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## 1. AIDS Foundation East-West

#### Special, 2011

### Introduction

AIDS Foundation East-West (AFEW) is an international network of civil society organisations dedicated to improving the health of key populations by promoting health and increasing access to prevention treatment and care for public health concerns such as HIV, Tuberculosis, viral hepatitis, and sexual and reproductive health and rights.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

AFEW Network has expanded its field of engagement to prioritise easy access to quality health care and fight against stigma and discrimination.

#### Significant changes in the organization

AFEW became a network of independent local organisations that work in Eastern Europe and Central Asia as of November 2013. It has six members in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Netherlands (international Network secretariat), the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Ukraine.

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

No contribution was specified.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

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

AFEW cooperates with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UNAIDS, and UN-Women.

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

AFEW contributes to MDG 6 to decrease HIV prevalence in countries where it works, in close collaboration with United Nations organizations.

### 2. Al-Hakim Foundation

### Special, 2007

#### Introduction

The Al-Hakim Foundation is an international, educational and welfare non-profit organization established in Iraq in 2003 to promote intellectual excellence, religious dialogue and cultural understanding.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

The Foundation aims to: educate people about the rule of law and human rights; promote social and peaceful coexistence among religions, ethnic groups and various cultures; oppose extremism and radicalism; empower women and youth; and enhance the role of civil society by supporting the values of democracy.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

Every summer, the Foundation organizes the "Annual Scientific Conference for Youth" to provide educational, scientific and cultural courses for thousands of students from all over Iraq. It also sponsors programmes for monitoring the electoral process and raising public awareness about participation in the democratic process in Iraq.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of Al-Hakim Foundation attended the following meetings:

- Commission for Social Development (CSocD), 49th session, New York, NY, 9 to 18 February 2011;
- Human Rights Council 16th session, Geneva, Switzerland, 28 February-25 March 2011, and 12-30 September 2011;
- CSocD, New York, 1-10 February 2012;
- CSW, New York, 27 February to 9 March 2012;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20 to 22 June 2012;
- CSocD, New York, 6 to 15 February 2013;
- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), United Nations, New York, 10-21 March 2014;
- Human Rights Council, Geneva, 8-26 September 2014.

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

No cooperation was specified.

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

Goal 1: The foundation is sponsoring orphans, and providing financial and medical assistance to the poor and internally displaced families in Iraq.

Goal 2: It created job opportunities for women and opened centres for women to educate and train them for future careers.

Goal 4: The foundation provides essential medications and medical instruments for children of needy families in Iraq.

## **3.** ALDET Centre (Saint Lucia)

#### Special, 2007

#### Introduction

The ALDET Centre-Saint Lucia, located in Saint Lucia, is an international human rights organization acting on behalf of indigenous peoples and local communities in the Americas, Africa, Asia and the Pacific and Central Europe, as of December 2014.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim is to preserve, protect, develop and promote the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

- It promoted local media coverage of the United Nations Systems and their functions: a series of articles explaining the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- It participated in the United Nations Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNEMRIP) ongoing survey and studies on the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- It contributed to the United Nations Preparatory dialogue for the United Nations World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It participated in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) session of the Intergovernmental Committee on Intellectual Property and Genetic Resources, Traditional Knowledge and Folklore in Geneva, Switzerland, 22-30 September 2014. It also attended the 6th and 7th Sessions of UNEMRIP, Geneva, Switzerland, 8-12 July 2013 and 7-11 July 2014.

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

No cooperation was specified.

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

MDG 1: Encouraged the utilization of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions of the Indigenous People (Bethechilokono) of Saint Lucia to improve their livelihood.

MDG 7: Promoted adherence of best practices to promote environmental sustainability, particularly in communities heavily populated by the Indigenous People in Saint Lucia.

## 4. All China Women's Federation

#### Special, 1995

### Introduction

The All China Women's Federation (ACWF) was founded in 1949. It unites Chinese women of all ethnic groups and from all walks of life, and strives for their liberation and development.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of ACWF is to represent and uphold women's rights and interests, and to promote equality between women and men.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

ACWF promotes the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome of the 23rd Special Session of the General Assembly and international experiences sharing. It held the International Forum on Women and Sustainable Development (9-11 Nov 2011, Beijing) and co-hosted with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) the Regional Forum on Creating an Enabling Environment for Women's Economic Empowerment through Entrepreneurship in Asia and the Pacific (17-18 Apr 2013, Beijing). In 2013, ACWF submitted shadow reports at the 2nd Universal Periodic Review on China. In 2014, it submitted shadow reports and participated in the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) review of China.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 22 February-4 March 2011; 27 February-9 March 2012; 4-15 March 2013; 10-21 March 2014), United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA.

The Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review, Bangkok, Thailand, 17-20 November 2014.

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

- Celebrated "End Violence Against Women Day" with UN-Women;
- Implementing a number of initiatives with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Chinese Women's Political Participation, Child Protection, Advocacy for Women's Land Rights, and Early Child Development;
- Collaborating on an intervention on Violence Against Women with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

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

In support of MDG 2: The Spring Bud Project, which aims to help drop-out girls to return to school, has raised 400 million RMB (\$64 million), built over 154 Spring Bud schools, and helped over 517,000 drop-out girls and trained thousands of girls with vocational skills from 2011 to 2014.

In support of MDG 5: The Health Express for Mothers, which supports government's efforts to lower maternal mortality rate, has distributed 1,114 vehicles to local hospitals in 30 provinces and benefited 19.8 million women.

In support of MDG 7: The Water Cellar for Mothers Project has spent 250 million RMB (\$40 million) to build 13,049 water cellars, 254 small water supply projects and upgraded 143 supply projects with 1 million beneficiaries in 19 provinces from 2011 to 2014.

## 5. All India Women's Education Fund Association

#### Special, 1999

### Introduction

The All India Women's Education Fund Association (AIWEFA) established the Lady Irwin College in New Delhi to provide scientific education to women, combining academic strength with sound implementation and training strategies.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

AIWEFA's activities promote education and training of women for family and child care, environmental sustainability, nutrition and health, development of rural families through introduction of drudgery reducing equipment for agricultural management, women's development skills, women's political representation and programmes to fight violence against women.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

Climate change advocacy and outreach programmes targeting 2,100 people were accomplished through nine solar fairs and training workshops in rural Haryana state in April 2012, January and February 2013. About 300 underprivileged women in Delhi were trained to become cab drivers for women passengers.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), New York, 2-13 May 2011 and 20-22 June 2012;
- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 27 February to 9 March 2012;
- World Farmers' Organisation seminar, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Rome, Italy, 19 October 2012;

 International conference on "Global food losses and waste: from reduction to prevention for a sustainable agro-food system", FAO, Rome, Italy, October 16th 2013.

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

AIWEFA launched the car driver training programme for underprivileged women with the help of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the National Institute of Open Schooling "Learners' Engagement Activity" on 5 December 2014.

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

AIWEFA supported MDGs 1, 3 and 7 by: providing capacity enhancing skills in four villages in Haryana and in the slums of Delhi for income generation; training 300 underprivileged women in safe car driving and entrepreneurship; advocating for climate change and renewable energy through painting and quiz competitions for rural primary schools; promoting kitchen gardens and fruit trees in 30 rural homes and constructing 21 rural home toilets.

## 6. All Pakistan Women's Association

#### Special, 1951

#### Introduction

All Pakistan Women's Association (APWA), established in 1949 by Hon. Ra'ana Liaquat Ali Khan, First Lady of Pakistan, is the country's largest and oldest organization for women.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

APWA was established to empower women and girls through education, health-care, and economic and legal empowerment. APWA has over 60 national centres in addition to its headquarters in Karachi, Pakistan with projects in girls' education, health care centres, income-generation activities and legal aid centres.

#### Significant changes in the organization

APWA has established international branches in the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States.

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

APWA contributed to the United Nations' economic and social development agenda by providing quality education in more than 60 schools, several of which have expanded to include vocational training programmes, and high schools for girls in all provinces have added colleges as well. APWA is operating maternal and child health care in all its major educational centres.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

APWA attended the following meetings:

- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) every year in New York;
- Negotiations on the Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals;
- Executive Board meetings of United Nations of International Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

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

No cooperation was specified.

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

MDG 2: The construction of primary schools for girls has helped Pakistan towards meeting its target on primary education.

MDG 3: APWA's work on gender empowerment through advanced education, income generation projects and legal aid centres have kept women at the forefront in all professions in Pakistan despite a conservative society.

