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#### 1. God's Harvest Foundation, GHARFO

Special, 2008

#### Introduction

Full legal name/ acronyms of organization: God's Harvest Foundation, GHARFO. Permanent headquarters address: Flat 1/A 74 Site 3, (OPP T.DC), Community 1, Tema-Ghana/African Contact: phone and fax number. Phone-Tel# 233-0303-213918 and Fax-233-0303-213918 Mob-+233-242 -128371 E-mail address.gharfo2003@gmail.com; godsharvest@gharvestf.kabissa.org www.gharvestf.kabissa.org(Under temporal repairs). Name and position of contact person. Rev. Anthony Tsibu-Darko/President

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of God's Harvest Foundation is to alleviate sections of the society which are under privileged from their setbacks and prepare them to take their place in life.a)We are achieving this aims by our regular visit to the prisons for Reformation programmes to affect their mindset /counseling, capacity building and also give material support. b)Visits to orphanages, refugee camps and deprive areas to organize social awareness campaigns on the importance of education and support the welfare of the children.

#### Significant changes in the organization

We have broaden our scope by collaborating with international organizations for greater impact on society. Example, we travelled to Togo on a working visit to IDAY Togo orphanage home for exchange programme in April. During our visit we had a meeting with the board of the organization to share our ideas, experiences and also enter into partnership with other organizations who have similar vision. We also looked at the challenges facing the organization to find solutions and best way forward. It was a very fruitful meeting. We are planned our next trip to visit Benin.

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

We are still working on the UNICEF educational project in the prisons. We have also partner

with UNDP and UN agencies in Ghana to implement the MDGs in the local and international communities. We also participate in the activities organized by the UNDP and their subsidiary agencies in Ghana.

# Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Our organization did not participate in any of the fora of the United Nations; but we are ready to attend the next year meetings.

# **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Our organization is a member of CUNNGOS (Coalition of NGOs Associated with UN Information Centre) a coalition in strong partnership with UN Information Centre in Ghana with aim of strengthening advocacy of the Millennium Development Goals in the communities.

# Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals In collaboration with Abibimman Foundation

- 1. We celebrated the World Earth Day and World Forest Day in Kukurantumi, Ghana. 2. We organised a Climate Simulation Programme in partnership with Climate Interactive and the United Nations Information Center and other partners. During this programme, a training session was held for climate change practitioners to dialogue on climate financing and have an understanding of negotiations at the UN Climate Summit.
- 3. We also embarked on Climate Smart Agricultural training for small holder Chilli Pepper farmers of Lakpleku, Ghana, a small poor and deprived farming community. 5. We embarked on a tree planting exercises in Sakumono, in the Greater Accra region, Ghana. 6. Partnership with the UNIC for the SDGs planning and coordination of the UN4U outreach activities which took place in the Northern and Ashanti regions, Ghana.

#### **Additional Information**

Our Organization (NGO) being religious based in Ghana, has roll out a six to twelve months very important and urgent project to ensure a peaceful and incident-free pre and post-election period in the country as we prepare as a nation to go to the polls.

The goal as a religious based NGO, first is focus on praying for the nation to go through a peaceful election and advocate in any way possible for peace before, during and after the elections. Also focus on efforts to ensure that international standards and global norms governing elections are adhered to in Ghana before, during and the after the 2016 general elections.

The project is expected to promote a violence-free, transparent and fair election cycle. We sending our message of peace to the grassroots and the deprived areas which mostly become vulnerable component for political manipulations during elections to avoid violence in this upcoming elections in Ghana.

#### 2. Initiative for Environment, Health and Social Development

Special, 2012

#### Introduction

There have been no changes.

## Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no changes.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

Activities in support of the work of the United Nations

IEHSD has survived another year despite operating in a rather volatile and tough environment. Over the years we have become more aware of how we need to demonstrate our impact just to survive and ensure that we meet the importunate needs and concerns of the vulnerable in our society.

We are forever busy advocating for the vulnerable in our communities, being a voice-advocating for the rights and freedom of minority groups, supporting Internally Displaced Persons/People (IDPs) in times of crisis, maintaining peace and security, promoting sustainable community development and open to dialogue.

Over the years (2012-2016), despite dwindling resources including staff and office location, we have achieved much:

In meeting the needs of disadvantage communities through sustainable community development, IEHSD via Beutifulgate Computer Training Centre in Barkin Ladi, Nigeria, is able to promote and encourage computer/IT literacy programme by providing partial and full training scholarships to some of the participants in Gwol, Plateau State, Nigeria. Several

of the participants gained confidence in computer operation and moved much closer to the employment market. This service has amazingly given hope and confidence to scores of people we work with on a one-to-one basis. Some of the beneficiaries secured promotion in their places of work while others started new enterprises or further their education. This is seen as development that promotes economic prosperity and social opportunity- offering the path forward for improving the lives of participants.

Despite the complex needs from IDPs and complex issues of security and protection in Nigeria, IEHSD provided humanitarian relief to support some IDPs in Plateau and Borno State, Nigeria. IDPs and camps in Barkin Ladi and Riyom LGAs are as a result of the violent recurring ethnic, political and religious conflicts in Nigeria. IEHSD believes that one of the most effective ways to alleviate human suffering (malnutrition) caused by conflicts, social injustice and economic inequality is through humanitarian aid or relief.

Furthermore, IEHSD strengthened its fact finding initiatives and maintain regular contacts with IDPs and leaders from communities 'under siege' by terrorism and or religious and political extremists. This provides platform for advocacy and opportunity for mediation support were IDPs and stakeholders express their views and challenges to IEHSD's staff and relevant stakeholders in order to find solution to the lingering attacks on ethnic minorities.

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

Worthy of mention also is IEHSD's presence at the 48th session of the Commission on Population and Development, held at UN Headquarters, New York, United States. During plenary and open events, IEHSD contributed and supported the Joint Oral Statement by African CSOs. Our endorsement affirms our contribution to universal access to sexual and reproductive health rights particularly HIV/AIDS. IEHSDs position is that integrating population issues in the post 2015 development agenda needs to be driven from human rights perspective i.e non-discrimination and equality. We believe that this approach respects, protects and fulfilled the universal access to sexual & reproductive health rights of young people.

