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## 1. “Coup de pousse” Chaîne de l’espoir Nord-Sud (CDP-CENS)

**Special, 2016**

### **Introduction**

In this quadrennial report for the period 2020–2023, we wish to highlight the importance of adopting a cross-cutting approach to human rights, in order to ensure peace, security and prosperity for women and children in Africa, especially in Togo. A commitment to human rights is an essential condition for truly sustainable economic and social development for all. Respect for human rights helps to alleviate poverty, reduce the number of refugees and support the development of countries that are fragile, as is the case in Africa. As events regularly show, a State that does not respect women’s rights and children’s freedoms is acting against the interests of its people and represents a threat to them.

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

We work to protect and assist poor children and promote the empowerment of women and girls. To this end, we provide them with school enrolment support through a sponsorship system and give them the opportunity to flourish through tourist, social, cultural and artistic activities and intercultural exchanges between the global North and South. We seek to: support and initiate activities aimed at ensuring the well-being of children, women and girls; help disadvantaged children to enrol in school through a sponsorship system; promote and organize social and cultural, tourist and artistic activities; promote entrepreneurship in the areas of tourism, culture and art; encourage intercultural exchanges between the global North and South; offer training (capacity-building and career placement support); and promote and encourage the empowerment of women and girls in need.

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

Our headquarters is located at a new address, namely: 4 Cours Saint Vincent, 92130, Issy Les Moulineaux (France) 2. The organization has a new logo.

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

We are fervently advocating the acceleration of progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular Goal 1 (No poverty), Goal 2 (Zero hunger), Goal 3 (Good health and well-being), Goal 4 (Quality education) and Goal 5 (Gender equality). We are working to advance the Goals by galvanizing fundraising efforts for community events; providing adequate school supplies to help achieve Goal 4 (Quality education); promoting food security for the most vulnerable persons, in keeping with Goals 2 and 3; and further empowering young people, especially young women and girls, in order to achieve Goal 5.

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

- 2020: sixty-fourth session of the Commission on the Status of Women - Beijing Conference (we only participated in the plenary session, owing to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic).
- 2021–2022: virtual participation in several meetings, including those of the sixty-fifth and sixty-sixth sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, the International Migration Review Forum and the Economic and Social Council youth forum.
- 2023: virtual participation in the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (report sent on 29 January).

On 27 and 28 April 2023, we participated in the 109th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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

We work in close collaboration with the Economic and Social Council by participating regularly in its meetings and adhering strictly to its rules.

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

We are firmly committed to promoting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals on several fronts, including through our membership of a platform of African non-governmental organizations known as *Diaspora africaine pour la société de l'information*. This platform is accredited to the Telecommunication Development Sector of the International Telecommunication Union, which seeks to close the North-South digital divide in Internet governance. Projects are under way to train women and young people in new information and communications technologies. Through such projects, we aim to create a space where innovative and stimulating ideas can be put forward to pave the way for African women to advance, become leaders and play their full part in running public and private enterprises, in accordance with ethical norms and in the interest of economic and social progress.

## **2. Action communautaire femme et enfant**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

Action communautaire femme et enfant is a non-profit organization that was founded in Kinshasa, capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Its headquarters are located at No. 15, Rue Munge, in the commune of Maluku, and may be transferred to any other place in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by decision of the Executive Secretariat. It operates throughout the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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

Our aim is to promote social, philanthropic and humanitarian projects in aid of rural women and children; build the capacities of women market gardeners through training in farming and livestock breeding techniques; empower rural women through literacy and income-generating activities; promote access to education and primary healthcare for children who neither work nor study; help to improve the health of the rural population, with a focus on psychosocial support for people living with HIV/AIDS and environmental sanitation; combat global warming by raising public awareness of relevant practices and techniques; and promote the participation of the rural population in local governance through civic education.

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

There have been no changes.

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

We collect and verify information and then disseminate it through our website and Facebook page, with a view to informing people about particular causes and potentially mobilizing their support.

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

- 2017: representatives attended the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in America.
- 2018: representatives attended the sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in America.
- 2019: representatives attended the sixty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women, in America.
- 2020: virtual participation in the forum on gender equality, held on Monday, 16 March, from 10 to 11 a.m., New York time.

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

We have worked with women and children in rural areas, specifically Maluku in Kinshasa, to improve their literacy. This programme was financed from our own funds. As a member of the federation of development organizations, we are contributing to the efforts being made to achieve the 17 global Sustainable Development Goals.

