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1. Tourner la page

Special, 2016

Introduction

Tourner la page, founded in 2009, is a non-profit association under French law that works on the issue of human rights and seeks to foster commitment among young people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Tourner la page is a non-governmental organization whose aim is to promote human rights, non-violence and the peaceful settlement of conflicts as defined by all national and international declarations and charters, representing a common heritage of humankind that should be continually enhanced, disseminated and made a reality for the benefit of all humankind. Human rights for all, reflection on human rights, non-violence, building a culture of peace, peaceful resolution of conflicts – these aims are achieved through actions. The following actions will be carried out in collaboration with all the non-governmental organizations pursuing the same fundamental aims and purposes and with United Nations bodies and agencies:

- Human rights reporting; communication of these reports and information to political leaders, regional and international organizations (European Union, African Union, United Nations), the media and the general public.
- Information campaigns and events related to particular issues.
- Solidarity projects.
- Creation of educational tools to raise awareness.
- Thematic publications.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

We contribute to various universal periodic reviews. We also work at meetings in Geneva. We work with the Human Rights Council, submitting written and oral statements.

During the reporting period, we continued to broaden and deepen our relations with the United Nations, participating in global conferences and seminars, and attending meetings of United Nations bodies working on a wide range of issues. We participated in a series of conferences on human rights, the status of women, the environment, children and sustainable development. We provided information, participated in debates and submitted statements.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

We have participated in several meetings of United Nations bodies in Geneva, such as: Human Rights Council; Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights; Social Forum; pre-sessional working group of the Committee on the Rights of the Child; Committee on Enforced Disappearances; Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Technical Cooperation in the Field of Human Rights; universal periodic review; Committee against Torture; Forum on Business and Human Rights; Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or

Degrading Treatment or Punishment; pre-sessional working group of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women; Working Group on Arbitrary Detention; Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law; Forum on Minority Issues; and Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We do not cooperate directly with the United Nations, but we do participate in various meetings of United Nations bodies in Geneva, including the Human Rights Council, the universal periodic review and the treaty bodies.

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

We are working on the following Sustainable Development Goals: Goal 2, zero hunger – on the right to food and also on the situation of farmers; Goal 4, quality education – education for young people about the workings of the United Nations; Goal 5, gender equality – education for school children from an early age about gender equality; Goal 6, clean water and sanitation – intervention and awareness-raising; Goal 9, build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation; and Goal 16, Peace, justice and strong institutions – training, awareness-raising and access for victims of human rights violations.

2. Union internationale des huissiers de justice et officiers judiciaires

Special, 1996

Introduction

The Union internationale des huissiers de justice et officiers judiciaires was created in 1952. In 2024, it included members of organizations representing judicial officers, enforcement officers and similar personnel from 98 countries across the American, African, Asian and European continents.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Union seeks to represent its members before international organizations and to support collaboration with national professional bodies and the implementation of international treaties. It strives to promote ideas, projects and initiatives that are designed to elevate and advance the independent status of judicial officers.

Moreover, the Union contributes to efforts to structure the profession, including through the creation and development of national professional organizations with a view to their eventual membership of the Union.

It participates in expert missions with Governments and international organizations.

Lastly, it promotes wherever possible the establishment of a body of judicial officers who are senior legal professionals fulfilling the dual function of serving judicial and extrajudicial documents and enforcing court rulings.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Having established the World Day of the Judicial Officer in 2008, the Union now hopes to establish, in collaboration with the other judicial professions, the World Day of Judicial Professions. The goal is primarily to have this event recognized as one of the United Nations international days.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The Union cooperated regularly with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law, of which it has been an observer member since 2012, and participated in Working Groups I to VI of the Commission.

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

In November 2021, the Union published the Global Code of Digital Enforcement.

Each year it organizes the annual commemoration of the World Day of the Judicial Officer on the second Thursday in June on the following themes: “The judicial officer at your side to resolve the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) crisis” (2020); “The judicial officer – guardian and protector of Internet user’s rights” (2021); “The judicial officer, factor of stability in a changing world” (2022); and “The judicial officer and the media: the strength of communication” (2023).

It organized numerous international symposiums and seminars on the enforcement of court rulings, with a view to building confidence in justice and the rule of law.

It cooperated with international institutions such as the World Bank, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa, the Council of Europe and the European Commission for the Efficiency of Justice and the European Commission.

The Union organized the twenty-fourth International Congress of Judicial Officers in Dubai on the theme “Cyberjustice: new opportunities for the judicial officer”.