# **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

As we enter into another quadrennial period of the unknown, IEHSD hopes to improve on how we demonstrated impact and the differences we have and are making too. I hope that this report will be a start in demonstrating some of the positive differences we have made through our activities in support of the work of the United Nations.

#### 3. Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy

Special, 2000

#### Introduction

The Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) is based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in the United States of America. With offices in Washington, D.C., United States, and Berlin, Germany, as well as partners across the world, IATP's coverage extends globally. For over 30 years, IATP has worked for agriculture and trade policies that are good for farmers, ecosystems, and social justice.

## Aims and purposes of the organization

IATP works to establish the trade, climate, finance and agriculture rules needed for local communities, especially women, to claim their rights to food and water and to advance policy solutions—locally and globally—to promote resilient food, farm and trade systems. IATP, reports on meetings at United Nations fora and helps facilitate CSO dialogue with government delegates.

#### Significant changes in the organization

The President of IATP stepped down in December 2013, and a new person was hired in early 2014. In significant reorganization efforts, the office of the presidency replaced with that of Chief Executive Officer CEO), and offices of vice presidents abolished in 2015. A European office opened in Berlin, Germany, in 2014. Increases in staff capacity have the potential to strengthen our engagement with UN fora/agencies.

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

IATP consistently tracks trade negotiations related to agriculture, and applies this expertise in its engagement with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (UNCSD), the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (UNCFS) and the UN General Assembly. IATP writes and convenes extensively on agriculture, trade, water, climate, and finance matters, providing analysis of

issues to CSOs, UN officials, delegates and negotiators in various UN fora. Please see details of IATP contributions at http://bit.ly/IATP2012-15

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

IATP staff participated in the UNCFS 39 (2012), UNCFS 40 (2013), UN CFS 41 (2014) and UNCFS 42 (2015) as a member of the Civil Society mechanism at the UNCFS, contributing to developing civil society positions. The other major conferences that IATP participated in, include: Rio+20 (June 2012), UNFCCC Conference of the Parties meeting in Bonn, Germany, (May 2012), and in Paris, France (Nov. – Dec. 2015).

# **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

IATP helped lead the session on "Financial and commodity market rules for development-led globalization" in the UNCTAD Public Symposium, (June 24, 2013); IATP organized an open letter from nearly 70 academics in support of FAO's Agroecology Symposium(2014); IATP organized briefing in United States Congress and civil society meetings for the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food (April 2015).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals IATP co-organized and spoke at an SDG side event on "Addressing trade in agricultural products and food price volatility in the SDGs/Post-2015 framework" with Millennium Institute and Center of Concern (November 2013); IATP advocated clear recognition of fundamental human right to water and sanitation in MDG and SDG agreements (targeting

Rio+20 in 2011-12; targeting post 2015 SDG in 2014-15).

4. Oidhaco, Bureau International des Droits Humains - Action Colombie

Statut consultatif spécial: 2012

Introduction

Le Bureau de Droits Humains - Action Colombie (OIDHACO) est un réseau

d'organisations européennes et internationales qui réalise un travail de plaidoyer face aux

institutions de l'Union Européenne (UE), ses États membres, Suisse, Norvège et les Nations

Unies (ONU) pour promouvoir l'État de droit, la démocratie, le respect intégral des droits

humains, la paix et le développement durable en Colombie.

**Objectifs** 

Le mandat de OIDHACO est basé sur la pleine validité de tous les droits humains, conçus

de manière interdépendante et indivisible, la possibilité de surmonter l'impunité et les

causes structurelles de la violence. Ceci amène OIDHACO à exiger à l'État colombien

l'observance de ses obligations internationales en matière de droits humains civils,

politiques, économiques, environnementaux, sociaux, culturels ainsi qu'à réclamer à cet État

et aux autres acteurs du conflit armé, le respect du Droit International Humanitaire (DIH).

En outre, OIDHACO insiste à ce que l'on trouve une sortie politique négociée au conflit

armé qui puisse ouvrir des chemins vers la paix avec justice sociale en Colombie. L'ONU, à

travers ses différents mécanismes, et l'UE, la Suisse et la Norvège, à travers ses relations

politiques, de coopération et commerciales avec la Colombie, peuvent contribuer d'une

façon importante à ces objectifs en revendiquant le total respect des droits humains et le

DIH, et en soutenant activement une solution politique négociée pour le conflit armé

interne.

Changements à signaler

En 2015, OIDHACO à dû faire face à une diminution de ses recettes et de ce fait, deux de

ses quatre employés qui travaillaient 100% du temps, ont expérimenté une réduction de leur

temps de travail qui est passé à 80%.

Contribution à des activités des Nations Unies

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Entre 2012 et 2015, OIDHACO a réalisé un travail focalisé sur quatre thématiques principales :

