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1. Entraide et action sans frontière

Special, 2020

Introduction

On 16 May 2024, the board of Entraide et action sans frontière met at our organization's headquarters in Bassar to finalize the 2020–2023 quadrennial report. The meeting began at 10 a.m. local time and ended at 2.20 p.m. The meeting was attended by the President of our organization, the Vice-President, the Secretary-General and the other members of the board of directors.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works in the field of human rights, focusing on disadvantaged children, the emancipation of women, education and the social reintegration of young people in difficulties. It contributes to the socioeconomic and cultural well-being of communities at the grass-roots level, with a view to achieving sustainable, harmonious, participatory and holistic human development.

Significant changes in the organization

Since the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations granted special status to our organization, a number of supporters have joined us and have been actively working with us for a better tomorrow.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our organization organizes talks and debates on certain international days.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Owing to problems with obtaining visas, it is difficult for members of our organization to attend meetings in person. Nevertheless, our organization was represented by one of its members, Gbark Pakindamne, at the meeting of the Council on the status of women at United Nations Headquarters in New York in 2023.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We work in collaboration with our former partners and closely follow the Council's work. We read and implement meeting reports and apply the recommendations.

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

To support the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, our organization works with women and young girls to train them in income-generating activities. Our organization has donated school supplies, food kits and essential supplies to assist people affected by natural disasters, and to provide relief to families affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

2. Environmental Development Action in the Third World

General, 1996

Introduction

Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA TM) is an international non-governmental, non-profit organization whose headquarters have been in Senegal since 1978. ENDA TM has a presence on several continents, in Latin America, Asia, East Africa, the Indian Ocean and North Africa. However, it is in Senegal and West Africa, including Mali and Burkina Faso, that it carries out some of its main activities to assist the most vulnerable groups.

The 19 member entities making up the ENDA TM network are based in 11 countries and implement projects in 40 countries, while also operating at the subregional, regional and international levels.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ENDA TM aims to bring about a world that is united and peaceful, protective of the future of the planet and respectful of human rights and human dignity, social justice and cultural diversity, and where resources are distributed equitably and managed in a way that benefits present and future generations.

The organization's mission is to promote a society that is fair and equitable and diverse and inclusive by effecting cultural, environmental, political, economic and social change. ENDA TM works to promote development and combats different forms of exclusion and poverty, as well as their underlying causes. It also seeks to promote the autonomy and leading role of communities and social movements; meaningful and informed participation in socioeconomic processes and in defining public policies; and respect for human rights, pluralism, cultural diversity and equality between men and women.

Significant changes in the organization

The Board of Directors, the Executive Board and the Executive Secretariat of the ENDA TM network were all renewed in 2023. The network's common strategic plan was updated in 2023.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- ENDA TM contributes to all conferences of the parties, including the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, to present the concerns of grass-roots communities. Position papers are drafted jointly with citizens to bring their voices to the international stage.
- ENDA TM organized major national civil society campaigns entitled “Act4SDG” in 2021, 2022 and 2023 and participated in United Nations summits for the midterm review of the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ENDA TM has partnered with institutions in the countries in which it operates, with national and international networks (including the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy, the Transparency, Accountability and Participation (TAP) Network, the Climate Action Network, the Climate and Development

Network and Energia), with local organizations (including grass-roots community organizations, and local and subnational government organizations) and with United Nations agencies (including the United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Capital Development Fund, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Environment Programme).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- ENDA Energie has distributed position papers at the various conferences of the parties.
- Several side events have been organized during the various conferences of the parties, including the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (ENDA Energie), the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification (ENDA Pronat), the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (ENDA Lead) and the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (ENDA Ecopop).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

As part of a project on strengthening the role and position of civil society organizations from the South in the implementation of a transformative 2030 Agenda, ENDA TM has initiated several projects:

1. ENDA Madagascar: preparation of a local pact on commitment to sustainable development, with an action plan, in the urban commune of Mahanoro and the rural commune of Betsizaraina.
2. All entities: more than 100 social pacts on voluntary community engagement in transformational grass-roots initiatives defined by the communities themselves.
3. ENDA Viet Nam: a project on eradication of plastic debris in the ocean – a local solution to global problems, with the United States Consulate in Ho Chi Minh City.
4. ENDA Energie: UNDP technical support to Senegal for the development of a long-term decarbonization and resilience strategy.
5. ENDA Ecopop: technical contributions made as a civil society organization member of the platform established by UNDP for monitoring progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 16.

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

A project to strengthen the role and position of civil society organizations from the South in the implementation of a transformative 2030 Agenda, funded by the European Union, has been implemented.

3. Femmes solidaires

Special, 2004

Introduction

Femmes solidaires is a secular feminist association and a universalist and abolitionist mass education movement that has 190 chapters in France.

Femmes solidaires is a member of the European Women's Lobby through its French branch and is affiliated with the Inter-African Committee.

