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# **1. Association de développement agricole, éducatif et sanitaire de Manono**

**Special, 2020**

## **Introduction**

The Association de développement agricole, éducatif et sanitaire de Manono works in the area of development to combat poverty, with a view to improving the living conditions of vulnerable populations by focusing on the agriculture, education, healthcare, climate change, environment and biodiversity sectors in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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

The Association's aims and purposes are to:

- Combat poverty in order to improve the living conditions of vulnerable persons by developing the agriculture, education and healthcare sectors, combating climate change and protecting the environment and biodiversity.

## **Significant changes in the organization**

The organization has undergone the following change:

- Combating climate change and protecting the environment and biodiversity have been added to the aims and purposes of the organization.

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

The organization contributed to the drafting and signing of appeals and petitions aimed at conserving animal and plant species and the environment, as part of initiatives undertaken by United Nations organizations and their partners.

The organization participated in online meetings convened by working groups associated with various committees and conventions, including the Convention against Transnational Crime and the committee on drugs, and in the online consultation on the concept papers for the 2025 ocean action panels, held from 19 to 30 August 2024.

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

Representatives participated in:

- The constructive dialogue of the fifteenth meetings of the Working Group of Government Experts on Technical Assistance and the Working Group on International Cooperation, held on 7 June 2024 in Boardroom D, Vienna, Austria
- The third constructive dialogue on trafficking in persons, held on 10 July 2024 in Vienna, Austria
- The third constructive dialogue on the smuggling of migrants, held on 15 July 2024 in Boardroom D, Vienna, Austria.

## **Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

The organization cooperates with:

- The Secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Bonn, Germany
- The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna, Austria.

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

The organization holds training sessions for peasant and other communities on the issues of climate change, environmental protection and the use of plastics.

## **2. Association des jeunes engagés pour l'action humanitaire (AJEAH)**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

The period 2020–2023 was a critical one for AJEAH owing to the impacts of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic. Public health restrictions and economic crises disrupted the implementation of its projects, in particular in the rural areas of Togo. The organization had to adapt its methods, including through the use of digital solutions, to continue its work in spite of the lockdowns. Inequalities, especially between genders, became more pronounced, leading AJEAH to strengthen its efforts to empower women and young people. Despite these challenges, the Association remained resilient and innovative, refocusing its priorities on public health, food security and economic resilience. Through its interventions, AJEAH continued to uphold its commitment to sustainable development and human rights.

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

The organization's main goal is to improve living conditions, in particular in vulnerable areas, through targeted actions, in order to strengthen community resilience and reduce inequalities. Its mission is to contribute to the sustainable development of communities, including through poverty eradication, sustainable environmental management, the promotion of social democracy and strategic planning.

The aims and purposes of AJEAH are to:

1. Promote human rights and strengthen local democracy;
2. Encourage active civic participation in public administration;
3. Combat poverty by supporting the popular economy, with a special focus on women and young people;
4. Promote environmental protection through responsible practices.

These actions are aimed at creating resilient and inclusive communities and placing citizens at the heart of decision-making processes.

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

There have been no changes.

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

Between 2020 and 2023, AJEAH made a significant contribution to the work of the United Nations, in particular by working with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). AJEAH participated in consultations on governance, anti-corruption, terrorism and drug trafficking, providing local and regional perspectives, including in West Africa.

The organization highlighted the importance of transparency and inclusion in governance and of the links between corruption, violent extremism and

underdevelopment. AJEAH also advocated terrorism prevention initiatives, with a specific emphasis on empowering women and young people.

In the fight against drug trafficking, it called for greater international cooperation and for prevention and education programmes. AJEAH has enriched the work of UNODC with relevant recommendations based on its experience on the ground.

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

The organization does not have any new participation in meetings of the United Nations to report.

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

Between 2020 and 2023, AJEAH worked in close collaboration with UNODC on the issues of governance and anti-corruption. AJEAH participated actively in strategic consultations and discussions, providing its expertise on local challenges in terms of poor governance.

The organization advocated reforms aimed at strengthening transparency and the inclusion of communities in decision-making processes. It also contributed to awareness-raising and training activities for local stakeholders, such as local authorities and members of civil society, with a view to helping them to better understand and combat corruption.

In partnership with UNODC, AJEAH developed programmes for strengthening local institutions and promoting systems of participatory governance. Through this cooperation, it was able to develop concrete actions that were aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and aimed at improving local governance and reducing corruption.

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

Between 2020 and 2023, AJEAH implemented several initiatives aimed at achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals. It strengthened participatory democracy in Togo through a support programme that encouraged citizens to participate in local governance, in keeping with Sustainable Development Goals 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions) and 11 (sustainable cities).