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

- Ending poverty: in order to help eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, we set up a programme to increase the productive capacity of 100 women market gardeners. The women were trained and provided with equipment and inputs and are now producing more than before. As a result of the programme, they have increased their income from market gardening activities by an average of 30 per cent.
- Ending hunger: we work to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture activities for women and children in rural areas.
- Access to health: in order to reduce the mortality of children under 5 years of age, we use our own funds to facilitate access to consultations at local health centres.
- Access to education: we work to ensure that all girls and boys receive free, equitable and quality education, leading to relevant and effective learning outcomes, by promoting their participation in a literacy programme that was launched last year. We also work to ensure that all girls and boys have access to early childhood development and care services and to quality pre-primary education, so that they are ready for primary education, and to eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, Indigenous people and children in vulnerable situations.
- Gender equality: we work to achieve gender equality by empowering women and girls through cooperative programmes and microprojects.

### **3. Action Jeunesse pour le développement**

#### **Special, 2016**

##### **Introduction**

We are honoured to transmit our quadrennial report for the period 2020–2024, which was prepared by Mr. Louis Bahakoula Mabidi, Executive Director of Action Jeunesse pour le développement (AJED-Congo). The quadrennial report is a general policy document of the Economic and Social Council. Our report contains an account of our activities as an organization in consultative status with the Council.

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

AJED-Congo focuses primarily on environmental and social issues that have a negative impact on social development, health, youth education and entrepreneurship, poverty eradication and the improvement of socioeconomic living conditions for the most vulnerable persons, the status and rights of women, the rights of Indigenous Peoples and human rights, drugs and substance abuse.

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

There have been some personnel changes within the Executive Bureau of the organization.

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

A greater increase in renewable energies may drastically reduce the potential risks associated with the global threat of climate change, such as drought and flooding. This would give impetus to prevention programmes aimed at counteracting the dangers of climate change and environmental pollution. We should emphasize education and information and raise public awareness of human rights to prevent unspeakable human suffering and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, in order to limit the impact of climate change and make the planet healthier. This should be a national and regional duty and requires international solidarity.

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

- Participation in the twenty-eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the eighteenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from 30 November to 12 December 2023.
- Participation in the second session of the intergovernmental negotiating committee to develop an international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, to be held at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Paris, France, from 29 May to 2 June 2023.

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

- AJED-Congo is accredited to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- AJED-Congo is accredited to the Green Climate Fund.
- AJED-Congo is accredited to the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

- AJED-Congo is accredited to the Conferences of the Parties to the Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions.
- AJED-Congo is accredited to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.
- AJED-Congo is accredited to the United Nations Environment Programme.

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

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a plan of action for humanity, the planet and prosperity. It is aimed at enhancing peace and requires partnerships for its implementation. The five aspects of sustainable development are closely interrelated, as demonstrated by the Sustainable Development Goals wheel logo. Taking into account the successes and shortcomings of the Millennium Development Goals, the Sustainable Development Goals highlight new areas, such as economic inequality, innovation, climate change, sustainable consumption, peace and justice, education and hunger alleviation.

## **4. Action pour la protection des droits de l’homme en Mauritanie**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

Action pour la protection des droits de l’homme en Mauritanie is a non-governmental organization that aims to promote and protect human rights in Mauritania. It works to improve the human rights situation in Mauritania, in accordance with the relevant international conventions and principles of the United Nations.

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

The purpose of our organization is to protect and defend human rights in Mauritania without distinction as to race, colour, sex, religion, language, political opinion, national or social origin, birth or other status, in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. We aim to fight for the equality of all human beings, in terms of their rights and dignity, to combat social inequalities and human rights violations in Mauritania and around the world, and to combat torture and other inhuman and degrading treatment.

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

Our organization is now in compliance with the new Act No. 04/2021 of 10 February on civil society organizations in Mauritania. Owing to the shift from a system of authorization to one of declaration under this new law, our executive bureau now comprises five members instead of seven.

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

Contribution of an alternative report for the periodic review of the situation in Mauritania at the twenty-ninth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in September 2023.

Alternative report to the session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women held on 30 January 2024.

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

- Participation in a human rights event held in Geneva in March 2024.
- Participation in the fifty-fourth regular session of the Human Rights Council, held in Geneva from 11 September to 13 October 2023.
- Accreditation of seven members of our organization residing in New York, in March 2024.
- Issuance of seven temporary passes in Geneva for the period from January to March 2024, in addition to the issuance of annual passes to our representatives in New York and Geneva.

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

Collaboration with the United Nations country office in Nouakchott. Sharing of our organization's activity reports. At the invitation of the country office, participation in meetings with United Nations special rapporteurs during their visits to Mauritania and in training workshops organized by the country office on the submission of alternative reports by civil society in the framework of periodic reviews. Commemoration of human rights days in general. United Nations Development Programme, Embassy of the United States of America (sharing of activity reports).

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

- Two-week awareness-raising campaign on trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants, reaching more than 450 persons in Nouakchott.
- Publicization of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime ratified by Mauritania.

## **5. Africa culture internationale**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

We are hereby submitting our quadrennial report for the period 2020–2023 and we wish to strongly endorse the work done by the United Nations in recent years.

Since obtaining consultative status on 27 July 2012, our organization has been continuing its work, with a primary focus on children, women and the environment.