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 campaign by women in Djibouti who had been raped by members of the Djibouti Armed Forces, and it backed demands for justice for three Kurdish feminists murdered in Paris in 2013. It supports the rights of women to control their own bodies, to have access to sexual and reproductive services, including voluntary termination of pregnancy, contraception and medically assisted reproduction, and to participate in sports. The association works with institutions to campaign against sexist representations of women in advertising and the media. Femmes solidaires campaigns against female genital mutilation through a sponsorship programme in Ethiopia that it has been running in close partnership with a local association since 2008. A boarding school established under the project has enabled girls from Afar to continue their secondary and higher education, while also providing economic empowerment workshops for their mothers.

Significant changes in the organization

The President of Femmes solidaires, Sabine Salmon, was a member of the commission on combating stereotypes of the High Council for Gender Equality from 2019 to 2021.

Gwendoline Lefebvre, a member of the National Board of Femmes solidaires, was President of the European Women's Lobby from June 2018 to June 2021 and a member of the Executive Committee of the Lobby from 2021 to 2023.

The association moved some of its work online owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Annual participation in the work of the Commission on the Status of Women: written and oral statements (sixty-fourth, sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth and sixty-seventh sessions of the Commission), organization of side events and contributions to official and side events.

Contribution in the form of a report for the Beijing Plus 25 Conference. Participation in the Generation Equality Forum and in the action coalition on gender-based violence, with the European Women's Lobby and Coordination française du lobby européen des femmes.

Contribution in the form of an alternative report for the review of France by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in 2021.

Support for the ratification by France of the International Labour Organization Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Delegation to sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women: remote participation in the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions, in-person participation in the sixty-seventh session.

Preparations for the Equality Forum: remote participation in the March 2021 meeting held in Mexico and in-person participation in the June-July 2021 meeting in Paris.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Work with ONU Femmes France; exchanges with the teams of the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences

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

- Sustainable Development Goal 1: combat poverty: joint actions with Secours populaire français to combat poverty among women.
- Sustainable Development Goal 3: good health and well-being: defence of the right to voluntary termination of pregnancy, contraception, access to health care for all women, access to sport.
- Sustainable Development Goal 4: quality education: projects in schools in France; establishment, with another association, of a boarding school in the Afar region of Ethiopia to enable girls to continue their education at secondary level. Femmes solidaires is committed to education for the people.
- Sustainable Development Goal 5, gender equality: awareness-raising among the general public, in the workplace and among school students; international and national advocacy; action to strengthen the relevant French legal framework and equality in the workplace.
- Sustainable Development Goal 10, reduced inequality: measures to tackle isolation, 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, combat climate change: awareness-raising among our activists.
- Sustainable Development Goal 16, peace, justice and effective institutions: participation in Mouvement de la paix and the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons

4. FESTHES “Festival pour la santé”

Special, 2016

Introduction

The Festival de théâtre pour l' éducation et la santé/Groupe de réflexion des amis pour le développement de l'humain (Festival of Theatre for Education/Friends of Human Development Working Group) (FESTHES/GRADH) continued its activities between 2020 and 2023, despite the difficult health situation around the world due to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

Aims and purposes of the organization

FESTHES/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. FESTHES is officially registered with the Ministry of Local Administration, Decentralization and Local Authorities (registration No. 0537/MATDCL-SG-DLPAP-DOCA) and recognized as a non-governmental organization (NGO) by the Ministry of Planning and Development (No. 0758/MPDAT of 7 November 2014). FESTHES/GRADH works with approximately 60 cultural associations from Togo and around the world. The work of GRADH covers the whole of Togo and extends to several other countries participating in the festival of theatre for education and health. GRADH is headquartered in Atakpamé, Togo, and it has an annex in Lomé.

Significant changes in the organization

The board of the organization was renewed.

Activities were carried out at the organization's annex in Lomé.

The organization is no longer a member of the MEA Board of Directors.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Participation in some online activities

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Participation in online meetings

Contributions to some documents

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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

Project 1: 16 days of activism against gender-based violence

2020

- Project objective: contribute to the fight against gender-based violence
- Project target group: population of the Maritime region
- Funding partner: MenEngage Alliance Africa
- Project cost: 1,500,000 CFA francs
- Activities: Meetings with traditional, religious and administrative authorities, creation of sketches, broadcasting of sketches on radio and social networks.
- Implementation region: Maritime

Project 2: raising awareness among the Togolese population (Maritime and Plateaux regions) on taking action.

2021

- Project objectives: the aim of the project is to contribute to the fight against COVID-19.