AJEAH also empowered women in the Savanes region, in the face of violent extremism, thereby contributing to achieving Sustainable Development Goals 5 (gender equality) and 16. The organization strengthened the local authorities' capacity to promote transparency, accountability and sustainability, in line with Sustainable Development Goals 1 (poverty eradication) and 13 (climate action).

## **3. Association des jeunes pour l'agriculture du Mali**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

The Association des Jeunes pour l'Agriculture du Mali (ASJAM) is hereby complying with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, which requires non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with special consultative status to provide a brief report every four years on their activities in support of the United Nations.

Over the past four years, the work of ASJAM has focused much more on advocacy for the agricultural sector and on mobilizing young people to play an important role in that sector.

ASJAM believes that there is great value in encouraging local Malian NGOs to participate in the activities of the Council and its subsidiary bodies, in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of resolution 1996/31. That is why ASJAM intends to play a facilitating role over the next four years, in partnership with the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations in Consultative Relationships with the United Nations (CoNGO) and many other partners willing to support its efforts.

The present report, which is the third of its kind submitted by ASJAM, comes at a time when security crises are threatening and destabilizing not only Malian farmers, but also the country as a whole. We invite local, subregional, regional and international players to coordinate their efforts to bring lasting stability to Mali.

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

ASJAM is an apolitical association established in 2003, which works in the fields of agriculture and renewable resources. Our organization is working to significantly strengthen the agricultural sector. Our activities are linked to agriculture, energy and education.

Since being granted special consultative status with the Council in 2012, ASJAM has participated in and cooperated to support the activities of United Nations system entities in order to promote both the work of the United Nations and the agricultural sector of Mali in general. Its fundamental mission is to contribute to eradicating the food crisis with a view to achieving sustainable development.

Our ambition is to make Malian youth the true masters of their country's green economy.

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

There have been no major changes in the organization.

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

As a result of new information technologies, we are using the tools available to us to contribute to the work of this important communal organization.

ASJAM submitted a written contribution that was published during the 2021 high-level segment of the Council. It also participated in and contributed significantly to the interactive e-learning module entitled "Operationalizing the Right to Development in Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals", offered by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in collaboration with its partners. ASJAM participated in and contributed to the steering committee that submitted the draft resolution establishing the United Nations Youth Office, in collaboration with the International Young Leaders Organization.

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

ASJAM has contributed to various United Nations meetings, both at Headquarters in New York and remotely, including the Transforming Education Summit; the high-level dialogue on "The Africa We Want"; and the informal interactive dialogue on commodity markets.

ASJAM has taken part in the Council's Youth Forum in New York, and also in side events organized by NGOs such as Accept International, a Japanese youth organization.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

There is no doubt that the United Nations has and offers opportunities for cooperation with NGOs like ASJAM. However, ASJAM has yet to cooperate significantly with the United Nations. Thus far, we have collaborated directly, and indirectly through the United Nations information centre in Ouagadougou, only with the United Nations Department of Global Communications.

In order to begin to increase cooperation, ASJAM has already approached the Permanent Mission of Mali to the United Nations about organizing a thematic event on the margins of the current session of the General Assembly.

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

ASJAM is committed to eradicating poverty. We are working at the local level to adopt measures that will improve the mechanization of the national agricultural sector, with a view to achieving food sovereignty. Our advocacy also includes efforts related to financing for the processing of agricultural products.

**4. Association des étudiants tamouls de France****Special, 2016****Introduction**

The Association des étudiants tamouls de France (AETF) is a French association that works in student settings and among Tamils newly arrived in France and Europe. As regards participation in the work and conferences of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies, since the organization was granted consultative status with the United Nations, its members have participated in many conferences. The association's areas of interest range from the development of education to human rights and economic and social development.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The aims of the association are to develop cultural, intellectual and scientific knowledge of the Tamil culture and language, to develop and deepen the study, knowledge and understanding of Tamil culture, language and civilization in France, to promote the French language and culture among emigrant populations at the regional level, to strengthen cultural exchanges, cooperation and communication between France, India, Sri Lanka and other countries where the Tamil language is spoken and to promote ideas of solidarity, tolerance and freedom.

**Significant changes in the organization**

We host many students for internships. Since 2016, AETF has attended meetings of the European Parliament in Brussels, various human rights mechanisms in Geneva and the General Assembly in New York.

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

We have submitted several written statements at various sessions of the Human Rights Council.