MDGs 4 and 5: APWA's Maternal and Child Health Care centres provide much-needed medical care and family planning services in towns across the country.

## 7. All-Russian Social Fund "The Russian Children Foundation"

#### Special, 2003

#### Introduction

The Russian Children's Foundation (RPCF RCF) is registered with the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as the "All Russian Social Fund — the Russian Children Foundation" (RCF).

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

The main objectives of the RCF are to: protect the rights of children; to implement the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) in Russia; and to represent children's interests at all legislative and executive levels in Russia.

#### Significant changes in the organization

The RCF has established two new branches, and now includes representation in 76 regions of the Russian Federation.

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

The Foundation published 20,000 copies of a collection of documents dedicated to the UNCRC on its 25th anniversary. The book was sent to NGOs all over Russia and to all 76 of the Foundation's branches.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

RCF took part in the United Nations General Assembly on 20 November 2014, in New York, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the UNCRC.

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

During the reporting period the Foundation cooperated with United Nations Office of the President of the General Assembly to prepare its visit at the Opening Session and Interactive Panel Discussion of the UNCRC in 2014.

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

MDG 1: In 76 regions of the Russian Federation and in 10 Commonwealth of Independent States, RCF provided help to orphaned and refugee children by supplying food, clothing, and writing materials for school. It also provided help to low-income families with children, amounting to RUB 1,569,923,000 (\$49.9 million) between 2011 and 2013.

MDG 2: It developed and implemented nine charitable programmes to improve education for children enduring hardships by providing writing materials and books, as well master classes and scholarships to gifted students.

MDG 3: It provided financial assistance to treat socially unprotected children with congenital heart disorders, auditory disorders, children with diabetes, etc.

MDG 4: It implemented the Paediatric Tuberculosis project by undertaking major preventive and awareness-building efforts, to treat the disease. Between 2011 and 2013, the Foundation spent more than RUB 23 million (about \$800,000) on this programme.

### 8. Alliance Forum Foundation

#### Special, 2011

### Introduction

The Alliance Forum Foundation is a non-profit organization in California, with offices in Japan, Bangladesh, and Zambia.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's goals are to solve issues by using innovative technologies and private sector initiatives. It helps to combat malnutrition with Spirulina, a type of blue-green algae (seaweed) native to Africa. It also supports economic independence of people in developing countries through capacity building in microfinance.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

The organization sent Japanese business delegations to Bangladesh and Zambia to encourage foreign direct investment and to help introduce innovative technologies. It educated over 150 professionals in microfinance since 2009 though capacity-building initiatives in Bangladesh, Zambia, and Japan, including central bank and government officials, managers from microfinance institutions, NGOs, and business leaders. The organization's anti-malnutrition project introduced Spirulina to school meals for 300 children in Zambia in 2014to combat malnutrition.

#### 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

The organization contributed to MDG 1 by providing spirulina as a dietary supplement to 300 children in Zambia. It completed an effectiveness study of spirulina with 60 Zambian children, which showed spirulina's effectiveness on chronic malnutrition by improving their height, weight, and arm circumference.

The organization contributed to MDG 1 by also conducting a capacity building programme in Bangladesh, Zambia, and Japan, for microfinance to alleviate poverty. Over 150 professionals benefitted from the programme.

The Foundation contributed to MDG 8 by organizing delegations of Japanese business executives to travel to Zambia and Bangladesh. It organized conferences with heads of states of developing countries and CEOs or chairmen of 20 large Japanese companies to promote foreign investment.

## 9. American Indian Law Alliance

#### Special, 1999

### Introduction

The American Indian Law Alliance (AILA) has offices in New York and New Jersey.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works towards the goals of the United Nations Charter by working to protect the human rights of indigenous peoples. It addresses issues of social and economic development, cultural rights, environmental protection and health, and deals with the rights of indigenous women, children and urban issues.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

No contribution was specified.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AILA participated in the following meetings:

- United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII), New York, 16-27 May 2011, 7-18 May 2012, 20-31 May 2013, and 12-23 May 2014, where it presented oral interventions and attended side events.
- The Expert Mechanism of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), Geneva, Switzerland, 8-12 July 2013, and presented an oral intervention on indigenous rights.
- High Level Plenary Meeting/World Conference on Indigenous People (HLPM/WCIP) informal consultation, New York, 18 August, and 22-23 September 2014.