- Project target groups: people in the areas covered by selected radio stations (RVA in Agou, Grace in Lomé, Itiéssi in Amalmé, RVP in Danyi and Dadjin FM in Tado).
- Funding partner: African Culture Fund
- Project cost: 1,105,765 CFA francs
- Activities: sketch creation, broadcasting of sketches on radio and social networks
- Implementation regions: Maritime and Plateaux

Project 3: combating gender-based violence

- Project objectives: the aim of the project is to contribute to the fight against gender-based violence
- Project target group: population of the Maritime region
- Implementation regions: Maritime and Plateaux
- Year: 2021 (November and December)
- Amount: 200,000 CFA francs
- Funding partner: MenEngage Alliance Togo

Project 4: training of women leaders in sustainable natural resource management and land management

- Project objectives: the aim of the project is to contribute to the resilience of women's associations to the effects of climate change.
- Project target groups: six farming cooperatives
- Precise project location: Maritime and Plateaux regions
- Project duration (months or years): November and December 2021
- Key actors (partners): Women Environmental Programme – Togo/Projects for Civil Societies and Coalitions of Actors

Project 5: COVID-19 health emergency support and response project in Togo

- Project objectives: the aim of the project is to support resilience in the face of health emergencies
- Project target groups: populations of the prefectures of the Plateaux and Savanes regions
- Precise project location: Savanes and Plateaux regions
- Project duration (months or years): 2022
- Key actors (partners): IDB, Ministry of Health, Togolese Red Cross

Project 6: positive masculinity campaign

- Project target groups: population of Togo
- Precise project location: nationwide
- Project duration (months or years): 2021
- Key actors (partners): International Association for Maternal and Neonatal Health, MenEngage Alliance Africa

5. Fitilla

Special, 2020

Introduction

Our mission is to get the community to educate the very young and those of school age, so that they can go to school and learn that environmental conservation is synonymous with good health.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Fitilla's goal is to build a community that is committed to stability and the establishment of peace and non-violence in the country. It seeks to gradually empower every woman, regardless of her social and family status, by promoting her personal development and that of her family and her entire community. Everyone is aware of the role played by women in the development of life. Women are active in all areas of development, and efforts for women's empowerment are largely connected to all other activities linked to human development. Fitilla works to enhance access to justice for women and girls in the urban communes of Gao and to contribute to community development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no major changes over the past four years, apart from the regular presence of our members in Geneva.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We made several oral statements at various sessions of the Human Rights Council.

We co-signed several written statements at various sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Our contributions focus on several themes:

1. Social development
 2. Improving the status of women and girls
 3. Community development
1. Training workshop on the prevention and non-violent management of community conflicts
 2. Support for associations of women and girls who are victims of domestic or sexual violence
 3. Setting up of three mills in the urban commune of Gao

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Since 2022, at least three representatives have participated in the sessions of the Human Rights Council.

We have participated in the sessions of the Human Rights Council since March 2022.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We have been working with the Human Rights Council since its forty-ninth session.

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

Goal 1. The organization has implemented feeding programmes in several countries for over a million people a day. It has opened centres where people can receive a hot meal or food for their families and offered educational programmes to enable people to learn how to prepare meals on a set budget.

Goal 2. The organization has provided primary and secondary education for students.

Goal 3. The organization's programmes work with women in all aspects of their lives, teaching them skills and offering them the chance to support themselves through financial opportunities that make them less vulnerable in times of crisis.

Goal 4. Services have been provided to reduce the risk of child mortality. The services were often provided by mobile clinics and in community health stations. Education, nutrition and community development are a part of the process.

Goal 5. The organization has hired women to work in the clinics. Many services were provided in its maternity wards.

Goal 6. The organization's international health programmes are offered throughout the country, and its programmes to combat AIDS have benefited residents.

Goal 7. The organization has people to build houses. It also helped to create a village-owned mushroom farm that produces a useable and saleable crop.

Goal 8. The organization transforms the lives of poor producers in developing countries by enabling them to use their skills and resources to build sustainable livelihoods for themselves and their communities. The project is designed to address injustices in trading structures and practices that can lead to the exploitation and marginalization of the poor.

6. Fondation Ngangambi

Special, 2016

Introduction

The Fondation Ngangambi 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 physical disabilities. The organization is committed to its mission, which is to implement projects in support of the aforementioned vulnerable groups. It operates in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, specifically in the Province of Kongo Central.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's mission is to help persons in need, particularly Indigenous persons, older persons and persons with disabilities, by implementing advocacy and outreach programmes. Since 2016, the organization has been implementing projects aimed at improving living conditions for those people and defending their rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

1. The non-governmental organization has continued its project of organizing football tournaments for persons with physical disabilities and young people in order to spread a message of peace and encourage persons with disabilities to practise sport for their health.
2. Each year, the organization distributes footballs to Indigenous persons in villages and to orphaned children.
3. The organization is funding a project to build a sewing training centre for women aged from 18 to 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. The project has been put on hold owing to a lack of financial resources.
4. The organization has built a pharmacy to give free medication to vulnerable persons who do not have private health insurance or who cannot afford healthcare, including growing numbers of older persons, persons with disabilities and children.
5. The organization has handed out school supplies in three villages in the coastal area of Muanda, in the Province of Kongo Central.
6. The organization has established a football team for persons with physical disabilities, so they can participate in competitions at the local, national and international levels.
7. The organization has launched a tree-planting project to save the planet.
8. During the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, the organization distributed non-medical masks in several villages in the coastal area of Muanda and conducted public awareness campaigns regarding the protective measures and steps to be taken.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has participated in several United Nations meetings:

- Nineteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, 13–24 April 2020 at United Nations Headquarters in New York (cancelled)
- Nineteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, 30 March–3 April 2020 at United Nations Headquarters in New York (cancelled)
- Sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, 9–20 March at United Nations Headquarters in New York (cancelled)
- 15 and 16 June 2020: observer, virtual United Nations Global Compact Leaders Summit
- 16–18 November 2020: observer, virtual Forum on Business and Human Rights
- Twenty-first session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, virtually, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, 4–8 April 2022
- World Investment Forum 2023, Abu Dhabi, 16–20 October 2023
- Twelfth Forum on Business and Human Rights, Palais des Nations in Geneva, 27–29 November 2023

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Our organization has been unable to resume direct contact with certain United Nations agencies and bodies for cooperation purposes. Efforts are under way to

develop the contacts made through United Nations conferences into stronger partnerships through projects and collaborations. A project on a short film will be launched with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and a project on sports activities will be launched with the United Nations Children's Fund.

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

Each year, the organization celebrates United Nations Day, World Environment Day and International Women's Day.

7. Fondation Ostad Elahi – Éthique et solidarité humaine

Special, 2008

Introduction

Fondation Ostad Elahi – Éthique et solidarité humaine, which was recognized as a public interest organization by France 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 stronger interpersonal ties by developing the sense of ethics inherent into every person, which lies at the root of all forms of solidarity.

Its geographical coverage essentially includes France and French-speaking countries.

Its website is www.fondationostadelahi.fr

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's working methods include conferences, seminars, think tanks, university research projects, higher education modules, publications and Internet television. Taking a secular and intercultural approach, it establishes forums for reflection and exchange that help people to re-engage with the ethical and spiritual questions at the root of every society.

Significant changes in the organization

Changes to the board of directors:

- December 2020: Ebby Elahi, medical doctor and professor of ophthalmology, otolaryngology and public health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, was appointed Executive Director, replacing the founding Director, Bahram Elahi.
- Fanny Elahi, neurologist and researcher in neuroscience at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, was appointed to the board, replacing Minou Tavakoli-Sabour-Elahi.
- June 2021: Leili Anvar, lecturer at INALCO, was appointed to the board following the death of Marion Sarraut.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

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

- September 2020: conference cancelled because of the pandemic

- 25 September 2021, Institut de France, Paris: “*La fin de la souffrance?*”
- 24 September 2022, Institut de France, Paris: “*Regards croisés sur la musique d’Ostad Elahi*”

The organization has promoted and developed ethics teaching and research by:

- Developing teaching modules in ethics for universities and specialized institutions of higher education, including Paris Cité University, the National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts, the Faculty of Law of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, the Mines Telecom Institute-Business School and Paris-Dauphine University
- Organizing, in 2022, the sixth edition of the awards for ethics teaching and research, under the auspices of the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (see www.tropheesdelethique.fr)
- Producing an Internet television channel on ethical conduct, which features interviews with leading figures and recordings of research conferences (see www.fondationostadelahi.tv)
- Publishing three works on ethics

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to the work of the Economic and Social Council through:

- Annual ministerial review, 2021: written statement published as document E/2021/NGO/159
- Annual ministerial review, 2022: written statement published as document E/2022/NGO/20

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

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

The organization’s mission and all its work on ethics contribute to promoting the Millennium Development Goals.

8. Health and Environment Program (HEP)

Special, 2016

Introduction

The Health and Environment Program (HEP) 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

HEP aims to raise awareness and involve all sectors of the public in development programmes and the Sustainable Development Goals in the context of the 2030

Agenda for Sustainable Development. Its objectives are to educate the public through conferences, seminars and capacity-building activities; develop, manage and monitor socioeconomic projects; transfer knowledge among members through training; disseminate research findings and technical information through media broadcasts and a grass-roots approach; study and evaluate the impact of current systems of production and exchange on the environment; monitor and disseminate scientific and technical output on environmental matters; prevent shortages by processing, drying, packaging and storing foodstuffs; and develop a database on social and economic development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our organization contributed to seven main activities:

- (1) Attendance and oral participation in interactive dialogues, general statements and reviews of final documents for universal periodic reviews on human rights in such places as Cameroon, Spain, Kuwait, Pakistan, Jammu and Kashmir, and Myanmar.
- (2) Support for the rights of the child, through a call to action on realizing the rights of the child by promoting a healthy environment concern for the rights of the child.
- (3) Presentations to the Human Rights Council and participation in its panels, drawing the attention of the Council and the international community to the fundamental rights of women in connection with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).
- (4) Our efforts to highlight attacks against freedom of the media, freedom of information and intellectual property rights and to emphasize that the promotion and protection of human rights will only be effective if efforts are made to preserve a virtual social space where all Internet users are respected.
- (5) Support for the right of all people to enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health.
- (6) Promotion of the elimination of discrimination against women and girls.
- (7) Comprehensive briefings to the Human Rights Council to draw the international community's attention to the lack of political reform in countries where the number of human rights violations continues to rise, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Afghanistan.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We participated in the forty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council under the auspices of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the issue of violence against children and the associated impact on their mental health, as discussed by the Special Representative, on trafficking in persons, especially women and children, and on the implementation of Council resolution [40/14](#), as well as the special procedures, the universal periodic review and the treaty bodies. We have underscored the need for legal regulations governing information and communications with a view to protecting the social, economic and digital order, which should be achieved by safeguarding personal data and privacy, in full accordance with jurisprudence on several matters relating to digital technologies. We attended the forty-fifth, forty-seventh, forty-eighth, forty-ninth, fiftieth, fifty-first,