Premièrement, l'axe de droits humains et DIH. Dans celui-ci se concentrent principalement les activités en rapport avec l'ONU et son travail sur les droits humains en Colombie (voir partie suivante pour plus de détails et exemples concrets). Dans ce sens, OIDHACO a travaillé pour que l'UE, ses États membres, Suisse et Norvège prennent des initiatives et réalisent des interventions dans le Conseil des Droits de l'Homme de l'ONU qui reflètent les propositions des plateformes des droits humains et les différents secteurs sociaux en Colombie. De même, l'organisation s'est efforcée pour que le gouvernement colombien mette en œuvre les recommandations du système des Nations Unies. En ce qui concerne l'Examen Périodique Universel (EPU) sur la Colombie, OIDHACO a promu l'inclusion des visions de la société civile colombienne. Finalement, OIDHACO a soutenu le travail du bureau du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme en Colombie pour maintenir son indépendance et renouveler son mandat annuel. En deuxième place, l'axe sur la thématique de paix. L'importance de ce sujet en Colombie s'est accrue au cours des quatre dernières années avec les progrès des négociations du gouvernement colombien avec la guérilla des Forces Armées Révolutionnaires de Colombie (FARC) qui sont sur le point de signer leur accord définitif. En rapport avec cet axe, OIDHACO a présenté des propositions claires pour contribuer à la fin du conflit et à la construction de la paix en Colombie; a promu le respect du DIH et travaillé pour que ceci soit aussi fait par l'ONU et d'autres acteurs internationaux ainsi que pour le soutien de part de ces mêmes acteurs aux processus de construction d'une paix positive. Pour que cette paix soit possible, OIDHACO a travaillé pour le démantèlement effectif des groupes paramilitaires en Colombie et que l'impunité dans le pays ne soit pas tolérée para les autorités colombiennes, l'ONU et d'autres acteurs internationaux. La troisième thématique porte sur le commerce et la coopération au développement. Dans ce cas, OIDHACO a travaillé pour l'élaboration et la mise en œuvre de politiques et instruments internationaux (comme les Principes Ruggie) qui préviennent, empêchent et sanctionnent les violations des droits humains en Colombie par des acteurs économiques publiques ou privés. Parmi ceci, l'organisation a activement promu le respect du droit à une consultation préalable, libre et informée pour les peuples indigènes et afro-descendants en Colombie qui pouvaient être affectés par des projets économiques.

En ce qui concerne la coopération, OIDHACO a veillé pour que les programmes de coopération avec la Colombie respectent l'intégralité des droits humains, la participation de la société civile colombienne et, dans le cas de la coopération militaire, que celle-ci n'enfreigne pas le DIH. Le quatrième axe est celui du renforcement interne. En plus des questions administratives et financières, OIDHACO a travaillé pour continuer à exercer la démocratie au niveau interne et promouvoir la coopération internationale entre ses membres pour coordonner ses efforts en faveur des objectifs de l'organisation et des droits humains en Colombie. Ceci a supposé, entre autres, l'organisation d'assemblées, évènements, projets et tournées communes pour la promotion de ses objectifs et une diffusion majeure des messages favorables à la défense des droits humains en Colombie.

# Participation à des réunions organisées par les Nations Unies

Pendant la période 2012-2015, OIDHACO a participé dans les activités des Nations Unies suivantes :

Évènements parallèles : Coorganisation de l'évènement « Human Rights Situation in Colombia: Enforced disappearance, Impunity and Human Rights Defenders » avec la Commission Colombienne de Juristes (CCJ), l'Organisation Mondiale Contre la Torture (OMCT) et la Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme (FIDH), Genève, Suisse, 1er Mars 2012. Coorganisation de l'évènement « Colombia & The Universal Periodic Review : Human Rights situation after four years» avec, entre autres, la Commission Colombienne de Juristes (CCJ), ABColombia, Misereor et Peace Brigades International (PBI), Genève, Suisse, 6 Mars 2013.

#### Sessions du Conseil des Droits de l'Homme :

- Présence d'un représentant d'OIDHACO lors de la 16ème session et réalisation de réunions bilatérales avec Représentations Permanentes de pays, ONGs et personnel du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme, Genève, Suisse, 1er au 7 Mars 2012.
- Présence d'un représentant d'OIDHACO lors de la 22ème session, présentation d'une déclaration orale sur l'administration de justice et les disparitions forcées (20 Mars 2013, disponible ici :

https://extranet.ohchr.org/sites/hrc/HRCSessions/RegularSessions/22ndSession/Oral Statements/Oidhaco,%20Bureau%20International%20des%20Droits%20Humains% 20-%20Action%20Colombie.pdf) et réalisation de réunions bilatérales avec Représentations Permanentes de pays, ONGs et personnel du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme, Genève, Suisse, 18 au 22 Mars 2013.

- Présence d'un représentant d'OIDHACO lors de la 26ème session et réalisation de réunions bilatérales avec Représentations Permanentes de pays, ONGs et personnel du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme, Genève, Suisse, 10 au 13 Juin 2014.
- Présence d'un représentant d'OIDHACO lors de la 28ème session et réalisation de réunions bilatérales avec Représentations Permanentes de pays, ONGs et personnel du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme, Genève, Suisse, 9 au 12 Mars 2015. Autres : Présence d'un représentant d'OIDHACO lors du 4ème Forum sur les entreprises et droits de l'homme et réalisation de réunions bilatérales avec Représentations Permanentes de pays, ONGs et personnel du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme, Genève, Suisse, 9 au 12 Mars 2015.

#### Coopération avec des entités du système des Nations Unies

Entre 2012 et 2015, OIDHACO s'est réuni 38 fois avec du personnel des Procédures spéciales; 8 avec des personnes travaillant spécifiquement sur la Colombie au sein du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme ; une fois avec le Haut-Commissaire aux droits de l'homme ; et 4 avec des représentants du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme en Colombie ou avec d'autres agences des Nations Unies telles le Haut-Commissariat pour les Réfugiés ou l'Organisation Internationale du Travail. De plus, lors de ses visites à Genève pour assister aux sessions du Conseil des Droits de l'Homme ou en dehors de celles-ci, OIDHACO a envoyé des nombreux documents sur des thématiques de droits humains en Colombie pour informer les Procédures spéciales et le personnel du Haut-Commissariat des Nations Unies aux droits de l'homme travaillant sur ce pays.

# Initiatives prises pour favoriser la réalisation des objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement

Les activités de OIDHACO ne se focalisent pas dans des initiatives spécifiques pour l'accomplissement des objectifs du Millénaire pour le développement mais plutôt dans le soutien d'une agenda générale de développement à travers le plaidoyer. Concrètement, notre travail de plaidoyer vise l'amélioration et garantie de l'intégralité des droits humains en Colombie et, au cours des quatre dernières années, il a pu particulièrement se diriger vers les objectifs 3 et 7. En effet, l'amélioration de la condition des femmes et le soutien d'une politique de développement durable qui préserve l'environnement sont des thématiques pour lesquelles OIDHACO a travaillé au sein de ses quatre axes thématiques.