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

The aims and purposes of our organization are as follows: legal advice; consulting and administrative services; guidance and support; participation in panels and forums; environmental protection; projects for vulnerable groups; protection of refugees; training and education for women; women's empowerment.

We train women from disadvantaged villages and neighbourhoods to enable them to start their own development microprojects. We help them to explore new areas such as fish processing, market gardening and the management of small local businesses.

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

There have been no changes.

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

Participation in United Nations activities

Title of the side event: “Human rights in Pakistan” – panel to shed light on the human rights situation in Pakistan.

- Human Rights Day
- World Children’s Day
- International Women’s Day
- World Environment Day
- International Day of the African Child

Commemoration of Human Rights Day in Toubakouta, on 10 December 2023, in Fatick Region, Department of Foundiougne, Senegal.

Various awareness-raising campaigns in villages and schools to help children to understand their rights.

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

Participation in various United Nations meetings: meeting convened by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) in New York, in March 2023.

Commemoration of Human Rights Day on 10 December 2023 in Toubakouta, Senegal, with the participation of more than 200 persons.

Grain processing project to empower rural women: this project is aimed at improving the living conditions of women.

We have carried out several initiatives in relation to the Sustainable Development Goals, examples of which are provided below.

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

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights – Social Forum of the Human Rights Council side event – United Nations Office at Geneva

Title: Renaissance of Human Rights – A Crucial Contribution of Science and Technology

At this side event, entitled “Innovation for Human Rights: The Key Role of Technology”, participants explored how scientific and technological progress can play a decisive role in promoting and protecting human rights.

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

- Waste treatment project: towards carbon-free energy

General viewpoint:

In the context of the energy transition, green energy, whether created by waste or by microgeneration using solar energy, hydrogen, wind power or biomass, must be considered as a way of diversifying the country’s energy mix.



Additional relevant information that we would like to share with the Committee

We have taken the opportunity to prepare this report as part of our efforts to ensure respect for the fundamental human rights guaranteed under the Charter of the United Nations and international conventions, while acknowledging our donors and partners. We sincerely thank those who have made our work easier. In 2022, our partners included the Geneva Press Club, the Non-governmental Organization Liaison Unit, the Bureau of the Human Rights Council and the Union of International Associations.

## **6. Afrique Espérance**

### **Special, 2020**

#### **Introduction**

Launched in 2010 and recognized by the Government of Benin under reference number 2013-366/DEP-ATL-LIT/SG/SAG-ASSOC on 16 December 2013, Afrique Espérance obtained special consultative status on 24 June 2020. Based in Benin, it is also active in Côte d'Ivoire, Congo and the Niger, focusing mainly on climate change and the promotion of human rights and democracy. To achieve its objectives, it has an effective Board of Directors and executive leadership to fulfil its major ambitions related to the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

Inspire a new approach to development by returning to our intrinsic African values in order to eliminate poverty in Africa and restore the image of Black people. The objectives are essentially the promotion of African culture (raising awareness of a new African citizenship); the defence of human rights, democracy and good governance; the strengthening of conflict prevention, management and resolution in Africa; the advancement of inclusive socioeconomic financing in Africa (decentralized financial systems); and the implementation of environmental ethics, corporate social responsibility and the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

Since its participation in the 9th World Water Forum, held in Dakar from 22 to 27 March 2022, and the fifteenth session of 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, held from 9 to 20 May 2022, Afrique Espérance has focused its activities on climate issues, in particular ensuring access to water and increasing the resilience of vulnerable populations in the face of ecological and energy transition. The Board of Directors and the executive leadership work in perfect harmony to develop and implement the vision for Benin and Africa. Drawing on our best practices in transforming waste into green and sustainable energy (biogas) and biofertilizers, we have set up new bases in Côte d'Ivoire and Congo, and will soon set up a similar base in the Niger.

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

Having been elected as the Chair and representative of Africa to the panel of global non-governmental organizations accredited to the Convention to Combat Desertification, Afrique Espérance has brought the efforts of all civil society stakeholders working to achieve Goals 1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15 under the Convention to Combat Desertification into line with their efforts under the framework of the other Rio conventions and the United Nations Environment Programme.

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

1. Representatives attended the fifteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention to Combat Desertification, under the theme “Land. Life. Legacy: From scarcity to prosperity”. We participated in a side event and contributed, together with colleagues, to the drafting of civil society declarations relating to the central theme.
2. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime: Call for participation and contributions to the development of a convention on cybercrime by the Ad Hoc Committee to Elaborate a Comprehensive International Convention on Countering the Use of Information and Communications Technologies for Criminal Purposes (six sessions, five intersessional consultations), from May 2021 until the last session, to be held from 29 July 2024 to 9 August 2024.
3. Twenty-seventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. Side event and thematic meetings.
4. Representatives took part in the 2022 Ocean Conference, held in Lisbon from 27 June to 1 July (side event and thematic work).
5. United Nations 2023 Water Conference from 22 to 24 March in New York. Online participation in the meetings of the Conference and participation in pre-session consultations.