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

Organization worked in collaboration with the UNPFII presenting research papers and side events on its yearly themes at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, every year from 2011 to 2014. It contributed to EMRIP under the auspices of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Geneva, Switzerland, July 2013.

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

The organization contributed to MDG 3 by organizing and contributing to various international conferences on the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, including access to reproductive health, as well as combating violence against Indigenous women and girls. It also participated in the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign in New York, USA, in 2013, to highlight environmental sustainability.

### **10.** Antiviolence Center

#### Special, 2003

#### Introduction

The Antiviolence Center is a charity established by a group of women in Parma, Italy.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

The Center is dedicated to fighting against violence against women and their children and promoting the rights of women in all sectors of society. The association was created in 1985, and has grown into a fully functioning centre for battered women. It offers free legal advice, psychological assistance, career counselling and all manner of support to women who experience situations of violence.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

The Antiviolence Center has lobbied the Italian Government to ratify the Istanbul Convention on Violence against women and to improve Italian laws to fight the plague of endemic violence. Moreover it has participated in the work of the Italian NGO platform to implement the Beijing Platform For Action (BPFA) and participated in meetings in Italy to prepare for BPFA+20.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Center has participated in the work of the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary bodies and major conferences and the other United Nations meeting on the topic of women especially in 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), 4 to 15 March 2013, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

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

The Antiviolence Center has contributed to the Italian report of NGOs for the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action. As a member of the National NGO DIRE, it has participated in the drafting of the report.

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

Through its work, the Center contributed to goals 3, 4 and 6.

### 11. AquaFed: International Federation of Private Water Operators

## Special, 2011

#### Introduction

AquaFed is an international organisation, representing private water services providers of all sizes worldwide. Members operate public services entrusted to them by governments to supply drinking water and to manage wastewater for their populations.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

AquaFed aims to: link private water and wastewater service providers with international stakeholders, including the United Nations system; contribute to solving the world's water challenges by working with the international community and sharing expertise of private water operators; describe private sector participation in water and wastewater management as an option that public authorities can choose.

### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

It worked with the United Nations, Member States and stakeholders on the proposed Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) on Water on the Post-2015 development agenda.

It submitted a "zero draft" for the Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, and was the lead organisation on Water for Business Action for Sustainable Development (BASD) at RIO+20, and subsequently, for the Global Business Alliance. AquaFed provided inputs to United Nations High Level Panel on Financing for Development (FfD), and advocated the implementation of the right to drinking safe water and to sanitation through work.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AquaFed participated in the following meetings, among others:

- Annual meetings of the Human Rights Council (HRC), Geneva, Switzerland, 2011-2014;
- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) meetings, 2011-2014;
- Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Working Group on Human Rights and Multinational Corporations, Geneva, Switzerland, 2012-2014;
- World Health Organization (WHO) meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Water & Health, 2011;
- United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Business and Industry Global Dialogue, Nairobi, Kenya, 2011;
- Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2012.

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

AquaFed is a member of United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation. It co-organised a session with UN-Habitat at the 7th World Urban Forum in Medellin, Colombia, 2014; it cooperated with WHO/United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) Joint Monitoring Programme to improve monitoring and reporting on access to water and sanitation; and it contributed to the United Nations World Water Development Reports.

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

AquaFed contributed to MDGs 5, 6 and 7 through press releases and advocacy.

## 12. Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre

#### Special, 2007

#### Introduction

The Armenian Constitutional Right-Protective Centre (ACRPC) is the leading human rights NGO in the Republic of Armenia. ACRPC activities cover all regions of Armenia and include representatives in the Middle East, Africa, the Caribbean, and Europe.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

ACRPC aims: to contribute to the development of society's legal culture through scientific activity, education, information and advocacy. It supports the Armenian Human Rights School, the Human Rights Library Network with the six Library Resource centres in Armenia, preparing Publications, enacting Legal Reforms; and establishing a collaborative secondary school.

### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

ACRPC provided a one-year-training-programme to 55 Human Rights teachers. It implemented a project in collaboration with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Armenia to empower refugees through training and awareness raising. It also organized a conference on "Empowering Women around the Globe" to identify the most pressing issues faced by women in Africa. In cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Armenia, it organized a workshop for the Third Phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education and submitted recommendations to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in March 2013.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACRPC participated in the following meetings:

- Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 22 February-4 March 2011;
- CSW, New York, 14 March 2013, where it organised a symposium on "Transforming Violence around the Globe: Empowering Women Through Mind-Body-Eco-Spirit";
- Department of Public Information (DPI)/NGO Annual Conference, New York, 27-29 August 2014;
- United Nations General Assembly, New York, 16 September-1 October 2014.

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

The organization worked with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), UNDP, DPI and UNHCR offices in Armenia to include 1,500 books on the United Nations at the ACRPC Human Rights Library.

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

ACRPC contributed to MDGs 1, 2 and 3 by coordinating a Global Campaign for Education activities and the Education for All movement in Armenia in April 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

## 13. Asayesefid White Cane

#### Special, 2007

#### Introduction

Asayesefid (White Cane) aims to support and empower blind and visually impaired individuals (BVI).

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim and purpose of the NGO is to support and empower the BVIs.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

Asayesefid continues to promote education, higher standards of living, employment, economic, social, and health status to about 1,500 BVIs through the following activities: training on self-awareness, direction finding; rehabilitation and vocational skill training; workshops, classes, and short-term courses as well as educational, technical, life, and social skills classes; advocating with government organizations such as Welfare Org and Municipality on the special needs of the BVIs (such as improving pedestrian pathways in the cities).

#### 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

Asayesefid directly contributes to MDGs 1, 3 and 8. It also contributes to fight poverty by providing financial support to the BVIs in need, and promotes the health of the BVIs through various types of services.

## 14. Asia Pacific Women's Watch

#### Special, 2007

#### Introduction

The Asia Pacific Women's Watch (APWW) is a regional network of women's groups that monitors and collaborates with the United Nations, national governments and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in empowering women and advancing human rights.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

With the mission of gender equality, development and peace, APWW aims to monitor and lobby for Asian and Pacific Women's perspectives and experiences to be included in international documents and processes; and promote gender mainstreaming in all decision-making structures. Enhance women's leadership and decision making in peace making and building, advocate eliminating all forms of discrimination and violence against women, encouraging sustainable rights-based development and strive for economic justice for women.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

APWW and its members have been Co-Chairing the Asia Pacific Civil Society Forum in Beijing+20. It prepares regional inputs into the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and works closely with the Women's Major Group on the Sustainable Development Goals and Financing for Development (FfD) agendas.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization attended the following meetings:

- All meetings in preparation for the Beijing+20;
- The United Nations mandated review of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action (ICPD) Beyond 2014, organized by the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) in Malaysia 27-27 March 2014;
- Commission on Population and Development (CPD), United Nations Headquarters, New York, 2012 and 2013;
- CSW, New York, 2013 and 2014.

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

APWW received financial assistance from UN Women to attend the 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the CSW.

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

No activities were specified.

## 15. Club of Madrid

#### Special, 2007

#### Introduction

The Club of Madrid (COM) is dedicated to strengthening democratic values and leadership around the world by drawing on the unique experience and resources of its members who include more than 100 democratic former Heads of State and Government from over 70 countries.

#### Aims and purposes of the organization

COM provides leadership support and policy advice to governments, institutions and leaders on the most pressing and difficult issues by identifying and developing practical recommendations, action plans and implementation strategies to advance democratic development.

#### Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

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

COM reinforces and contributes to the work of the United Nations through its programmes on climate change and energy, shared societies, global leadership for Haiti's reconstruction, women, peace and security in the Greater Horn of Africa, effective dialogue in Myanmar, and a project on the quality of Democracy.

#### Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Climate Talks, in Bonn, Germany, June 2011.
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Rio de Janeiro, June 2012.
- Commission for Social Development (CSocD), New York, February 2013, and February 2014.

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

COM cooperates with the following United Nations agencies at the international and local levels:

- Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- Mission des Nations Unies pour la Stabilisation en Haiti (MINUSTAH)
- Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals
- United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
- United Nations Education Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO)

- UNFCCC
- United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
- UN-Women

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

Club of Madrid initiatives support the MDGs in the following ways: it provide access to energy to promote poverty reduction (Goals 1 and 7), through its project on energy and climate change; and it promotes women's political participation and leadership in support of Goal 3 by building strategies and capacities for increased and effective representation and participation of women in political decision-making, particularly in peace and security matters.