Goal 11, on sustainable cities and communities: environmental protection is an integral part of the education it provides to 10,000 children a year, introducing them to the selective sorting of waste, planting and

creating vegetable gardens, and raising awareness of the need to protect our planet through workshops.

15. Martial Arts Academy

Special, 2016

Introduction

The Martial Arts Academy (MAA) was established in 2016. Our actions in general are based on sports, music and supportive therapy, with respect for the individual person, regardless his or her origins or differences, in a spirit of respectful and beneficial interaction, making it possible to create a living environment where dignity, self-confidence, integration, respect for others and drive are keywords.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of our NGO is to make a name for itself already at the national level (France), then at the European level thanks to our new accreditation and then at the international level thanks to our status as an NGO with consultative status and our various contacts with United Nations entities in Geneva and New York. We have a unique programme and concept that addresses many educational issues and global trends. The spirit of MAA is that of a world where everyone can enjoy all the rights set out in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments.

In order to be true to this vision:

The Martial Art Academy's mission is to conduct research and action to prevent serious violations of all these rights.

Our field of intervention, initially limited to education through sport and music, has been extended to the entire range of civil rights in the social and cultural fields covered by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We take part every year in International Women's Day in Geneva and, in 2017, we came to New York for a week to participate in this international day and the photo festival, at which we won the best disability photograph with our actions.

We had registered our NGO for the Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Kyoto, Japan, but the coronavirus crisis has caused us to defer this contribution until next year.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We participate every year in the annual meetings between the Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva and all NGOs.

In addition, we participated in the session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and met with the Chair and representatives from Haiti.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We are partners with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva through the portal.

We have applied to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for accreditation, which is pending.

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

Develop and strengthen the capacity of our venue to promote our actions through:

Pilot facilities and the setting up of an appropriate and standardized reception centre

Organization and planning of missions: proposals of various therapy workshops

A training programme for young people who have joined the Erasmus programme

An awareness-raising programme (conferences, round tables)

Setting up of workshops in sports, martial arts, self-defence, arts therapy, music therapy, theatre therapy, dance therapy and cooking therapy

We also organize peace concerts with lectures.