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

Through the Global Alliance for Climate-Smart Agriculture, an inclusive, voluntary and action-oriented multi-stakeholder platform focused on climate-smart agriculture and established under the auspices of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Afrique Espérance cooperates with other organizations, such as the African Union’s Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources, to achieve food security and self-sufficiency in Africa. The outlook for the future is promising.

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

Afrique Espérance has helped women cassava processors in Benin and Côte d’Ivoire to use biogas and biofertilizers by adopting the circular economy. The rapidly expanding energy and ecological transition will facilitate the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 14 and 15.

The President of Afrique Espérance will participate as an observer in the Intergovernmental Working Group to Oversee the Convention to Combat Desertification 2018–2030 Strategic Framework Midterm Evaluation Process.

## **7. Agence internationale pour les formations et le développement**

### **Special, 2020**

#### **Introduction**

On 2 May 2024, from 8 a.m. to 3.30 p.m., the Board of Directors of the Agence internationale pour les formations et le développement met at the organization’s headquarters to finalize its 2020–2024 quadrennial report. The president, the general secretary, the treasurer and two other members of the Board of Directors were present

at the meeting. The discussions were rich in content, with a view to producing a high-quality report that reflected the organization and its work.

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

The goal of the organization is to contribute to improving the socioeconomic and cultural living conditions of local communities through a sustainable human development-focused approach. Its aims include advancing education and skills development; supporting the private initiatives of people, especially women; contributing to functional literacy; bolstering youth employment; working to promote perfect health among the population; defending and promoting environmental protection; supporting materially and financially underprivileged people; fostering culture and tourism; encouraging cultural intermingling between peoples; and promoting peace and non-violence between peoples.

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

The accreditation of the Agence internationale pour les formations et le développement as a non-governmental organization with special consultative status enabled the members of board to restructure the organization's activities to make them more effective. This has attracted more members and partners, expanding the scope of our activities. The organization is currently actively seeking new partners and working even harder to promote people's well-being.

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

Our organization always integrates the Sustainable Development Goals into its development activities. We also organize awareness-raising initiatives and conferences to mark certain international and world days.

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

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has had a negative impact on our resources, limiting our travel abroad to attend in-person meetings of the United Nations. However, we have attended a number of virtual meetings of interest to our organization. We also pay close attention to relevant information published on the website of the Economic and Social Council.

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

The Agence internationale pour les formations et le développement continues to collaborate with its traditional partners and closely follows the activities of the Economic and Social Council.

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

To help achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, we organize awareness-raising and training sessions for women and girls. We also support their participation in income-generating activities. In addition, we help underprivileged persons and orphans by providing them with food and non-food items.

## **8. Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo**

**Special, 2012**

### **Introduction**

The Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo is a non-governmental organization that was established in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, in 2003 and acquired legal personality in 2008 and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 2012. It was created in response to the scale of poverty and pandemic-related and other threats in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, in particular in greater Katanga.

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

The Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo is involved in local initiatives and runs its own programmes, which include:

- Social support for vulnerable people based on their specific conditions and disabilities
- Social support for women in difficult situations and children in need of protection
- Combating poverty by promoting agrifood systems and housing
- Bolstering education in sustainable environmental management
- Protecting and enhancing ecosystems (conservation and protection of biodiversity, erosion control, pollution control, reforestation and sanitation)
- Supporting members in the conduct of independent development activities
- Helping to mentor unemployed young people and to fund cooperative associations through development projects
- Participating in infrastructure maintenance (buildings, roads and bridges)
- Participating in exchanges of experiences through visits, seminars and symposiums relating to its objectives

These objectives are aimed at promoting integrated development in urban and rural areas.

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

Over the past four years, the Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo has opened subsidiaries abroad in Zambia, Brazil and Canada, and within the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Mbuji-Mayi and Lubefu, in Kasai Oriental and Sanku.

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

The various activities conducted in the Democratic Republic of the Congo include:

- Construction of a vocational (trade) school and a well-being university in the territory of Lubefu, Sankuru Province
- Providing unemployed young people with training in farming and livestock breeding

- Providing assistance to vulnerable people based on their specific conditions and disabilities
- Training members in the conduct of independent income-generating activities

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

For the past four years, our organization has regularly taken part in the work of the Economic and Social Council relating to or performed within the framework of:

- The status (rights) of women
- The Commission for Social Development
- The Committee of Experts on Public Administration

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

None.