fifty-second, fifty-third, fifty-fourth and fifty-sixth sessions of the Human Rights Council. We made statements and organized side events on the human rights situation in Yemen and in Pakistan, as well as on the right to development.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We have collaborated with the General Assembly, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the World Intellectual Property Organization and the World Trade Organization through our participation at several forums and meetings, including the public forum.

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

Development projects in Cameroon

9. Initiative d'opposition contre les discours extrémistes

Special, 2016

Introduction

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

Aims and purposes of the organization

Combat extremist discourse

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has contributed to reports for various United Nations committees.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization, as part of a coalition of national non-governmental organizations, participated in a report for the thirty-seventh session of the universal periodic review, 2–13 November 2020, in Geneva.

The organization contributed to a report for the sixty-ninth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, 18–22 October 2021, in Geneva.

Report for the eighty-fourth session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, 6–24 February 2023, in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The organization has cooperated with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner in Geneva.

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

The organization has implemented many initiatives relating to Goal 4 on education.

10. Institut Jules-Destrée

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Institut Destrée is a European think-and-do tank located in Wallonia, Belgium. As both a non-governmental research centre and a pluralist and independent think tank, its approach is based on creative thinking. The organization helps to activate global networks through such initiatives as its Millennium Project, under which it is responsible for the Brussels area hub, working with European institutions, associations and companies located there.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works as both a detector of change and a generator of ideas for tangible action in support of deliberative democracy and the general interest.

It helps to build capacity among the public so that people can become agents of their future, through the following priority areas:

- Participating in a collective project in support of social justice, promoting democracy, sustainable development and economic growth
- Encouraging the public to acquire broad-based knowledge, actively and open-mindedly, with an emphasis on intangible values, such as research and education, in line with similar European and international networks
- Fostering among the public a critical understanding of the aims of society and the challenges facing it, from the local to the global levels, and helping to develop strategic approaches to respond to those challenges

Significant changes in the organization

The organization helps stakeholders to strengthen their skills in its areas of expertise, including source analysis, pedagogical support, democratic governance, foresight, preliminary impact analysis and information technologies. It organizes annual training programmes to that end, with a particular focus on foresight and forecasting. At the international level, the organization has continued to collaborate with the Millennium Project and has forged new partnerships with the World Academy of Art and Science, in order to work on governance issues and issues related to world peace:

“Some ‘new’ governance models for Europe and the United States” (available at <https://cadmusjournal.org/article/volume-3/issue-6/some-%E2%80%9Cnew%E2%80%9D-governance-models-europe-and-united-states>)

“Russia in NATO: thinking the unthinkable?” (available at <https://cadmusjournal.org/article/volume-4-issue-6/russia-nato-thinking-unthinkable>)

“Human security for all, establishing the common good by arming wisdom”, (available at <https://phd2050.org/2024/05/28/arming-wisdom/>)

The organization has implemented other initiatives, including initiatives in support of the European Parliament for the Conference on the Future of Europe, as well as initiatives in partnership with the Parliament of Wallonia, such as a public panel and a hackathon on the impact of climate change on health and on engaging young people in the society of the future.

The Institut Destrée has a very strong focus on issues related to understanding the federal and confederal model, not only within Belgium but through support for

several research centres on governance in Iraq, where a seminar was held in Erbil in 2022.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Institut Destrée has continued its support for and collaboration with the Millennia2025 Women and Innovation Foundation, which has organized several seminars for the international conference on the Millennia2025 action plan for women's empowerment and has fully developed an Internet platform (see www.millennia2025-foundation.org/).

The organization has also continued to monitor the work of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on public administration and excellence in governance and administration. In addition, it has established ties with the Open Government Partnership as a civil society member (Belgium is not a member). The organization has also worked with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Chair for Innovation in Tunisia, providing foresight support and supporting the implementation of the Tunisia 2050 project.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the associated travel restrictions have hindered the organization's ability to participate in meetings of the United Nations in person, other than its participation in a series of initiatives for the committee on women and in virtual initiatives organized by the World Academy of Art and Science.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The "Millennia2025 digintelles 2.0: collective intelligence and digital skills as drivers for empowerment – a foresight strategic tool" initiative was certified by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) France in May 2020 and May 2021. That initiative was one of the organization's most important initiatives during the period, and it attracted many contributions (see www.millennia2025-foundation.org/digintelles.html).