# 5. Palestinian Centre for Human Rights

Special, 2000

#### Introduction

PCHR is highly committed to working with the various United Nations mechanisms to fulfill its mission to protect human rights, provide victims with access to justice and to end the climate of impunity.

PCHR has always employed UN mechanisms in the face of violations of human rights, both on its own and in cooperation with Palestinian civil society organizations to face Israeli forces violations of human rights and international humanitarian law since the Palestinian National Authority's (PNA) ratified numerous international conventions and agreements, including human rights treaties in 2014. PCHR focuses its efforts, along with its partners in the Palestinian human rights community, on developing its work and intervention on the Israeli and Palestinian human rights violations.

PCHR continued to issue reports, interventions before UN bodies and contracting bodies, along with work before the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

Furthermore, PCHR continued to employ the special procedures of UNHRC, as it continuously holds meetings with the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights (UNOHCHR) and special rapporteurs.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

PCHR was established in 1995 to defend the human rights of Palestinians and to contribute to the protection of Palestinian civilians and property in the State of Palestine. PCHR believes that a just, lasting and comprehensive peace can only be achieved on the basis of respect for human rights, international law and democratic principles.

#### Vision:

Each Palestinian should enjoy human rights that are guaranteed in international human

rights laws, including the right to their own land, free of occupation; and the Palestinian people exercise their inalienable right to self-determination according to the international law under a democratic system that respects human rights and the rule of law.

#### Mission:

PCHR works through the law and advocacy for the promotion and protection of human rights, the pursuance of the rule of law and the realization of democratic principles for the Palestinian people.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

In 2013, PCHR submitted 2 written complaints to the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights; and 3 Joint Written Statements to the 22nd, 23rd and 24th Sessions of UNHRC.

In 2014, PCHR testified before the UN Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs in The State of Palestine. The testimony was made via Skype because members of the Committee were not allowed in The State of Palestine. Israel refused to officially receive the Committee and has denied it access to The State of Palestine. In its testimony, PCHR highlighted violations of human rights and IHL perpetrated by Israeli forces against Palestinian civilians, including: the excessive and disproportional use of force by Israeli forces against Palestinian civilians; and the blockade and the collective punishment imposed on the Gaza Strip for seven years.

On 20 October 2014, PCHR made an intervention at UN Human Rights Committee's Hearing no. 112. PCHR presented its intervention via the video conference at the UN headquarter in Gaza, because PCHR's representative were not able to travel to Geneva, Switzerland, due to the closure. The human rights situation in The State of Palestine, especially in Gaza was reviewed and highlighted the wide-scale serious violations

perpetrated by Israeli forces during their offensive on the Gaza Strip, the ongoing blockade

and the obstruction of the process of reconstruction.

In 2015, PCHR testified before the UN Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices affecting

the human rights of the Palestinian people and other Arabs in The State of Palestine. The

committee convened in Amman, Jordan, because the Israeli authorities denied the

committee entry to The State of Palestine. PCHR displayed the Israeli violations of human

rights, the ongoing deterioration of human rights and the international humanitarian law.

Also in 2015, Upon an initiative from the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), PCHR

joined an oral intervention by 92 countires before HRC demanding appointing a special

rapporteur on the right to privacy

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2012, PCHR made 15 written and oral submission to the United Nations Human Rights

Council, Universal Periodic Review, Special Rapporteurs, Working Groups and relevant

treaty bodies. The bodies PCHR contributed to include: the UN Committee on the

Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD), UN Special Rapporteur for the

Promotion of Truth, Justice, Reparation and Guarantees of Non-Recurrence, UN Committee

on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian people, and others.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies** 

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

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#### **6. UMUT Foundation**

Special, 2004

#### Introduction

Umut Foundation, established in 1993 with the belief that the change should start with the young people in our country. The mission is to contribute to the growth of our youth, believing in the rule of law, relying on justice, working out disagreements through conciliation and peaceful means, and shouldering awareness of citizenship and responsibility. Umut Foundation carries out work towards a peace and reconciliation individual armament problem our society is facing with the support from academicians, MP's and conscious people.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

It is to contribute to the growth of our youth who are the guarantee of our future as individuals, believing in the rule of law, relying on justice, working out disagreements through conciliation and peaceful means, and shouldering awareness of citizenship and responsibility. For a sustainable, peaceful and high quality social life which can be constituted with the concept of active and participatory citizenship, the participation of all the individuals and institutions, it aims the following: To draw attention to the danger of individual armament for a society without violence, to develop solution offers and to place pressure regarding their implementation,

To contribute to the development of "awareness of citizenship" with education, meetings and other works,

To develop a national and international network and cooperation, To be the source of information in the topics it is working; to be the reference in the determination of social policies and strategies

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

Umut Foundation Researching Center's first study "Youth of Law Symposium" was started in 2009 and followed with various subjects. Our topics of the Symposium; "Violent Victimization and Side Effects of Their Life", "Adjudications in Censorship of Literature and Art", "Literature and Law", "Philosophy of Law", "Personal Security in State of Law" Our Media Workshop with subject "Individual Disarmament and Violence News in Turkey "has been continuing since 2007. Also we are giving some information about like "Individual Violence and Violence against Women" subjects in our website. Unfortunately we cannot get any statistical information about "using gun" from the government, so we are collecting the news about individual Violence and Homicide, and we report them statistical on a yearly basis. This is a valuable tool both for the press and the academic circles.

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

No participation was specified.

# **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

Umut Foundation organized contests on various scientific and art topics in every "Individual

Disarmament Day " And we organize contest on photography, narrative and poster in last 3

years.

#### 7. Vienna Economic Forum

Special, 2012

#### Introduction

Vienna Economic Forum aims at popularising and promoting investment opportunities in the region from the Adriatic to the Black Sea.

The main conferences of Vienna Economic Forum take place every year in November, in Vienna, Austria.

Vienna Economic Forum organizes conferences abroad during the year in the capital cities of its member countries, under the patronage of the Prime Minister of each country.

# Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim is to promote the economic cooperation between the countries and territories from the Adriatic to the Black Sea, providing impulses and pointing out – on the basis of research – the joint projects required in the region for short-term, medium-term and long-term realisation, and promoting their implementation.

With its main conferences taking place annually in Vienna, Austria, and organized conferences abroad throughout the year, Vienna Economic Forum is a place of definition, encounter, and of realising the public and private interests in connection with the various projects in the region as part of the united Europe.

#### Significant changes in the organization

Vienna Economic Forum is registered in the Transparency Register of the European Parliament and European Commission.

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

Annual Vienna Economic Forum Summits and "Vienna Economic Forum Talks":

In 2015: 12th Vienna Economic Forum - Vienna Dialogue 2015 - Investments as a motor for Competitiveness and Growth; "Vienna Economic Forum Talks" in Tirana, Albania, with Prime Ministers of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo Territory, Macedonia;

In 2014: 11th Vienna Economic Forum - Vienna Summit 2014 - Visions and Responsibilities in a Changing Time; "Vienna Economic Forum Talks" in Istanbul, Turkey; EU - Moldova International Investors' Conference;

In 2013: 10th Jubilee Vienna Economic Forum - "Visions and Visionaries. The Economy is the Motor"; "Vienna Economic Forum Talks" in Zagreb, Croatia (entry of Croatia in EU);

In 2012: 9th Vienna Economic Forum - "Quo vadis, Europe? Regional Cooperation for European Integration".

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

The Secretary General of Vienna Economic Forum, Ambassador Dr. Elena Kirtcheva, holds the United Nations Ground Pass to access United Nations City Vienna/Vienna International Centre, Austria. She receives regularly invitations to meetings and events and follows occasionally their invitations when time allows.

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

Vienna Economic Forum liaises and cooperates with the United Nations Women's Guild of Vienna, and is in contact, for instance, with the Chairwoman of the UNWG International Festival Bazaar, Ms Sanja Hadzic.

Besides, Vienna Economic Forum holds contact and cooperates with the European Union's equivalent of ECOSOC, European Economic and Social Committee, which is a consultative body of the European Union. Vienna Economic Forum cooperates in particular with the Employer's Group of the abovementioned body. Vienna Economic Forum identifies with the ECOSOC cause of sustainable development, partnerships and development cooperation in the regions.

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

Vienna Economic Forum contributed indirectly and directly to MDGs 1, 5 and 8 in South East Europe and Eurasia by organizing its annual summit in Vienna, Austria, as well as through a variety of meetings, talks, conferences in the capitals of the partner countries and territories. Moreover and in particular, the NGO initiated investments in hospitals in the Balkan countries and territories. Vienna Economics' activities support the overall development agenda through economic development and regional partnership for development. Vienna Economic Forum brings people together to promote collective action for a sustainable world based on economic development. Vienna Economic Forum advocates for progress. Its collective solutions advance sustainable development.

#### 8. Women Deliver, Inc.

Special, 2012

#### Introduction

Women Deliver is a leading global advocacy organization. Advocacy with impact, access to world influencers, participation on key coalitions and initiatives, and building the capacity of young people and civil society are the hallmarks of Women Deliver's work. Women Deliver was also among the first organizations to promote the investment case for improving the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women.

## Aims and purposes of the organization

Women Deliver builds capacity, forges partnerships, creates networks, develops messages and catalyzes actions that spark political commitment and investment in the health, rights, and wellbeing of girls and women throughout the world. Named as one of the top four youth leadership programs in 2015, Women Deliver's Young Leaders Program has invested in 400 Young Leaders in 108 countries who are making an impact. Held every three years, the Women Deliver Global Conference is a world class platform that energizes, empowers, and brings together – physically and virtually – a global movement of changemakers ready to stand-up for and enhance action for gender equality. The Women Deliver 2013 conference brought together more than 4,500 participants from 149 countries and 50,000 virtual participants who engaged online.

#### Significant changes in the organization

In 2014 Ms Katja Iversen joined the organization in the role of Chief Executive Officer.

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

Women Deliver supports the implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In 2015, Women Deliver contributed to the development of and advocacy around the new Global Strategy for Women's, Children's and Adolescent's Health, as well as in the Post-2015 SDGs Negotiations on the Means of Implementation.

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

In 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015, Representatives of Women Deliver organized, spoke at and participated in key events during the United Nations General Assembly, the Commission on the Status of Women, and the Commission on Population and Development organized annually at United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States of America.

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

In March 2015 Women Deliver became a member of the World Bank Group's Civil Society Consultative Group for Health, Nutrition and Population.

In 2015 Women Deliver also contributed to the development of SDG indicators through collaboration with the Every Woman Every Child movement in the Office of the Secretary-General.

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

The organization actively contributed to advocacy for investment to keep girls and women at the heart of progress toward all the Millennium Development Goals- not only Goal 3. Women Deliver identified 12 critical investments – political and financial – in girls and women that will bring high returns for women and for societies in decades to come. To advocate for progress toward MDGs 4 and 5 in particular, Women Deliver collaborated with Every Woman Every Child to advocate for implementation of the Secretary-General's Global Strategy for Women's and Children's Health.

# 9. Women Organizing For Change In Agriculture And Natural Resource Management

Special, 2008

#### Introduction

Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN) is a women-led international membership network of women and men professionals and women's associations. WOCAN designs & manages award-winning programs that advance the role of women and gender in agricultural and natural resource management in organizations small & large, on every continent.

## Aims and purposes of the organization

WOCAN's purpose is to advance women's empowerment and collective action to tackle climate change, poverty and food insecurity within enabling environments. WOCAN's main activities are: Women's Leadership Circles in Agriculture and NRM; Development and maintenance of the W+ Standard to measure and certify outcomes at the community level; Courses on leadership, gender integrated planning and related topics; Technical support for W+ applications; Research & consultancies; Membership engagement; Incubation of innovation.

# Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

Capacity Building for Women's Leadership in farmer producer organization in Asia and the Pacific region- to improve the performance and impact of International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) projects with respect to gender mainstreaming and women's empowerment by seeking to improve the enabling environment through capacity building efforts targeted at partners & stakeholders to heighten leadership skills, in civil society and Government in Maldives, Sri Lanka and Lao People's Democratic Republic (2012- 2014).