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

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

Each year, our representatives participate in more than 18 meetings in Geneva, including:

- The three sessions of the Human Rights Council
- Committee on the Rights of the Child
- Universal periodic review
- Working Group on discrimination against women in law and in practice
- Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances
- Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture

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

The particular contribution of AETF to the United Nations has been to help governments to bring their application of national legislation more into line with United Nations human rights standards. That work has not only improved the lives of our members, but has also strengthened the capacity of local governments, which has a positive impact on the community as a whole.

The work of AETF advances the Sustainable Development Goals by helping victims of internationally recognized human rights violations and by helping to establish the rule of law in some of the world's poorest countries.

Since 2016, AETF has collaborated extensively with over 400 student associations across Europe.

We have hosted more than 60 interns in order to enable them to develop an understanding of the United Nations human rights mechanisms.

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

The association has taken the following initiatives in support of the Sustainable Development Goals: promoting the importance of access to good drinking water; raising awareness among young people about the need to avoid hard drugs; and hosting various advocacy programmes related to agriculture in rural communities.

The work of AETF has been closely aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals.

In terms of human rights information, AETF has placed its various informational activities under the management of a new human rights information initiative, whose mandate is to continue to provide students with a full range of information on human rights.

## **5. Association du développement et de la promotion de droits de l'homme**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

The Association du développement et de la promotion de droits de l'homme is an apolitical non-profit association formally recognized in Mauritania. It was granted consultative status in 2016.

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

The association aims to contribute to harmonious and sustainable development in Mauritania, and to promote and work towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

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

There has been no change in the association's membership.

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

The association has carried out several activities and contributed significantly to the work of the United Nations, including through several activities supported by the United Nations Development Programme-administered Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme. Its work has included specific projects related to the empowerment of women and young people and the eradication of ignorance and poverty.

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

We always take part in activities online since the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; we always participate through Zoom.

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

We are well informed and cooperation is very good. The United Nations bodies bring great value to our work; we welcome the cooperation.

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

We have carried out several projects in support of the Sustainable Development Goals: advocacy, awareness-raising, partnership and several projects in support of Goals 4 and 5.

## **6. Association Dunenyo**

### **Special, 2012**

#### **Introduction**

Report of Association Dunenyo for the period 2020–2023. Support for education and reforestation.

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

We would like to have a healthy environment. We are active in the areas of health, education, human rights and the environment in order to get more young people interested in making the world a better place.

We provide humanitarian assistance to affected communities in response to crises and natural disasters. Our work includes distributing food and essential supplies, as well as post-disaster rehabilitation programmes to help families rebuild their lives. We also support refugees and internally displaced persons by providing shelter, healthcare and psychosocial assistance. Our aim is to respond quickly and effectively to the needs of people in distress.



**Significant changes in the organization**

We would like to have the support of international organizations to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We support various types of projects, including in education, health, economic development, access to drinking water and women's empowerment. Each project is designed to be sustainable and have a long-term impact.

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

Access to healthcare is essential to communities' well-being. We improve access to healthcare by setting up mobile clinics to provide free care in remote and underserved areas. Our health programmes also include vaccination and disease-prevention campaigns, as well as health and hygiene education initiatives. By providing high-quality healthcare, we help to improve people's quality of life and reduce health inequalities.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

We attend almost all United Nations conferences in Geneva and New York.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

We would like to have long-term cooperation with the United Nations on some investigations into human rights issues and on the work of non-governmental organizations.

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

Peacebuilding and conflict resolution are essential to building resilient and harmonious communities. We organize mediation and conflict-resolution workshops to help individuals and groups to manage disagreements peacefully and constructively. Our community reconciliation programmes are designed to restore trust and strengthen relationships between community members. By training local leaders in conflict management, we help to prevent violence and promote lasting peace.

**7. Association internationale de la libre pensée****Special, 2016****Introduction**

The Association internationale de la libre pensée (AILP) was founded in Oslo on 10 August 2011. It aims to coordinate the activities of its member organizations and to represent the free thought movement as a whole in international institutions. On 25 July 2016, it was recognized as a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

**Aims and purposes of the organization**

The organization launches campaigns, which are run by its members, and issues press releases. It liaises with authorities at all levels and with partners. However, it does not carry out "projects" in the way that operational non-governmental organizations do. The only activities for which it is responsible are the international congresses and other conferences that it organizes.

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

The four-year period under consideration was marked by the emergence of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the subsequent restrictions on the holding of in-person meetings, as well as by the death of a representative of the AILP delegation at the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Ms. Christine Laubary-Besson (1951–2022).