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

With the Union Wallonne des Entreprises, a major organization that is leading the dissemination of the Goals in Wallonia and Brussels, the Institut Destrée provided intellectual support and guidance from 2020 to 2022 for the forward-looking Odyssee 2068 project, which mobilized some 1,000 stakeholders, companies and organizations to contribute strategically to achievement of the Goals in Wallonia, Belgium (see www.odyssee2068.be/vision).

11. Jeunesse horizon

Special, 2004

Introduction

Jeunesse horizon is a secular, apolitical, non-profit non-governmental organization that focuses on development. Since 1 April 1999, it has been recognized and operating in Cameroon under registration No. 72/RDDA/C19/BAPP. The organization brings together young people to defend human rights, and specifically children's rights, and to foster the harmonious and sustainable development of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Aims and purposes of the organization

One of the missions of Jeunesse horizon is to create the right conditions for young people to flourish, and to lift a large number of them out of the squalor in which their day-to-day lives unfold. In line with its general policy document, over the past four years Jeunesse horizon has focused its activities on the socioeconomic integration of unemployed young people, the defence and promotion of human rights and environmental conservation. To achieve those objectives, Jeunesse horizon relies on the contributions of its members and donors, as well as the partnerships it forges with other organizations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2023: written communication on the theme “Accelerating recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at all levels” submitted to the 2023 high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council, held in New York from 17–20 July, 2023.

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

Since its establishment, Jeunesse horizon has commemorated the observance days instituted by the United Nations. Those include Human Rights Day, which is celebrated every year on 10 December, in collaboration with the National Commission on Human Rights and Freedoms of Cameroon. Jeunesse horizon continues to receive technical support from the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa and the United Nations information centre to commemorate those occasions.

2022: since October 2022, 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 Ngaoundéré, Bertoua and Bangangté (namely, the Mazenot Secondary School of Ngaoundéré, in the Adamaoua Region, the Jean Onguéné Bertoua Bilingual Secondary School in the Eastern Region and the Bangangté Technical Secondary School in the Western Region) to raise awareness of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This initiative stemmed from the “One Pupil – One Declaration” project. The partnership provides for the donation of documents related to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a project that started in 2012.

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

Goals 2 and 3:

2020–2023: 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, namely, Okie Johnson Ndoh, Bekono Nkoa Georges and many other donors, some 20 children from disadvantaged families have been fed, clothed, and enrolled in schools. Jeunesse horizon has also supported an

orphanage in Yaoundé, thanks to the financial and logistical support provided by its members.

Goal 4:

2023: Jeunesse horizon has developed and implemented an educational programme to guarantee access to high-quality education for marginalized and disadvantaged girls. The programme involves setting up schools, training teachers and providing educational resources. Through the programme, Jeunesse horizon has also organized auxiliary science courses for girls and provided menstrual kits in order to improve girls' performance and attendance.

Goal 6:

2020–2023: Jeunesse horizon continues to support Saturday sanitation sessions, where young people clean out drainage channels, in the Nkolfulu, Etoug-Ebe and Anguissa neighbourhoods. This work protects residents against environmental diseases and prolongs the working life of the infrastructure in these neighbourhoods.

2021: with the support of a sponsor, Jeunesse horizon drilled a well in the Mehandan neighbourhood, in the Mefou-et-Afamba Department, Central Region, to enable residents to obtain drinking water.

12. Juristes pour l'enfance

Special, 2016

Introduction

Juristes pour l'enfance is a French association of legal experts who use their expertise to defend children's rights. A children and youth branch brings together young people under the age of 18 who reflect and speak out on social issues and plans that affect children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Juristes pour l'enfance seeks to promote and sustain the social and institutional frameworks that are most conducive to children's protection and harmonious development. Its work consists of:

- Legal action aimed at ensuring respect for children's fundamental rights and needs
- Outreach to the general public and local decision-makers: preliminary studies and research followed by the dissemination of insights by means of videos, symposiums, conferences, interviews, opinion pieces, and radio and television broadcasts
- Actions aimed at making the law fairer: contribution to the drafting of regulations in consultation with members of parliament, hearings, and engagement with international bodies through reports and advocacy

Significant changes in the organization

The children and youth branch of the association was established in 2020.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Juristes pour l'enfance submitted several reports and letters to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in 2020, 2022 and 2023, in the context of the sixth periodic review of France.

In 2022, it submitted a report to the Human Rights Council during the fourth cycle of the universal periodic review.

It also submitted a report to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its seventy-fourth session, in 2023.

The youth branch, “Nous Enfants” (We Children), submitted reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in 2020 and 2022 in the context of the sixth periodic review of France. In February 2023, it took part in the consultations held by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in advance of the fifty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Nous Enfants sent five young people to the children’s meeting organized by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, which was held on 6 and 7 February 2023 in Geneva, on the occasion of the sixth periodic review of France. Several children returned on 9 and 10 May 2023 to attend the session at which questions were posed to the government delegation in order to meet the members of the Committee again, in addition to the Secretary of State for Children of France.