Regional Dialogue on the Inclusion of Women in Landscape Management in Asia-WOCAN in collaboration with The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC) and The Forest Dialogue held a 3-day Regional Dialogue on the Inclusion of Women in Landscape Management in Asia, in Chiang Mai, Thailand from October 7-9, 2014.

WOCAN organized a workshop on "Gender and Climate-Smart Agriculture in ASEAN" with Food & Agricultural Organization (FAO) in 2013. This is a key activity for FAO's program of support for the ASEAN regional Multi-Sectoral Framework on Climate Change: Agriculture and Forestry towards Food Security (AFCC).

WOCAN conducted the scoping study for ICIMOD on "Gender, Natural Resource Management and Climate Change in the Context of Inclusive and Equitable Sustainable Mountain Development" in Nepal. Oct 2012-March 2013.

On 2013 WOCAN hosted a Global Meeting of the Women's Leadership Circles (WLCs) in Nairobi, Kenya. Women's Leadership Circles, organized by WOCAN at the national level, provide a space where women farmers and policy makers meet regularly, as an activity of the Network of Women Leaders in Agriculture.

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

WOCAN organized the workshop on Women & Environment: Policy to Action at the Asia Pacific CSO Forum on Beijing + 20 on 15 November, 2014 in Bangkok, Thailand.

WOCAN Board Member & Core Associates, participated in the "Sustainable Forest Management: Designing the Vehicles for Securing the Means of Implementation" workshop organized by UNFF from 2-5 March in Kathmandu, Nepal.

WOCAN Board Member, was the discussant for the panel on "Scaling up partnerships opportunities in food and nutritional security and marine resources" during the UN Gender Assembly and Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) joint thematic debate/forum on partnerships, held in United Nations Headquarters in New York, United States of America. WOCAN organized the side event, "What Gets Measured Gets Valued" during UNFCCC's

COP22 on 2016 in Marrakesh, Morocco, to discuss how new standards are making it possible to measure and unitize women's empowerment benefits, alongside those of carbon emission reductions generated through climate initiatives.

WOCAN organized the COP21 side event to discuss gender and climate finance on 2015 in Paris, France –hosted by IUCN - to highlight innovative approaches to gender-responsive climate-finance. Speakers presented approaches and tools they are using to shape a more inclusive climate change-financing environment that benefits women and gender equality.

WOCAN organized the UNFCCC COP19 side event, "W+ Standard: Ensuring Benefits to Women- Supporting Women's Empowerment through Climate Mitigation Projects", in Warsaw, Poland.

## **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific (RAPA) partnered with WOCAN to organize two workshops in 2014: "Gender and Climate-Smart Agriculture in ASEAN" & "Regional Meeting to Promote Gender Equity for Achieving Food and Nutrition Security in Asia".

The UN-REDD Programme partnered with WOCAN to conduct research and organize regional workshops for "Women's Inclusion in REDD+ Policies and Measures: Beyond Barriers to Opportunities" from 2013-2014.

IFAD's project Capacity Building for Women's Leadership in farmer producer organization in Asia and the Pacific region- 2012-2014.

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

Our organization's activities did not focus on specific initiatives in fulfilment of the MDGs
and SDGs, but rather on supporting the overall development agenda through advocacy and
outreach.

#### 10. World Council of Independent Christian Churches

Special, 1996

#### Introduction

World Council of Independent Christian Churches is a fellowship of churches, pastors, ministries, Christian schools and individual members in 83 nations around the world.

# Aims and purposes of the organization

We provide a platform to independent churches that are deprived of the collective support and the privileges of mainline denominations. We provide financial and organizational support by developing hospitals, medical clinics, and educational facilities to combat the detrimental effects of extreme poverty. We also work with local governments and partner NGOs to protect and support marginalized members of the community, such as women and children, by educating against the harmful effects of human trafficking. We provide a platform for equality in education, allowing all members of a community to receive a quality primary education.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

Providing primary education to underserved communities in Nigeria, Kenya, India Providing healthcare with a specific focus on women's health and maternity in India Initiative to educate on and prevent child trafficking in India

Aiding and supporting anti-BDS movements globally with a focus in Canada and Israel.

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

Attended Fifty-First Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD)

Attended High--Level Thematic Debate of the UN General Assembly Promoting Tolerance and Reconciliation:Fostering Peaceful, Inclusive Societies and Countering Violent Extremism

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

Collaboration with UNICEF to provide primary education in Nigeria, Kenya, India

Collaboration with IFAD to extend food programs in Pakistan Partnering with United

Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to extend education programs utilized in the prevention
of human trafficking

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

In honor of Pearl Harbor Day, each year the organization makes a determined call for world peace.

Each year the organization commemorates World AIDs day on December 1.

In support of the MDGs the organization has food programs in Pakistan, India, Nigeria, and Malawi, providing approximately 10,000 lbs of food to various churches in these countries.

The organization is in the process of implementing an education program in India, with aims at preventing the sale of children into domestic and sexual servitude, educating parents on the warning signs of potential trafficking and preventing further victimization of India's youth.

The organization has vocally and emphatically condemned those involved with forcing the youth of India into child sexual slavery.

Providing the supplies for primary education in areas with difficult accessibility in the nation of Bangladesh.

#### 11. World Hunger Education Service

Special, 2012

#### Introduction

World Hunger Education Service is a web-based organization with a mission to education the world about hunger and all it's related issues. We are the top website for searching about world hunger. www.worldhunger.org, reaching 1 million readers per year.

# Aims and purposes of the organization

For the past 41 years, since its founding in 1976, the mission of World Hunger Education Service is to undertake programs, including Hunger Notes, that

- -educate the general public and target groups about the extent and causes of hunger and malnutrition in the United States and the world
- -advance comprehension which integrates ethical, religious, social, economic, political, and scientific perspectives on the world food problem
- -facilitate communication and networking among those who are working for solutions -promote individual and collective commitments to sustainable hunger solutions.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes to our By-Laws, or mission. WHES has developed a Conflict of Interest statement and Membership agreement, however.