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

2020

In March 2020, during the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council, the AILP delegation informed the Council that facial recognition was an extremely invasive and dehumanizing technology, which, sooner or later, would enable constant surveillance of the public space.

2023

In a written statement dated 4 April 2023, the AILP delegation informed the Human Rights Council of the stance of the Government of France, which had expressed opposition, in the Senate, to the rehabilitation of the soldiers executed to “set an example” between 1914 and 1918. Articles 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights provide for the protection of individual rights in the criminal justice system. The 639 French soldiers who were shot by their own comrades, following orders designed to terrorize troops during the First World War, as a way of setting an example and without due process, did not benefit from those provisions.

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

At the fiftieth session of the Human Rights Council in June 2022, the AILP delegation resumed its in-person presence in Geneva and took part in the meeting of non-governmental organizations held on 29 June 2022 by the Under-Secretary-General for Policy, Volker Türk, who had travelled from New York.

AILP attended the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council, held from June 19 to 14 July 2023.

The AILP delegation, comprising Hélène Lortie and Philippe Besson, took part in interactive dialogues with the working groups on transnational corporations, education, climate change and trafficking in persons.

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

On 1 May 2023, the AILP delegation, represented by Michel Godicheau, attended a meeting on the universal periodic review on the situation in France.

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

The organization attended the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council, held from 19 June to 14 July 2023.

The AILP delegation, comprising Hélène Lortie and Philippe Besson, took part in interactive dialogues with the working groups on transnational corporations, education, climate change and trafficking in persons.

## **8. Association internationale pour l'égalité des femmes**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

The Association internationale pour l'égalité des femmes (AIEF) was founded in 2007 with the aim of achieving equal rights and opportunities for women. The organization obtained consultative status with the United Nations in 2016. Four national associations from countries in Europe and Australia are members of the organization. The organization has many volunteers, who are active in all fields, both nationally and internationally.

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

The organization aims to accelerate gender equality and the empowerment of women. It strives to achieve this goal by promoting and raising awareness of the equality of women and the means to achieve it, enabling women to come together and share their experiences, and promoting their sense of worth and enabling them to determine their own choices and rights. Influence social change for yourself and others in a variety of ways.

The organization also strives to combat forced marriages, the rate of which has unfortunately increased, contrary to expectations.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

AIEF presented oral and written statements to the Human Rights Council in Geneva on issues relating to women and human rights.

Although the activities of the organization were affected by the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, its members were able to adapt to the conditions and continue their activities as planned.

- Two oral statements delivered at the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council, on 28 February and 6 March 2020.
- Two written statements submitted to the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/43/NGO/166, on domestic violence against women; and A/HRC/43/NGO/165, on femicide).
- A written statement submitted to the forty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/45/NGO/56, on violence against women during the COVID-19 pandemic).
- Three oral statements delivered at the forty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council, on 10, 15 and 19 March 2021.
- An oral statement delivered at the forty-eighth session of the Human Rights Council, on 22 September 2021; another at the forty-ninth session, on 21 March 2022; and another at the fifty-first session, on 21 September 2022.
- Three oral statements delivered at the fifty-second session of the Human Rights Council, on 14, 17 and 23 March 2023.
- A written statement submitted to the fifty-third session of the Human Rights Council (A/HRC/53/NGO/230, on digital technologies and women).

- Three oral statements delivered at the fifty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, on 13, 21 and 27 September 2023.

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

Owing to the COVID-19 health crisis, United Nations meetings were primarily virtual for two years, with in-person meetings resuming gradually in 2022. Our activities were quickly modified to adapt to the new circumstances.

2020: Participation in the forty-third session of the Human Rights Council.

2021: Virtual participation in the forty-sixth and forty-eighth sessions of the Human Rights Council.

2022: Participation in the forty-ninth and fifty-first sessions of the Human Rights Council, and in the thirty-fifth special session of the Human Rights Council held on 24 November.

2023: Participation in the fifty-second, fifty-third and fifty-fourth sessions of the Human Rights Council.

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

As previously noted, the COVID-19 pandemic unfortunately limited the scope for collaboration with United Nations bodies. AIEF actively participated in the activities of the United Nations Office at Geneva and maintained all its activities with that Office without interruption.

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

The aim of our organization is gender equality, which is one of the Sustainable Development Goals. We believe that it can be achieved by empowering women. To that end, we have held numerous meetings over the past four years. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, we sought to hold those meetings virtually. Over the past two years, the meetings have been held in person. One such meeting was held on 21 September 2023 at the Maison Internationale des Associations in Geneva.