Juristes pour l’enfance took part in the hearing of civil society organizations held in Geneva on 3 October 2023, during the seventy-fourth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2021 and 2023, Juristes pour l’enfance met several times with members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to raise awareness of violations of children’s rights in France, and of the issue of medicalization of children who identify as trans.

In 2023, it also met with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences, to discuss the exploitation of women in the context of surrogate motherhood.

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

Juristes pour l’enfance has contributed to the achievement of Goal 2 by providing videos aimed at helping children learn French. The online videos are free of charge so as to enable as many children as possible to have access to them: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8trQNgkVPk&t=12s> and <https://lesenfantsparlentfrancais.com/>.

The association contributed to the work of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, which in October 2023 asked about the reduction of educational freedom in France as a result of the restriction on home-schooling.

Juristes pour l’enfance has contributed to the achievement of Goal 3 by organizing a symposium on the prevention of sexual violence between minors (<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLo7TGs7ujfOXUwG5cYKsq7uV3pq7hKTed>) and by publishing a book on the same subject (<https://editionsartege.fr/product/129419/violences-sexuelles-entre-mineurs/>).

It has provided training in preventing minors from gaining access to pornography.

It has contributed to the achievement of Goal 5 by combating the exploitation of women through surrogate motherhood. Its members are signatories of the 2023 Declaration of Casablanca for the Universal Abolition of Surrogacy: <https://declaration-surrogacy-casablanca.org/index.php/casablanca-declaration-abrogation-gpa/>.

13. Kobia

Special, 2020

Introduction

- I. Brief presentation of Kobia
- I. Kobia is an apolitical, non-profit association made up of young people of goodwill who are willing to help it to achieve its goals.
- II. Formally recognized as an association, No. 0635/MATDCL-SG-DLPAP-DOCA.
- III. Certificate No. 971/MPDC/2019 attests to Kobia's status as a development-focused non-governmental organization.
- IV. Member of France volontaires in 2018.
- V. Non-governmental organization (NGO) member of CIVICUS – World Alliance for Citizen Participation in 2019.
- VI. Special consultative status (Economic and Social Council) 2020.

Kobia does not discriminate on the grounds of gender, religion or political beliefs, and aims to promote people's well-being.

1.1 Headquarters

The headquarters of Kobia is in Agoè Démakpoè, Agoé-Nyivé Prefecture, 08BP8848, Togo. Telephone: 00228 22508432. Cell phone: 00228 92691191/00228 90755120. Kobia's headquarters may be moved to any other location by decision of its general assembly.

1.2 Action strategies

1.3 Where we work

We carry out various activities in:

- Underprivileged settings
- Communes
- Prefectures
- Regions

1.4 Focus areas

- Quality of life
 - Water and sanitation
 - HIV/AIDS and malaria
 - Planning and development
- Environmental conservation
 - Protection and restoration of green spaces
 - Environmental conservation
 - Sustainable energy
- Natural resources

- Promotion of biodiversity
- Sustainable agriculture
- Sustainable development
 - Community development
 - Rural development

Aims and purposes of the organization

Kobia works with communities and takes a participatory approach to awareness-raising, research, planning and follow-up. As communities are the decision-makers in relation to their own development projects, our support methods are based on belief in them and the human desire to be able to assess one's own resources while valuing the contributions of others. Our methods help to foster self-confidence and a sense of responsibility for decision-making. These participative initiatives are put into practice through training, meetings and exchanges, awareness-raising, advisory support, radio broadcasts, visual communication tools and action theatre. Action theatre is one of the most-used communication tools for social mobilization and advocacy. Because of its entertaining and instructive nature, theatre can bring together a large number of people who are willing to listen to awareness-raising performances in their entirety. In addition, people quickly memorize the messages that they hear in the performance. The genre facilitates thinking about development in terms of integrating all the components of society, as we cannot build a multidimensional society without an awareness of all its differences.

Significant changes in the organization

On 30 September 2023, Kobia held its ordinary general assembly in Agoè Démakpoè, Agoé-Nyivé Prefecture. Discussions focused on a number of issues, including where we work, our areas of focus, the presentation of new members and a comprehensive report on our previous activities.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Kobia has always contributed to the organization of United Nations activities. We provide information about United Nations meetings and conferences through our communication and media networks and share that information with our delegates, representatives and members.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Conference of Ministers organized by the Economic Commission for Africa
Sixty-second session of the Commission for Social Development
Ninth International Youth Conference

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Our technical partners are:
Economic and Social Council (Special consultative status) 2020
NGO Liaison Unit, United Nations Office at Geneva
NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs
France volontaires
CIVICUS – World Alliance for Citizen Participation (South Africa) – NGO

Department of Public Information, United Nations

BEDS (India) – NGO

MOD (Togo) – NGO

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

Project to improve access to drinking water in the village of Karé; the project is designed to improve access to drinking water for this rural community.