We are partnering with Cornell University to work with professors and students to educate the public about food security, and hunger.

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

WHES contributes to all efforts to educate people about how to reduce and mitigate hunger. We just celebrated our 40th anniversary as an organization.

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

While one Board member lived in Geneva, Switzerland, she attended relevant meetings at the UN.

# **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

We have not been asked directly to participate in any particular.

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

Our work is directly related MGD Goal # 1 : Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

We educate those who visit our website about the causes of poverty and hunger and how to take action. Our website has been updated and optimized to reach more people about the causes of hunger. We also have a hunger quiz and give money to United States foodbanks and to food-related international charities for those who participate in the quiz and who donate to WHES.

12. World Igbo Congress

Special, 2012

Introduction

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WORLD IGBO CONGRESS - WIC

SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE STATUS GRANTED 2012

Aims and purposes of the organization

To promote the advancement and welfare of Ndi-Igbo though through the 1.

stimulation of better healthcare delivery in Igbo land, Nigeria, especially in respect of

improved maternal care, reduction of infant mortality and control of vector-borne and

transmissible diseases.

2. To protect women and girls from abuse within the context of ECOSOC programs

and the traditional norms of Igbo land

3. To promote harmony and peaceful co-existence among themselves and with other

ethnic groups through promoting equality across gender and community divides.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WIC was granted Special Consultative Status at the peak of the Post 2015 Development

Agenda. WIC participated in Major Group Meetings, NGO Committees and working groups

and the office of the Assistant Secretary General on Post 2015 Development Agenda. WIC

held several awareness programs both in the diaspora and home to create awareness to Igbo

people on the Sustainable Development Goals. Among these were

Post 2015 Development Agenda Forums for Igbo Leaders ii. i. Igbo World

Congress annual Convention

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iii. Grassroots education and Pre-CSW Conferences

iv. Better Woman Better Family Initiative

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

World Igbo Congress Has since 2012 been participating actively at the major UN events such as Commission on Social Development Session; United Nations Harmony Week; Commission on Status of Women Session; Decade of People of Africa Descent; Commission on Human Rights Indigenous people Forum and NGO Committees and Working Groups

# **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

No cooperation was specified.

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

No activities were specified.

#### 13. World Organization of Former Students of Catholic Education

Special, 2000

#### Introduction

The main objective of the organization is to encourage MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: Global Unions, Continental Unions, and Federations of Alumni Catholic Education to a conscious participation of each member as singular or plural in a social humanization that involved as active citizens through programs that promote free and voluntary solidarity in human, multicultural and multi-religious criteria with democratic values. Thread for All: The contribution to solidarity, education and development.

OMAEC during the years 2012-2015 he attended properly identified in some of the meetings organized by the UN, intervention programs in the Member States through the Alumni Associations, thus contributing to the implementation of the Millennium Development ECOSOC and the United Nations. To support the objectives were incorporated into the activities of these associations and contributed to the work of the United Nations, and the objectives of ECOSOC, the adoption and development in its own project, worldwide, with its associate members, items annual promoted by the United Nations, and in line with the Millennium Development Goals of weigh out the following activities.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

OMAEC is a worldwide organization whose aims are:

- a) ENCOURAGE global commitment and cooperation of Alumni Associations of Catholic Education, to safeguard the dignity and the service of the human community without distinction, according to the principles of Catholic education.
- b) SERVE partner agencies in conducting their own purposes and stimulate relations between them: understanding, mutual support and common actions based on Christian values and charisms that encourage institutions that have educated their members. (Catholic Colleges and Universities, etc.).
- c) PROMOTE the creation of world organizations of alumni of Institutes of

Consecrated Life or diocesan institutes, and the creation of Continental Unions and national federations, where none exist.

- d) PROMOTE global knowledge, affirmation and diffusion of gospel values in education, and particularly freedom of education.
- e) REPRESENT their bodies/organizations in all matters relating to common initiatives at the international level and in particular the United Nations Organization UN and its agencies.
- f) HOLD permanently worldwide, relations with international organizations that are directly or indirectly interested in educational issues and the promotion of the person.
- g) OPINION on social, cultural, economic and political issues always defending Christian values related to its purposes.

Currently, they have added three important goals, which are not yet included in the regulations, but are a OMAEC service commitment to all people. These objectives are: the family, education and life.

These goals are defended in international forums where OMAEC has official representation.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

In line with the UN Programmed decade, our organization was not present at all meetings promoted by the United Nations, but nevertheless took actions elsewhere in local, national, continental and global levels, making oral presentations, meetings and gatherings. OMAEC has organized and participated in conferences, seminars, conferences, etc., on various items such as:

# Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2012

Participation in Beirut (Lebanon) on March 25, the Day of the Christian-Muslim Encounter,

organized by the Lebanese Alumni Federation for Catholic Education.

2013

Attendance at WYD Madrid days. YOUNG OMAEC.

2014

Assistance meeting with the Pontifical Council for the Laity, Vatican PCPL.

Meeting with the Catholic Education Congregation - Vatican.

2015

Attendance at the 38th Conference of UNESCO in Paris, France.

FORUM Paris assistance to NGO's.

Assistance OCIPE committee meeting in Strasbourg, France.

Preparation World Education Forum in Strasbourg.

Preparation for the days of WYD in Krakow (Poland). YOUNG OMAEC

Charity projects:

Incorporation of 30 new partners

Appointment of new correspondents in different parts of the world.

Reactivation of the CCIC (International Catholic Centre for Cooperation with UNESCO)

Activating the year 2015 family.

Congress OIEC assistance. Rome (Italy) in November 2015.

# **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

OMAEC Cooperates with UN, in the fields of Family, Education and Life, in countries and places where there correspondents and delegations.

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

They are initiating studies and projects for a more intensive service fair trade and the distribution of aid for schools and colleges in places where there is need for aid.