## **9. Association locale pour le développement intégral**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

The Association locale pour le développement intégral (ALDI) is an independent non-governmental development organization approved by Ministerial Decision No. 56/CAB/MIN/J/2009 of 25 June 2009, granting legal personality to ALDI as a non-profit, non-denominational organization for the specific purpose of community development and disaster relief. ALDI is a recognized national non-governmental organization with a presence in more than four provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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

Display effectiveness and efficiency through development activities.

Actively support communities in need through a range of development activities planned and implemented in a collaborative manner.

Provide assistance in the event of disasters or chronic need, and work in cooperation with the affected populations to find long-term solutions.

Work with persons in need on the basis of equal partnership in order to effect positive and sustainable change in communities.

Establish networks that develop the capacity of local populations, appropriate technology and skills at all levels.

Develop and maintain relationships with our partners and constituents that provide effective channels for mutual growth and action.

The work of ALDI is focused on two areas:

Development and assistance. As a development organization, ALDI focuses its efforts on sustainable development and disaster preparedness and response.

It responds to disasters in Ituri Province in particular, as well as in the rest of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Teach the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to fish: “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”

In accordance with this principle, ALDI uses the majority of its resources for development.

Development activities make up 95 per cent of its work.

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

With funding from the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance of the United States Agency for International Development, a food assistance project for 1,300 displaced persons living in the Bunia and Rwampara health zones was implemented over a period of eight months, during which four food distributions were carried out to alleviate the suffering of beneficiary households.

Given the level of food insecurity experienced by internally displaced households in the Bunia and Rwampara health zones, activities were carried out to implement the project, reduce poverty and hunger, and end extreme poverty and hunger.

ALDI has carried out awareness-raising with a view to promoting gender equality and empowering women, reducing infant mortality and improving maternal health. ALDI has also raised awareness of the use of biogas and reforestation for environmental protection.

Partnership.

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

1. Reduce extreme poverty and hunger through the distribution of food through funding from the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance of the United States Agency for International Development; and the distribution of high-quality seeds and agricultural inputs to 5,500 displaced households in the Bunia and Rwampara health zones and to 2,000 displaced households in the Komanda health zone through funding from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

3. ALDI has raised awareness of gender equality and the empowerment of women.

4. ALDI has also carried out awareness-raising with a view to reducing infant mortality and improving maternal health.

5. ALDI provided beneficiaries with condoms as part of the distribution of supplies to combat HIV/AIDS. It also provided them with treated mosquito nets to prevent malaria.

6. ALDI ensures environmental sustainability by promoting reforestation and the use of biogas among livestock farmers.

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

ALDI actively participates in meetings of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and in cluster meetings on topics such as food security; shelter and non-food items; protection; education; nutrition; and water, hygiene and sanitation. ALDI is a member of the strategic advisory group of the national shelter cluster. It has also been elected by its peers to serve, for two terms, on the advisory board of the Democratic Republic of the Congo Humanitarian Fund of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

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

ALDI cooperates closely with the United Nations system, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo Humanitarian Fund of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the World Food Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and is currently a partner of the Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance of the United States Agency for International Development in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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

Combat poverty and hunger. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by 2030.

Education for all. Ensure free primary education for all through awareness-raising and the involvement of political leaders.

Women: promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through increased awareness-raising.

Environment: raise awareness of reforestation and the use of biogas.

## **10. Association malienne de savoir construire (AMSC)**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

The Association malienne de savoir construire (AMSC) is a non-governmental organization registered with the Government of Mali (registration certificate No. 0966 MATCL-DNI). The Government of Mali and AMSC, seeking to contribute effectively to the socioeconomic development of communities in Mali and define the general legal framework of their cooperation, signed framework agreement No. 01927 of 20 April 2004 and amendment No. 1619 of 5 June 2006. The framework agreement was renewed by the Government of Mali on 12 February 2008, under registration No. 0174/001927. The AMSC Paris office was registered in France (declaration receipt No. W821000879) and listed in the Official Gazette of the French Republic of 26 July 2008 (No. 1330). AMSC has held special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2018.

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

The Association's goal is to contribute to the creation of community organizations that will work to promote sustainable development in the areas of health, the environment, food security, the advancement of children and women, the rights of persons with disabilities, microfinance and education, for the well-being of the Malian and French populations. Its objectives are to: help populations develop the organizational capacity required to determine what they need and propose their own solutions; combat violence against women and children; fight for a world that is fit for all children and respectful of their rights, including to education, healthcare and protection; contribute to efforts to combat exclusion of the underprivileged; contribute to efforts to combat desertification and the disappearance of animal and plant species; help to improve the health of the people of Mali; help to improve economic conditions for grass-roots communities; and contribute to the emergence of a strong civil society.