3. Universalis Matter

Special, 2016

Introduction

The non-governmental organization Universalis Matter aims to give everyone, adults and children alike, access to the figurative and conceptual content hidden in cave paintings. In that way, it seeks to advance a deeper understanding of humankind, its origins and where it is heading.

Aims and purposes of the organization

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Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

See the initiatives taken in support of the Sustainable Development Goals below.

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 Sustainable Development Goals

The universalization of the United Nations architecture requires a foundation that we believe could be based on two points. The first is an emphasis on the primordial script, which dates back more than 50,000 years. It first appeared on the island of Borneo before spreading to every continent on the planet (see cave and rock art). Extensive research has shown this to be a kind of proto-script with three characteristics: steganography (concealment); true semasiography (narrative conveyed through symbols); and pasigraphy (a writing system that, once deciphered, can be understood by any human being on the planet). This script is therefore steganographic, semasiographic and pasigraphic, which makes it universal. In addition, a second area of research has shown that, for at least 51,000 years, humankind has built its values and psyche around a creation myth explaining its origins, its reason for being and where it is heading. This work, which has been carried out voluntarily over several thousand hours, could lead the United Nations to justify its existence and purpose in the depths of time, tracing back to the emergence of the human species. With a view to enabling the United Nations to make a conceptual breakthrough that would justify a whole series of political decisions, we are finalizing an international flagship publication that outlines the current state of affairs and, through a renewal of human anthropology as we know it, will energize and support the growth of our great universal institution. We are convinced that the dissemination of this document, once it has been published in the two most renowned scientific journals, *Science* and *Nature*, will lay a substantial foundation for humanity and its representative organization, the United Nations. Our work is already recognized by the National Centre for Scientific Research (see letter from Professor Braga and the mission to South Africa), a leading European scientific body, and by the Ministry of Research, Innovation, Higher Education and National Education of France, which has provided a research tax credit. This recognition from various institutions will be complemented by knowledge. We believe that this second step, which we are working hard to achieve through a publication, will attract donor funding for our international non-governmental organization and thus enable us to register with your body at the various levels at which you allow us to participate. Although we have received some recognition, awareness of our organization is currently lacking. These discoveries will provide leading United Nations decision makers with rich, fertile inspiration that will enhance the authority of the United Nations around the globe. The United Nations will be enriched by the knowledge that is revealed.

4. Vision GRAM-International

Special, 2016

Introduction

Vision GRAM-International (Groupe d'actions contre la marginalisation-International) is a human rights organization that works on behalf of children and women.

It endeavours to rebuild peace in the world, so that justice and peace are worth more than war. It operates in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in other Central African countries and maintains an international office in Canada.

Aims and purposes of the organization

As part of a network of human rights organizations, Vision GRAM-International advocates the promotion of human rights through more effective use of regional and international human rights mechanisms, such as the United Nations system. It supports and promotes the universal values of human rights as defined in the International Bill of Human Rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Vision GRAM-International organized 22 awareness-raising events for young people and children in primary and secondary schools in Kalonge and Canada.

In Canada, young Canadian immigrants and students from secondary schools and colleges overseen by Québec school boards participate in meetings on their role in the peace process and the prevention of violence.

Each year, Vision GRAM-International builds the capacity of young members of Amnesty International at the four annual congresses held in Canada on various themes, including leadership, inclusion, diversity and equity, and freedom of expression.

As part of efforts to prevent armed violence, representatives of Vision GRAM-International, as a member of the International Action Network on Small Arms, participated actively in the seventh and eighth Biennial Meetings of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Following the eighth Biennial Meeting of States, held in 2022, Vision GRAM-International hosted a webinar that was organized by the International Action Network on Small Arms for francophone organizations involved in a project of the United Nations Trust Facility Supporting Cooperation on Arms Regulation. The project concerned the building of civil society dialogue with Governments to promote the national priorities of the Programme of Action on Small Arms. The aim was to promote additional capacity-building and research with a view to increasing the constructive engagement of influential civil society leaders with government authorities dealing with small arms and light weapons and national commissions/focal points.

Vision GRAM-International mobilized civil society actors to engage constructively and effectively with national authorities to discuss the identification of national priorities in the implementation of the outcomes of the Programme of Action

and the seventh Meeting of States. Two virtual meetings were organized: the first was with civil society organization members of the International Action Network on Small Arms; and the second was with national representatives and national commissions/focal points.

Another meeting was organized with representatives of the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to discuss the Government's progress and priorities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Vision GRAM-International representatives participated in: the sixty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 15 to 26 March 2021 in New York;

the sixty-sixth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 14 to 25 March 2022; and the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 6 to 17 March 2023.

Representatives participated in the seventh Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 15 to 19 June 2012.