#### 14. World Vision International

General, 2004

#### Introduction

World Vision is a global Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice.

# Aims and purposes of the organization

World Vision works at community level across geographical areas in up to 100 countries. Main purpose is to contribute to improving the well-being of children, promote their rights and overcome poverty.

WV is an active humanitarian actor globally positioned to help with immediate needs like food, water and shelter when disaster strikes and to help communities to recover and prevent future catastrophes. WV engages institutions, donors and the general public to contribute to poverty eradication and address inequality.

WV works with communities to empower citizens, children and youth to speak up for their rights at national and sub-national level. Furthermore, it works with communities to bring local voices to global level for advocacy and awareness rising.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

Engagement with UN Missions: WV develops sustained efforts to engage with Member States both in Geneva, Switzerland, and New York, United States of America, to brief, exchange and dialogue with them on key issues affecting children. In this context, we present policy, research and evaluation papers that contribute to discussions and debates at the various social meetings. Member States have expressed appreciation for this contribution as it provides key inputs for their engagement, debate and negotiations.

WV has continued to facilitate the engagement of children in the UPR processes. Furthermore, WV is eager to participate in the multiple online consultations launched by the Secretary General and President of the General Assembly on issues where they seek viewpoints from Civil Society.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

WV has participated in numerous meetings of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies as well as international conferences convened by the General Assembly. Some of such meetings have been: 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women; High level segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015; Humanitarian Affairs segment of the Economic and Social Council in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015; High-level political forum on Sustainable Development held under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council in 2014 and 2015; WV delegates have also attended some of the following UN international conferences: UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in 2012; UN Climate Change Summit in 2014; Third International Conference on Financing for Development and UN Sustainable Development Conference in 2015.

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

World Vision signed a memorandum of understanding and letter of collaboration with the UN High Commissioner on Refugees and the UN Office for Project Services in 2015. WV continuously enagages with Special Procedures mechanisms and the Secretary General Special Representatives on the elimination of violence against children and children in armed conflict.

WV main UN agency partner is the UN Children's Fund with whom we identify specific areas of collaboration for joint advocacy for children. WV is invited to participate as observer in the meetings of UNICEF's Executive Board. Furthermore, as a relief agency, WV coordinates closely with the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. This coordination is developed at global level but most importantly at field level when disasters occur.

As a faith based organization, WV works closely with the UN Population Fund who leads the Inter-Agency Task Force for working with faith based organizations. WV works closely with some of the UN Secretary General initiatives such as Every Woman Every Child

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals WV launched a 5 year campaign on child and maternal health as a contribution to reaching MDGs 4 and 5. As part of this campaign, WV actively engaged in the United Nations Secretary General's initiative of Every Woman Every Child where World Vision's President and CEO, Mr. Kevin Jenkins participates representing the organization. WV was an active participant in the post-2015 process leading up to the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. As part of World Vision's contribution to this new global agenda, it will soon be launching a global campaign to end violence against children. As regards to this Agenda, World Vision – in partnership with other organisations – developed a child friendly version of the Sustainable Development Agenda to support United Nations effort to popularize the

SDGs.

# 15. Yugoslav Youth Association Against AIDS - Youth Of JAZAS

Special, 2008

#### Introduction

Yugoslav Youth Associationa Against AIDS – Youth of JAZAS, based in Belgrade, Serbia, is a non-governmental, humanitarian organization, founded in 1994, with the main objective of prevention of HIV/AIDS, providing psycho-social and legal support to people living with HIV/AIDS and improving the health of young people in Serbia.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

Youth of JAZAS aims to work on HIV/AIDS prevention by providing information and guidelines about HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health and rights as well as providing psychological and legal support to people living with this disease.

# Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

2009 – 2014 YoJ was implementing the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria program "Strengthening HIV Prevention and Care for the Groups Most Vulnerable to HIV/AIDS" as Primary Recipient for NGOs in Serbia. Within the program YoJ collaborated with UNICEF in programs targeted to MARA and EVA populations. 2009 – 2014, YoJ has funded outreach and drop-in programs targeted to IDUs, SWs, PLHIV and Roma population in Serbia. 2010 – 2013, YoJ participated as constitutional member in national coordination meetings with other agents of interests, Ministry of Health, IPH, WHO, UNAIDS and UNODC. 2012 YoJ participated in collaborative meeting organized by UNICEF. 14 December 2012 Belgrade, Serbia, YoJ attended the meeting organized by UNDP Regional Office Bratislava, Slovakia: "Assessment of sustainable financing options in low prevalence countries in SEE – meeting of potential collaborators." YoJ's representatives attended XIX International AIDS Conference; 22 - 27 July 2012, Washington, United States of America. YoJ's representatives attended 23rd International

Harm Reduction Conference; 9 - 12 June 2013, Vilnius, Lithuania. 2012 – 2013 YoJ organized 2 National PLHIV conferences in Belgrade, Serbia, with participation of UNODC and UNAIDS representatives. 2012 YoJ organized trainings targeted to the youth volunteers in local communities. These activities were funded by UNAIDS. 2012 – 2015 YoJ organized central street manifestations commemorating 1 December, World AIDS Day. YoJ representatives attended 6th Regional HIV/AIDS Conference, 17 - 18 May 2012, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, organized by UNDP.

Organization participated in the entire process of drafting "2016 Political Declaration on Ending AIDS" and participated at the HLM and prior CSO hearing at the UNHQ.

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

No participation was specified.

## **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Within implemented programs, YoJ closely cooperated with UNAIDS, UNODC and UNICEF on particular fields of interest. Collaboration with UN agencies was mentioned in field 4.

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

2009 – 2014, YoJ was implementing the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria program "Strengthening HIV Prevention and Care for the Groups Most Vulnerable to HIV/AIDS". In 2014 YoJ was implementing project "Deutsche BACKUP Initiative", financed by Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit, GIZ. Both programs incorporated support to the MDG:

Goal 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, Target 6A: Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS. Action: 5900 IDUs participated in Harm reduction program, 790 MARA and 250 PLHIV reached by prevention services