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

The Agence pour le développement intégré au Congo has contributed to Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 4 and 6 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo by:

- Producing and distributing agricultural products and fish in Lubumbashi, Kipushi, Lubefu and Likasi
- Providing young people with training in construction, livestock breeding and fruit tree-planting in the town of Lubefu
- Mentoring students in its two schools – one primary and the other secondary – in Lubumbashi
- Providing health care for children under the age of 5 in the two paediatric centres of Lubumbashi
- Providing psychosocial support for people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS in Lubumbashi, Kipushi and Lubefu
- Participating in the commemoration of International Women’s Day in Lubumbashi, where thousands of women marched in the presence of the provincial governor

## **9. Alliance des femmes pour l’égalité et le genre en Guinée**

### **Special, 2020**

#### **Introduction**

The Alliance des femmes pour l’égalité et le genre en Guinée supports women’s involvement in economic, political and social development in Guinea by promoting their rights and effective participation in the management of public affairs at the national and local levels.

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

Advancing gender equality and respect for the fundamental rights of women and girls in Guinea.

Our main activities consist of promoting respect for women's fundamental rights; combating violence against women and girls; encouraging access by women and girls to education, as well as their participation in the management of natural resources; promoting access to healthcare and health services for women and girls; combating growing poverty among women and girls; and fostering women's participation in decision-making bodies, as well as their access to information.

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

Although there have been no major modifications to the organization's constitution or administrative regulations, its activities have been affected by the major political change recently experienced by the country as a result of the overthrow of the political regime that had been established in 2020 and of the consequent dissolution of the Constitution and of all the republican institutions in the country. This situation has led to the cessation of a number of political and economic initiatives implemented by the previous regime. The activities of civil society organizations have slowed down, and funding has become scarcer.

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

Our main activities over the past four years have been:

(a) A project to reduce the vulnerability of women and girls and impunity for gender-based violence. Location: Mamou. Launch dates: 29 September 2022 and 30 October 2023. Sponsor: Open Society Initiative for West Africa;

(b) Project to promote education for young girls: the Réseau guinéen des femmes leaders du millénaire, the Jeune chambre internationale Conakry Lumière and the Alliance des femmes pour l'égalité et le genre en Guinée are jointly implementing the project "A scholarship for every female student";

(c) Consortium project: integrated approach to combating gender-based violence through the social and legal empowerment of women's organizations and groups. Locations: the Conakry, Boké, Labé, Kankan and Nzérékoré regions. Dates: from 15 January 2020 to 2023. Sponsor: European Union;

(d) Activity to combat statelessness in conjunction with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: the Alliance des femmes pour l'égalité et le genre en Guinée is a member of the national committee for the eradication of statelessness in Guinea. The activity is being led by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(e) Campaign to raise awareness of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in the northern Ratoma suburb (2020). Sponsor: Open Society Initiative for West Africa.

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

Every year, the Alliance des femmes pour l'égalité et le genre en Guinée contributes, through the Ministry for the Empowerment of Women, Children and Vulnerable People, to the collection of data for the reports of the Commission on the Status of Women on its annual sessions.

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

The Alliance des femmes pour l'égalité et le genre en Guinée has, for several years, been collaborating with United Nations bodies whose work relates to human rights in general and women's rights in particular, including the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Office of the United Nations High

Commissioner for Human Rights. It also collaborates with the Open Society Initiative for West Africa and the United States Embassy in Guinea through the United States Agency for International Development.

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

- Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger
- Achieving universal primary education
- Promoting gender equality and women’s empowerment
- Improving maternal health
- Ensuring environmental sustainability
- Developing global partnership for development

## **10. Alliance globale contre les mutilations génitales féminines**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

Since its establishment, the Alliance globale contre les mutilations génitales féminines has been committed to ensuring respect for human rights, in particular the right to health and, specifically, the fight against female genital mutilation. The goal is to contribute to the gradual elimination of this scourge, while ensuring strict respect for human rights within the framework of the rights established under international and national legal instruments, and in cooperation with other organizations focused on the same issue at the international level.

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

The Alliance globale contre les mutilations génitales féminines currently aims to stay informed about the issue of female genital mutilation through various sources (the main civil society actors, the relevant items on the agenda of the Human Rights Council, the Special Rapporteur on the right to health and the work of certain specialized entities of the United Nations, mainly the World Health Organization, the United Nations Children’s Fund and the United Nations Population Fund). From our headquarters, we also follow the work of the Economic and Social Council subsidiary bodies of interest to us, including the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission for Social Development and the Commission on Population and Development, as well as the progress made towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. Our information, in the form of internal documents, is primarily intended for the members and other friends of the Alliance, who, in turn, raise public awareness according to their own capabilities.