- An operational village hydraulic system has been set up
- 100 per cent of the population of Karé and the surrounding area have access to clean water
- Waterborne health risks have been reduced by 70 per cent
- Sufficient good-quality water is available in and around Karé. The aim of the project is to supply the population of Karé and its environs with water for as long as possible, to provide for several generations. The chief and the village development committee will therefore conduct regular monitoring after the project is completed.

14. 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 respect for marriage, filiation, adoption, the family and the complementary nature of the sexes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

La manif pour tous provides 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 changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of La manif pour tous attended the forty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council in September 2020 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, where they made an oral statement on agenda item 4, Human rights situations that require the Council's attention.

In February 2021, La manif pour tous submitted a written statement on the theme "New and emerging digital technologies and human rights" to the twenty-fifth

session of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee. At that session, its representatives also delivered an oral statement on the same subject.

La manif pour tous also submitted a written statement to the fifty-ninth session of the Commission for Social Development in March 2021.

In March 2022, representatives submitted a written statement on climate change and disaster reduction to the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, under the auspices of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

In April 2022, La manif pour tous submitted a written statement to the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Population and Development on the theme of “Population and sustainable development, in particular sustainable and inclusive economic growth”.

At the fiftieth session of the Human Rights Council, in June 2022, the President of La manif pour tous made an oral statement during the interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on violence against women and girls, its causes and consequences.

In March 2023, La manif pour tous submitted a written contribution to the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, under the auspices of UN-Women, on the theme of “Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”.

In April 2023, La manif pour tous also submitted a written statement to the fifty-sixth session of the Commission on Population and Development on the theme of “Population, education and sustainable development”.

In June 2023, representatives of La manif pour tous attended the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council and made an oral statement during the informal consultations on the draft resolution on violence against women and girls.

In September 2023, representatives attended the fifty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council. They made an oral statement during the informal discussion in preparation for the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of the Family.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In June 2020, La manif pour tous produced a report on surrogate motherhood in Ukraine, a preparatory document for an official visit by the Special Rapporteur on the sale, sexual exploitation and sexual abuse of children.

In March 2022, La manif pour tous submitted a report in response to the call by the Special Rapporteur for contributions on the theme of “Addressing the vulnerabilities of children to sale and sexual exploitation in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals”.

In July 2022, representatives of La manif pour tous submitted a response to the public consultation launched at the high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council on the theme “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”.

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

No initiatives were specified.

15. Le conseil des jeunes congolais de l'étranger (CJCE)

Special, 2012

Introduction

Significant changes have taken place within Le conseil des jeunes congolais de l'étranger (CJCE), which now focuses a large part of its efforts in the Democratic Republic of Congo. CJCE develops educational awareness-building and training programmes to equip young people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, whether they live in the country or abroad, with the skills they need to succeed in a globalized economic environment. It also encourages entrepreneurship and the creation of small and medium-sized enterprises, thus helping to reduce unemployment and improve living conditions. At the same time, CJCE promotes social cohesion by encouraging dialogue between young people in the diaspora and those living in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, while supporting local initiatives that have a direct impact on people's well-being. Lastly, by actively participating in international forums on democracy, good governance and human rights, CJCE strengthens the role of young people in the promotion of a fairer, more equitable society.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CJCE works proactively in the Democratic Republic of Congo, actively contributing to the empowerment of young people and community development. CJCE has diversified its work and is involved in a variety of programmes, ranging from awareness-raising to civic education and the promotion of entrepreneurship and ecological initiatives. Through those efforts, the organization strives to strengthen the participation of young people in decision-making processes and to involve them in sustainable development projects that benefit Congolese society as a whole.

Significant changes in the organization

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Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CJCE actively contributes to United Nations initiatives by participating in various sessions and work in support of the Sustainable Development Goals. Through its awareness-raising and educational activities, it combats poverty and hunger, while promoting gender equality. CJCE plays an essential role in getting young people involved in achieving the Goals.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Our participation in political discussions is demonstrated by our active involvement in sessions and consultative work, where we advocate reforms aimed at strengthening social justice, human rights and sustainable development. Our consultative status enables us to provide meaningful recommendations on global

issues. We also conduct awareness-raising campaigns and educational initiatives to promote the Sustainable Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We have already received positive feedback from the United Nations at bilateral meetings, at which we have also been given valuable advice and guidance on implementing our sustainable development projects. However, we would like to request greater support in two key areas: financial partnership and the implementation of programmes on the ground.

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

CJCE is actively involved in promoting the Sustainable Development Goals through several specific initiatives. In the field of education, CJCE has set up a library containing over 3,500 books to encourage training and access to knowledge among the young people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In addition, a 5-hectare farm has been established, in order to combat hunger and promote sustainable agriculture. The initiative contributes to local food security and raises young people's awareness of the importance of agriculture. In addition, CJCE uses a community radio station to organize conferences and disseminate information on the Goals, thereby raising public awareness of sustainable development issues.