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

The organization has changed its name.

Former name: Association malienne de savoir construire (AMSC)

New name: Population résilience internationale (PRI)

A change request has been submitted to the Economic and Social Council.

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

The organization contributed to the work of the United Nations by participating in the fifty-first regular session of the Human Rights Council, held from 12 September to 7 October 2022, in Room XX of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

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

Representatives attended the fifty-first regular session of the Human Rights Council, held from 12 September to 7 October 2022, in Room XX of the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

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

Depending on the type of project, we seek to establish technical and financial partnerships with various United Nations agencies in Mali, including the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Development Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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

The organization has carried out environmental preservation projects relating to the management of domestic solid waste (sanitation and hygiene) in Bamako. Every year, on 1 December, the organization commemorates World AIDS Day in Mali. It has contributed to the achievement of Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 in Mali by providing nutrition care (nutritional support using locally sourced foods for the prevention and treatment of moderate acute malnutrition) to 2,771 children and prenatal monitoring to 6,925 pregnant women over the past four years. Some of the organization's work is focused on supporting the more general development programme through awareness-raising, mobilization and promotion efforts rather than on achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

## **11. Association mauritanienne pour la promotion des droits de l'homme**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

The Association mauritanienne pour la promotion des droits de l'homme is a non-governmental organization that works in the area of human rights in Mauritania and with human rights institutions, such as the Human Rights Council and its treaty bodies.

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

The Association promotes peace and social cohesion and is seeking to foster a human rights culture in Mauritania. It raises awareness about the rights of children and women and combats all forms of slavery and their effects.

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

The Association completed its registration on the online platform, in accordance with Act No. 004 of 10 February 2021 on associations, foundations and networks.

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

The Association contributed to reports presented to the various committees of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

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

A representative of the Association participated via Zoom in the thirteenth Social Forum of the Human Rights Council, held on 11 and 12 October 2021.

A representative of the Association participated via Zoom in the meeting organized by the Rights Lab of the University of Nottingham and OHCHR on the subject of "Improving the response to contemporary forms of slavery for vulnerable groups, including displaced persons".

Representatives of the Association participated via Zoom in the global consultation meeting of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, held on 6 April 2022, for the Europe and Africa group.

The Association submitted a shadow report to the thirty-seventh session of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review in February 2021.

The Association submitted a shadow report to the twenty-ninth session of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held from 14 August to 8 September 2023 in Geneva.

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

The Association cooperates with OHCHR in Geneva and in Nouakchott, and with the International Organization for Migration in Nouakchott.

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

The Association has prioritized Millenium Development Goal 4 and conducts awareness-raising campaigns to increase school enrolment for Mauritanian children, in accordance with the country's laws and regulations.



## **12. Association nationale de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme**

**Special, 2016**

### **Introduction**

The Association nationale de promotion et de protection des droits de l'homme is a non-governmental organization under Cameroonian law that has held special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council since 2016. It works towards the promotion and protection of human rights in Cameroon and has expanded its activities to other countries in Africa, to Europe and to other continents. We established a process to bring together all men and women of goodwill to promote and defend their rights, while providing appropriate frameworks to enable members to better protect their rights against all types of violations and abuse. This is done through the engagement of all national and international stakeholders involved in human rights protection. Our main promotion activity is focused on the international legal instruments of the United Nations treaty bodies ratified by Member States and other national legal instruments. The Association also cooperates with the authorities of Member States regarding the promotion and protection of human rights and the exercise of civil liberties. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, which affected the world, the organization has continuously worked in synergy to better achieve its objectives.

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

The aims of our organization are to:

- Create harmony among social and sociological groups and ensure respect for the concerns of a State based on human dignity as the foundation of humanity and focus of all human activity.
- Work towards national and international solidarity.
- Ensure respect for and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups.

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

Since 2016, the year in which our organization was granted special consultative status, our cooperation with other national and international organizations has increased.

We have several new members and the organization has joined various national and international networks for human rights protection and democratic governance.

At the national level, our reputation is reflected in the recognition received from all relevant national actors.

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

- Contribution to the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) to the fifty-fourth regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, in 2023
- Forty-ninth session of the Human Rights Council held from 28 February to 1 April 2022
- Effective promotion of the Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities
- Human rights and cultural diversity

- Death penalty
- Situation of human rights defenders in Cameroon.

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

- Human Rights Council Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, fortieth session, held in Geneva, from 24 January to 3 February 2022
- Human Rights Council intersessional forum on economic, social and cultural rights (Social Forum), fifteenth session, held in Geneva on 2 and 3 November 2023.