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

Because the Alliance’s financial resources have been limited over the past four years, it has reduced its international travel, although it has preserved its initial ideals and view of the international issues relating to the topic, and has maintained its level of participation in the work of the above-mentioned mechanisms. Internal discussions led members to decide that, in the future, the Alliance could devote a greater proportion of its activities to the defence of human rights, particularly civil and political rights, and health. A proposed amended version of the Alliance’s policies has been submitted to the secretariat of the Committee on Non-Governmental

Organizations, but until it has been approved by the Committee, the Alliance will continue to pursue the aims and objectives recognized under its current consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

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

For the reasons mentioned above, the Alliance has focused the activities of its representatives to the United Nations on monitoring the main decisions and guidance of the bodies mentioned in section 2, in order to keep its members and partners in the fight against female genital mutilation informed. Relaying and amplifying the main discussions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council has been one of our organization's priorities.

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

The Alliance's permanent representatives participated in all sessions of the Human Rights Council held during the period under review, from the forty-third session (from 24 February 2020 to 20 March 2020) to the fifty-fourth session (from 11 September 2023 to 13 October 2023). At each session and on the basis of the Council's provisional agenda, our representatives participated in the plenary meetings, focusing on the agenda items of interest to the Alliance (items 3 and 4, the presentation of the reports of the Special Rapporteurs with mandates centred on economic, social and cultural rights, in particular the right to health and the rights and protection of women, girls and children); in the meetings on the monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals; and in various regular panels focused on the aforementioned categories of rights. During these 12 sessions of the Human Rights Council, our organization also took part in many parallel meetings organized by various stakeholders (non-governmental organizations, permanent missions and United Nations entities). At each session, we participated in all the organizational meetings and in all the meetings between the President of the Council and non-governmental organizations.

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

For the reasons already mentioned, the Alliance did not cooperate with any United Nations bodies during the period under review.

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

Our organization participated in the Geneva-based activities of the Alliance internationale pour les Objectifs de Développement Durable (International Alliance for the Sustainable Development Goals), a civil society coalition, and in the work of the Sustainable Development Goals Lab, a United Nations initiative under the responsibility of the Office of the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva. Our focus was on the achievement of Goal 16.

## **11. Anaja – l'Éternel a répondu**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

Anaja – l'Éternel a répondu remains faithful to its vocation of contributing to the development and harmony of society. It is therefore active in the field of sustainable development, defends the ideals and values of the United Nations and



participates in United Nations activities and in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

Contributing to the sociocultural, moral, intellectual, psychological and spiritual development of all individuals, without discrimination based on race, ethnicity or religious affiliation. Promoting international solidarity and preserving the environment for future generations.

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

Anaja remains true to its commitments and values. There have been no significant changes.

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

Anaja continues to conduct activities focused on three main areas: social and educational action; socioeconomic support for women; and initiatives to help young people to engage in income-generating activities for survival.

- Social and educational action: purchase of supplies for over 70 students every year since 2020, support and school fees.
- Socioeconomic action: more than 127 women were supported in their various agricultural, commercial and artisanal activities from 2020 to 2023.
- Initiatives to support young people: support for providing youth with training and involving them in farming and livestock breeding, as well as promoting their participation in the arts.

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

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic slowed down Anaja's activities at all levels and made it wary of participating in gatherings in 2020 and 2021.

In 2024, Anaja participated in the United Nations Civil Society Conference, organized by Maher Nasser, Director of Outreach of the Department of Global Communications.

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

- Anaja contributed to the discussions on the theme “Reinforcing the 2030 Agenda and eradicating poverty in times of multiple crises: the effective delivery of sustainable, resilient and innovative solutions” within the framework of the 2024 high-level political forum on sustainable development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council.
- Anaja has been working with the non-governmental organization Village Suisse ONG since 2022.

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

Sustainable development is a very important concept for the survival of humanity and is an integral part of the Sustainable Development Goals. Many women lack self-esteem and self-confidence. Anaja believes that sustainable development requires personal development, which entails having the self-knowledge necessary to manage oneself and the environment. Anaja has therefore set up a meditation and self-revitalization programme to achieve this inner knowledge. Gaining self-confidence,

knowing how to act with serenity, making clear-headed decisions and effectively managing the ecosystem.

## **12. Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement**

**Special, 2020**

### **Introduction**

The Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement, established in 2005 in Oumifiss, Morocco, is dedicated to promoting sustainable development, environmental conservation and social inclusion in the Guelmim-Oued Noun region. This report highlights the association's key activities from 2020 to 2023, focusing on tree-planting projects, international volunteer engagement, environmental education and partnerships with European youth associations. These efforts underline the association's commitment to sustainability, nature conservation, and optimizing water use in a region facing significant environmental and socioeconomic challenges.

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

The Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement was founded in 2005 in Oumifiss, Morocco, with the main aim of promoting sustainable development, environmental conservation and social inclusion in the Guelmim-Oued Noun region. The organization strives to combat desertification, improve soil quality and support local agriculture through tree-planting projects. It also aims to raise environmental awareness through education and the active participation of local and international communities. Working with international partners and European associations focused on young people, the organization aims to create a global network of stakeholders committed to sustainability, and to promote cultural exchange and worldwide solidarity.