Representatives participated in the eighth Biennial Meeting of States, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 27 June to 1 July 2022.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Representatives of Vision GRAM-International, which is a member of the Coalition for the International Criminal Court, participated in the twenty-second session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, held in New York from 4 to 14 December 2023.

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

Vision GRAM-International contributed to Goals 1 and 3 by assisting more than 450 women survivors of armed violence with their reintegration into society and the community in Kalonge, South Kivu, eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, with a view to eliminating poverty and hunger in their families and to promoting gender equality and their empowerment.

5. Volontaires pour la paix

Special, 2020

Introduction

Volontaires pour la paix-Togo (VFP-Togo) is a national development organization whose motto is "working for world peace".

The organization works in the field of education for development, promoting the economic, social and cultural rights set out by the United Nations and enshrined in international and regional instruments.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's aim is to strengthen civil society as an agent of change in North-South relations, particularly through education for development.

Its eight trackable objectives are:

- To promote intercultural mixing and exchanges among social groups and countries.
- To facilitate global understanding of development issues and the unjust exploitation mechanisms that give rise to unequal relations between the North and the South.
- To facilitate understanding of the interdependence between societies in the North and the South.
- To foster a conscious and critical view of reality in both micro- and macrosocial relations.
- To facilitate better dialogue between people by means of an intercultural approach founded on mutual respect and equality.
- To promote values and attitudes that support solidarity.
- To promote local languages through intercultural mixing and exchanges.
- To strengthen people's capacity to mobilize in collective acts of social solidarity or awareness-raising in order to lay the foundations for a fairer and more equitable world.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization's intervention strategy is focused on education for development or education for the public to enable people to play their individual and collective roles in addressing political, social, economic, cultural and environmental issues.

Its main activities during the past four consecutive years, from 2020 to 2023, were:

1. Providing education in sociopolitical values (civic responsibility and citizenship).
2. Promoting cultural development among young people in Togo.
3. Building community and neighbourhood latrines.
4. Participating in efforts to combat the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic in Togo.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Our organization plays an active role in the annual observance of three international days, including:

- International Women's Day, on 8 March.
- International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development, on 5 December.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Given its lack of adequate funding, VFP-Togo has not participated in meetings of the United Nations.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was carried out owing to the COVID-19 crisis.

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

The programme of education in sociopolitical values, through six synchronized broadcasts on four radio stations on values of civic responsibility and citizenship, reached 960,000 people in Grand-Kloto, while discussions and debates on peaceful public demonstrations during election periods in four high schools in the Agou prefecture involved 240 students, comprising 120 girls and 120 boys. As part of extracurricular activities, 55 pupils, comprising 25 girls and 30 boys, were taught computer skills during holiday classes in Agou Gadzépé in Agou Prefecture.

6. Women against Mutilations (WAM)

Special, 2020

Introduction

Women Against Mutilation (WAM) is a non-governmental organization for the promotion of women's rights. Since obtaining observer status with the Economic and Social Council, we have been highlighting the true values of humanity and the resilience of women in war zones.

On 24 June 2020, the Economic and Social Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to grant special consultative status to WAM. We are committed to our goals and values.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Aims: promote women's health, dignity and well-being, and combat female genital mutilation. Values: honesty, trust, creativity, love, authenticity, autonomy, social cohesion, solidarity, selflessness and altruism.

Brutal actions, in violation of human rights, causing intentional damage and injury to female genitalia, have affected about 200 million girls and women worldwide.

Significant changes in the organization

We are confronting digitalization and the digital divide, together with the rapidly expanding use of artificial intelligence.

We are in the process of redirecting our communications and marketing strategy towards prevention in the light of new professions, as follows.

Women and digitalization: working in the technology sector or the digital sector is not limited to being a coder, a developer or even an expert in digital marketing and communications. The digital world is an ecosystem. I decided to create a much clearer graphic to highlight the digital (#Tech) jobs that many of us overlook. Let's find out about the four categories of jobs in the digital sector.

Technological jobs:

- Jobs in infrastructure, systems and networks.
- Jobs in development and testing.
- Jobs in installation, support and maintenance.
- Jobs in design and project management.

Creative jobs:

- Jobs in creation and design.

- Jobs in communications and marketing.
- Jobs in project development and management.

Analytical jobs:

- Jobs in data, research and artificial intelligence.
- Jobs in information security.

Sales jobs:

- Jobs in sales development.
- Jobs in communications and marketing.