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

- The organization contributes regularly to the work of OHCHR in terms of calls for input issued by special rapporteurs for the publication of their thematic and general reports
- Response to OHCHR questions on the implementation of cultural rights.

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

Our organization commemorates Human Rights Day each year, organizing thematic promotion activities in line with the themes selected by the United Nations. Consequently, our organization held a workshop seminar on the pandemic.

### **13. Association Un enfant un cartable du Burkina Faso**

#### **Special, 2016**

##### **Introduction**

In September 2020, the Association Un enfant un cartable du Burkina Faso began operating in the following areas:

- Education and awareness-raising for stakeholders in the education ecosystem
- Entrepreneurship, leadership and civic values
- The environment, including in relation to climate change, desertification and biological diversity
- Actions in the agrifood system.
- It created associations and networks when the environment was right to do so, to participate in the development of Burkina Faso, within its sphere of competence and action.

This report is the second of its kind since the establishment in 2007 of the Association Un enfant un cartable du Burkina Faso, whose consultative status with the Economic and Social Council was granted in July 2016 and renewed in 2020.

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

Education and awareness-raising for stakeholders of the education ecosystem in Burkina Faso, entrepreneurship, water, hygiene and sanitation and the environment.

Over the last four years, the Association and its partners have conducted awareness-raising activities in and around the cities of Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso, as well as in the rural municipalities of Ouray and Siby, on the need to enrol

children, especially girls, in school. Whenever possible, we explain that the State is making great efforts in this regard and that each person can make his or her own contribution.

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

Based on its international activities, the Association was able to lay the foundation for the future development of the following independent organizations in the country:

- Young Generation in Nuclear
- Women in Nuclear
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Nuclear Education Skills, Sciences and Technologies Framework.

The Association was granted observer status with the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention (BRS Conventions) in 2023.

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

Over the last four years, the Association and its partners have conducted awareness-raising activities in and around the cities of Ouagadougou and Bobo-Dioulasso, as well as in the rural municipalities of Ouray and Siby, on the need to enrol children, especially girls, in school. Whenever possible, we explain that the State is making great efforts in this regard and that each person can make his or her own contribution. We have always given the example of the Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales (AIESEC), which was founded by the President of the Association Un enfant un cartable du Burkina Faso in 1999, when he was a student. In 2004, through its trainee exchange programme, AIESEC contributed to efforts by the Ministry of Education to help make Burkina Faso eligible for funding from the \$5 billion Millennium Challenge Account of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, to address the issue of gender parity in school enrolment. It was in that light that the Association Un enfant un cartable du Burkina Faso was created to make its contribution to the education sector.

- It conducted training sessions on entrepreneurship, leadership and civic values in 20 junior and senior high schools in Burkina Faso, with the aim of sowing the seeds of entrepreneurship in the minds of young people, so as to enable them to start their own businesses within a few years of completing high school or university.
- In the area of the environment, the Association carried out reforestation activities, planting more than 1,000 trees, with a success rate of 60 per cent. It launched a campaign to combat the proliferation of plastic bags.

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

Participation in the twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth sessions of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in 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 and in the 2022 and 2023 editions of the World Food Forum, in Rome, Italy.

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

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Development Programme.

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

Initiatives to create:

- Young Generation in Nuclear
- Women in Nuclear
- Science, technology, engineering and mathematics
- Nuclear Education Skills, Sciences and Technologies Framework.

It was granted observer status with the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention and the Stockholm Convention (BRS Conventions) in 2023.

## **14. Association Santé-éducation-démocratie (ASED)**

### **Special, 2020**

#### **Introduction**

The idea to create the Association Santé-éducation-démocratie arose from the realization that, despite the efforts made by all parties, several problems and constraints inherent to development continue to exist. The poverty of communities in the Niger exposes sad realities in several sectors, such as health, education, the empowerment of women and girls, human rights and the environment. To lift the people of the Niger out of poverty, the root of all evils, we simply need to work. This is why we wish to be a dynamic partner in development initiatives.

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

The Association has set itself the following general objective: to help improve the living conditions of the people of the Niger.

Specific objectives

It has set itself the following specific objectives:

- Contribute to the promotion of a culture of sport and health in the fight against non-communicable diseases.
- Contribute to the fight against obstetric fistula, HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases.
- Provide health centres with pharmaceutical products and equipment.
- Contribute to the promotion of maternal and child health and the fight against early marriage.
- Contribute to the promotion of adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health and family planning.
- Contribute to the promotion of girls' enrolment in school.
- Contribute to the promotion of excellence in schools.
- Provide schools with supplies, sports equipment and computer equipment.