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

Between 2020 and 2023, the Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement underwent several significant changes that strengthened its impact and broadened the scope of its activities. The organization stepped up its tree-planting efforts, planting 56,000 argan trees on 280 hectares and launching an ambitious campaign to plant a million trees. It also extended its educational initiatives, incorporating new programmes in local schools to raise awareness of waste management, water conservation and biodiversity. In addition, the organization strengthened its strategic partnerships, collaborating with international organizations such as the High Atlas Foundation, and has taken steps to obtain carbon credit certification, demonstrating an increased commitment to sustainable development practices.

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

The Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement has actively contributed to United Nations activities, particularly in the fields of environmental conservation and sustainable development. In 2021, the organization submitted recommendations on water management to the Economic and Social Council, underlining its commitment to global environmental discussions. It regularly takes part in forums and meetings organized by United Nations bodies, sharing its expertise and local experiences in order to enrich global discussions on sustainable development and the management of natural resources.

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

The Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement has participated in several meetings and forums organized by the United Nations, including the Partnership Forum of the Economic and Social Council in February 2022. At these events, the organization presented its local projects and initiatives, thereby contributing to the discussions on sustainability and community development. Participation in these meetings enables the organization to share best practices, learn from other participants and strengthen its international networks.

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

The Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement works closely with various United Nations bodies, particularly in the fields of environmental conservation and education for sustainable development. For example, in partnership with the Wadden Sea Flyway Initiative, the Association has organized capacity-building workshops on bird conservation. Such partnerships help to build local capacity to tackle environmental challenges and promote sustainable practices in line with United Nations priorities.

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

The Association Aicha pour le développement de proximité et l'environnement actively contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through its various local and international initiatives. Its tree-planting projects, which are aimed at combating desertification and promoting sustainable agriculture, contribute directly to Goal 13 (Climate action) and Goal 15 (Life on land). The organization's educational programmes and international partnerships also support Goal 4 (Quality education) and Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals). By fostering social inclusion and community development, the organization works to promote environmental sustainability and social well-being, in line with United Nations global objectives.

## **13. Association Aide aux femmes et enfants**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

We are the Association Aide aux femmes et enfants. Our headquarters is located at Route de la Frontière, Arrêt Boucherie, Mayinga, Ngonyo, Pointe-Noire, Congo. In June 2021, we opened the Brazzaville office, located at Quartier Djiri, Route du stade, Kintele, Brazzaville, Congo.

We are currently planning to open an office in Bouenza, in the southern part of the country.

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

Our main objectives are focused on combating poverty and violence against women and children, gender, the rights of women and children, women and democracy, combating HIV and poverty, educational assistance for orphans, and environmental protection.

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

After the difficulties associated with the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, our organization turned its attention to providing young mothers who had been subjected to rights violations with training on how to report such violations and move forward in life. Grants have been established for that purpose.

Action has been taken to achieve our goals of combating hunger and poverty through training in trades such as baking, hairdressing, sewing, fish farming, gardening and small business management. A number of qualified women have also been trained in accounting, the Internet and production unit management.

To ensure good health and timely care, all the women participating in our projects and activities – amounting to at least 200 women – have received screening tests for breast cancer, HIV, diabetes, hypertension and sexually transmitted diseases.

To protect the environment, beaches along the Atlantic Ocean in Pointe-Noire have been cleaned up and local trees have been planted in order to combat global warming in Bouenza.

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

Cognizant of the fact that no modern human activity can be outside the purview of the Sustainable Development Goals and be considered civic-minded, our organization has been focused on the following Goals:

Goal 1. We work with young mothers to eliminate poverty in all its forms around us and in our local communities.

Goal 2. We strive to eliminate hunger in order to ensure food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Goal 3. We work to give these young women the means to live healthy lives.

Goal 5. We work towards gender equality and the empowerment of young girls and mothers.

Goal 13. We take urgent action to combat climate change and its repercussions through awareness-raising campaigns at all levels, including the local level, and through participation in international meetings and petitions.

Goal 14. We strive to achieve a healthy, clean sea by cleaning up beaches.

Goal 15. We work to preserve and restore the Earth's ecosystems, hence the importance of planting trees to ensure our future and that of insects, animals and everything else around us.

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

We participate in meetings depending on the financial resources available to us to pay for airplane tickets and accommodation at the location of the meeting in question.

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

We take part in surveys and meetings and receive emails from all United Nations bodies. We work well – currently both in Geneva and New York – with all the bodies whose work relates to ours.

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

As already mentioned in the section on contributions to United Nations activities, we are working to achieve 7 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We therefore strive daily to align our efforts with the Goals.

## **14. Association Avocats sans frontières humanitaires du Cameroun**

### **Special, 2020**

#### **Introduction**

The Association Avocats sans frontières humanitaires du Cameroun is a non-profit, apolitical and non-denominational non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Yaoundé, at Odza, borne 10.