The digital sector is constantly evolving, offering many career opportunities. It is a very broad sector, with a wide range of professions. We are in the process of drawing up reports on these four categories in collaboration with people from each area.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

WAM seeks to achieve these aims by promoting fundamental principles such as love, honesty, trust, creativity, authenticity, autonomy, solidarity and selflessness as guidelines for private life and public engagement. The work of WAM begins in Geneva but can be expanded internationally if necessary. WAM is part of a global network of people active in similar areas of personal development. It pursues its aims without distinction as to nationality, race, sex, religious beliefs or political opinions. WAM operates independently of any political or economic authority, entity or organization. It maintains its autonomy while being governed by Swiss law in accordance with the principles listed in article 3.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Human Rights Council

Sessions of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization

Events of non-governmental organizations that share our objectives

Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review

United Nations Cinema

United Nations Information Service in Geneva

United Nations Web TV and press releases

General Assembly meetings and side events with other organizations

International Women's Day

Anti-racism activities of International Geneva

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Human Rights Council, sessions of the Executive Board of the World Health Organization, events of non-governmental organizations that share our objectives, Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review, United Nations Cinema, United Nations Information Service in Geneva, United Nations Web TV and press releases, General Assembly meetings and side events with other organizations, International Women's Day, anti-racism activities of International Geneva and the International Geneva Welcome Centre for organizations in the canton of Geneva.

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

Dialogues between the President of the Security Council and civil society.

1. Education for girls.
2. Mutual assistance among non-governmental organizations working to combat hunger.
3. Initiatives to combat violence and instability.

7. Association de protection et de promotion des intérêts des familles en périls (APPIFAPE)

Special, 2020

Introduction

The Association de protection et de promotion des intérêts des familles en périls (APPIFAPE) has been working with vulnerable and disadvantaged people for more than 10 years. On a daily basis, we pursue the objective of promoting education, health, social and humanitarian development and human rights. We maintain a presence throughout the country, including in the centre (Yaoundé), on the coast (Douala), in the east (Bertoua) and in the far north (Maroua).

Aims and purposes of the organization

APPIFAPE aims to promote and protect the interests of families at risk and vulnerable people. We seek to achieve our aims through advocacy, activities on the ground, fundraising and partnerships with other organizations.

Our main activities are:

Health: establishment of a polyclinic to provide healthcare for refugees, pregnant women, children, internally displaced persons, the local population and people with chronic illnesses. Awareness-raising and efforts to prevent and reduce mortality from HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis.

Socioeconomic development: support for operational models for small trades and businesses under the socioeconomic development programme of Cameroon. Social integration of voluntary returnees in Cameroon.

Cancer awareness and screening. Establishment of a legal clinic

Significant changes in the organization

Our organization has undergone a structural transformation, changing from an association into a non-governmental organization.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

APPIFAPE contributes to the work of the United Nations through the following programmes and projects to promote health and well-being:

Healthcare programme involving the establishment of polyclinics, one of which is operational, to provide care to families at risk.

Cancer awareness and screening.

Project of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria aimed at:

Reducing new HIV infections by 60 per cent by 2023;

Reducing mortality and morbidity related to HIV and tuberculosis by 2023;

Improving the quality of life of people living with or affected by HIV by 50 per cent by 2023.

Socioeconomic development programme of Cameroon, which is designed to support the operational models of small trades and businesses and to boost their income to empower them.

Project to provide legal assistance to people at risk by establishing a legal clinic.

Social integration of returnees from Cameroon.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Our organization participated in a webinar on preparing an application for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs on 5 May 2021 from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. We shared relevant information in the application form for consultative status with the Council.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

We participated in the implementation of a project for the prevention and reduction of mortality from HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis by 2023, which received a grant from the Global Fund in order to contribute to:

- Reducing new HIV infections by 60 per cent by 2023.
- Reducing mortality and morbidity related to HIV and tuberculosis by 2023.
- Improving the quality of life of people living with or affected by HIV by 50 per cent by 2023.

In collaboration with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, we took measures to improve the living conditions and enhance the integration of refugee women, including in the cities of Yaoundé, Douala and Bertoua. Overall, we find it difficult to collaborate with the United Nations bodies in Cameroon, which are not open to proposals for collaboration.

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

Our work falls within the general framework of promoting the Sustainable Development Goals and contributes effectively to the achievement of several of the Goals, namely:

Goal 1: by strengthening the financial autonomy of vulnerable groups;

Goal 2: by providing nutritional support to poor families and vulnerable groups;

Goal 3: by setting up a clinic to provide healthcare to vulnerable people;

Goal 5: by promoting women's leadership;

Goal 10: by financing small trades and businesses and boosting their income to empower them;

Goal 16: by setting up a legal clinic to protect the rights of people, especially the most vulnerable.