- Contribute to the promotion of agriculture, market gardening, livestock farming, wildlife, water and sanitation.
- Contribute to the promotion of nutrition.
- Contribute to the sponsorship of children and the granting of scholarships to vulnerable girls and orphans.
- Contribute to raising public awareness of the importance of health and universal insurance.
- Contribute to the promotion of peace and non-violence.
- Contribute to the defence of human rights, democracy and good governance.
- Contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of prisoners, persons with disabilities and older persons.

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

To ensure that it is properly governed, the Association prepared the following key documents:

- Strategic plan 2022–2026
- Communication and resource mobilization plan
- Procedures manual
- Child protection policy.

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

- As part of its efforts to support women and girls with obstetric fistulas and implement income-generating activities to empower women and girls in the Niger diagnosed with feminine genital fistulas, genital prolapse or incontinence, the Association trained and assisted 1,200 women.
- Capacity-building of administrative personnel in the Tanout region of the Niger, to enable them to properly monitor the management of public assets. The mayor, 2 deputy mayors, 25 young female leaders and 25 young male leaders were provided with information on the rights and responsibilities of citizens with regard to their local authorities and on the concept of participatory budgeting.

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

Members of the Association participate in meetings convened by United Nations organizations that have a presence in Niamey or elsewhere in the Niger.

- Monthly meetings of the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) child protection cluster
- General protection cluster of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- UNICEF education cluster
- Nutrition cluster at the Nutrition Directorate
- Meetings of the humanitarian forum of United Nations agencies in the Niger.

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

The Association is seeking to cooperate with United Nations agencies but has not yet received a positive response.

We are extremely interested in cooperating with United Nations agencies. We would be grateful for your help.

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

The women's empowerment project being carried out by the Association in various mother and child centres, for women with fistulas, is contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

## **15. Bureau pour la croissance intégrale et la dignité de l'enfant**

### **Special, 2016**

#### **Introduction**

As part of its operations and consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, the Bureau pour la croissance intégrale et la dignité de l'enfant wishes to outline its activities for the purpose of the quadrennial report.

The Bureau is a non-governmental organization that promotes the protection and defence of children's rights. Established in 2006 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, it was granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 2016 and supports the 10 principles of the United Nations Global Compact.

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

We aim to protect and defend the rights of children, provide them with equal opportunities for a better world without discrimination or rejection and ensure a humane future and dignity for all. The organization places particular focus on those most in need and speaks out against child abuse. Its philosophy is set out in its charter. In keeping with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, our mission is to protect and defend children's rights, and to educate, instruct, guide and raise awareness through child-focused actions in different spheres of life. Our objective is to help children to grow up with dignity and respect for human rights and strengthen their intellectual and technical capacity to help and take care of themselves, for a better future.

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

There have been no significant changes.

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

The Bureau held a workshop to promote the different professional trades offered at the Don Bosco Vocational Training Centre in Masina. During the workshop, we highlighted the need to combat child labour and encouraged teenagers between 16 and 17 years of age to register with the vocational training centre for a period of two years.

On 14 June 2023, the Bureau held a workshop to present the work done from 29 May to 2 June 2023, at the Paris headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, to draft a legally binding international instrument on plastic pollution.

**Participation in meetings of the United Nations**

Participated in the fifty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development, held from 10 to 19 February 2020 in Conference Room 4 in New York. Field visit to a school in the Selembao municipality and subsidization of school fees for children whose parents were unable to pay them. A training session for researchers was held, with the participation of 20 persons responsible for examining respect for gender equality. On International Anti-Corruption Day, in collaboration with the United Nations Global Compact network in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Bureau held a workshop on the elimination of corruption in schools. Participated in the fifteenth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Participated in the Internet Governance Forum in Kyoto, Japan, the high-level council on artificial intelligence, 78th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

The meeting of non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council during Sustainable Development Goal Action Weekend, tenth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

**Cooperation with United Nations bodies**

Drafting of an anti-corruption law (United Nations Global Compact).

Report on the situation of child prisoners at the Makala central prison.

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

The organization is committed to eliminating all forms of child labour, once and for all, in collaboration with State and private entities and national stakeholders. It worked with Alliance 8.7 of the International Labour Organization to promote Sustainable Development Goal 8, published on the International Labour Organization website in August 2021. Fifteen members participated in the training session offered by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime on stakeholder engagement to combat transnational organized crime under the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime, for the promotion of Sustainable Development Goal 16. They all received certificates of participation issued by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

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