The organization brings together lawyers of all kinds, as well as anyone wishing to share its social objective.

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

The aim of the organization is to promote, protect and safeguard human rights in general, and those of vulnerable people in particular. It operates nationwide and has a branch in Maryland, United States of America. It conducts activities focused on:

- People, for social mobilization
- State institutions, for advocacy and partnerships
- Civil society organizations, decentralized local authorities and public services, for capacity-building, visibility and networking
- Studies and research aimed at understanding the environment with a view to taking concerted and participatory development-focused action, and enhancing potential

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

The Association Avocats sans frontières humanitaires du Cameroun has gone from being an association to being an NGO.

It also has branches in Maryland, in the United States, as well as in Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal.

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

The Association Avocats sans frontières humanitaires du Cameroun promotes humanism and humanitarianism through the voluntary activities conducted by its members and partners. It emphasizes the well-being of all humans and ensures that vulnerable and disadvantaged people are well protected and supported in proportion to their capabilities. The organization attaches intrinsic value to human well-being. It is therefore implementing all United Nations resolutions at the national level, through awareness-raising and training seminars on ownership of such resolutions and by calling on the Government to ratify the resolutions that have not yet been ratified. It also reports on United Nations activities and encourages civil society organizations to take an interest in them, in order to form a network of NGOs to effectively combat human rights violations.

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

The Association Avocats sans frontières humanitaires du Cameroun has taken part in several meetings at the United Nations, in particular those of the Commission on the Status of Women.

The representatives of the various branches of the NGO met at these high-level meetings to discuss and take ownership of the resolutions adopted at the meetings, in order to implement them at the national level.

In addition, the organization, through its founding President, participated in and delivered a written statement in the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations in 2021.

The written statement for 2024 has already been submitted and a representative will deliver it in the Committee.

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

The Association Avocats sans frontières humanitaires du Cameroun is in contact with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)-Cameroon, to which it systematically provides annual reports on its activities.

The same applies to the United Nations development system in Cameroon.

The organization has submitted several grant applications to implement projects for which funding is required and which are aimed at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals in line with United Nations resolutions.

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

As mentioned above, the organization has a number of projects which require funding in order to be implemented nationwide so as to optimize the achievement of the Goals and which focus on such aspects as:

- Gender
- Women’s empowerment
- The rights of persons with disabilities and persons with albinism
- Water supply
- Global warming and its impact
- Internally displaced persons

## **15. Association Bharathi centre culturel franco-tamoul**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

The Association Bharathi centre culturel franco-tamoul is a French organization that works in France and other countries of the European Union to provide assistance to Tamil-speaking people. Its activities are many and multiform and are designed to give as broad and varied an overview as possible of both the cultural life and the social and political reality in Tamil-speaking countries, with a particular focus on the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of Tamils. To that end, the organization provides literature on all aspects of Tamil society. The Association

Bharathi centre culturel franco-tamoul intends to serve as an outreach service and a Franco-Tamil meeting place, and it is open to both French and Tamil people. It has a strong presence at the United Nations Office at Geneva and has hosted more than 36 young people in the last four years.

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

- Develop cultural, intellectual and scientific knowledge of the Tamil language and culture
- Promote more in-depth study and a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Tamil culture, language and civilization in France
- Promote the French language and culture among emigrants at the regional level
- Advance the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of Tamils
- Promote the ideas of solidarity, tolerance and freedom

We participate actively in the work of the Human Rights Council by hosting interns and human rights defenders. We also take part in various national and international meetings on the Tamil language.

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

We have taken on an international dimension, with presences in Paris, Brussels, Geneva, New York and Vienna. Because of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, our activities were very limited for two years.

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

We have contributed to the various sessions of the Human Rights Council through written and oral statements.

Participation in United Nations meetings: we have taken part in over 40 meetings and conferences at the United Nations Office at Geneva. We spend more than 130 days per year in Geneva, dealing primarily with issues relating to human rights and refugees.

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

Cooperation with United Nations bodies: participation in the various sessions of the Human Rights Council and treaty body meetings in Geneva. We participated in all sessions of the Human Rights Council and in sessions of the Committee on Enforced Disappearances, the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances, the United Nations Forum on Minority Issues and the United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights.

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

We have contributed to the various sessions of the Human Rights Council through oral and written statements.

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

Our organization is working towards several of the Sustainable Development Goals, namely:

Goal 1. Eradicating poverty: we provide training on the solidarity economy to young people.

Goal 2. Combating hunger: we provide emergency aid to families in need.

Goal 4. Access to quality education: we sponsor tutoring programmes for young people.

Goal 5. Gender equality: we provide training for women on the right to development.

Goal 13. Combating climate change: we provide training for young people on the need to protect the Earth and renewable energy.

Goal 16. Justice and peace: we provide training for young people on human rights mechanisms, and we help young people and victims to gain access to those mechanisms.

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