

Special Announcement

United Nations Department of Public Information Increases Global Network of Associated NGOs

Nineteen (19) non-governmental organizations (NGOs) were approved for association with the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) at a meeting of the Department's Committee for Association, held in New York in December 2014. This brings the total number of NGOs newly associated in 2014 to thirty-five (35), with eighteen (18) representing developing countries or countries in transition. The total number of NGOs currently associated with DPI is 1,419.

Maher Nasser, Director of the Outreach Division of DPI, welcomed the newly associated NGOs explaining, "the department values civil society as a key partner in a new global partnership for sustainable development. We count on NGOs associated with DPI to help us communicate priority issues and the role of the United Nations, thereby translating global objectives into local action in support of peacebuilding, women's and youth empowerment, poverty eradication, climate action and more."

The December 2014 cohort of new NGOs cover a variety of issues related to the work of the United Nations ranging from whistle blower protection, and drug rehabilitation training, to education, cultural diversity and freedom of religion and belief.

Following are the organizations newly associated with the DPI, listed alphabetically by region:

Africa:

SMILE NIGERIA (Nigeria)

Young Women's Christian Association of Nigeria (Nigeria)

Asia and the Pacific:

Australian Federation of Medical Women (Australia)

Global Dialogue Foundation Australia Limited (Australia)

The Americas:

Asociación Salvadoreña para la Formación y Capacitación Integral Sostenible , ASAFOCAIS (El Salvador)

Asociación Solidaria para Impulsar el Desarrollo Humano, ASPIDH (El Salvador)

Chinese American Parent Student Council (USA)

Earth Game, Inc. (USA)

Fundacion Sendas (El Salvador)

Global Bioethics Initiative (USA)

Government Accountability Project (USA)

Grupo de Monitoreo Independiente de El Salvador (El Salvador)

Islamic Heritage Society, Inc. (USA)

NET Training Institute Inc. (USA)

Notre Dame of Maryland University (USA)

Peter C Alderman Foundation (USA)

Tierra Nueva (Guatemala)

World Evangelical Alliance (USA)

The Middle East:

Beit Issie Sapiro (Israel)

In keeping with the DPI policy to ensure that its active roster of associated NGOs maintain the level of interest and support which informed the initial acceptance of their applications, SportsDoctors, formerly known as UN SportsDoctors (Republic of Korea), lost its association, as it no longer met the criteria for association.

About DPI/NGO Association:

NGOs that successfully apply for association with DPI receive six groundspasses (including two for youth representatives aged 18-32) to facilitate access to UN officials, meetings, events and information and are eligible to propose and lead NGO Briefings. A dedicated NGO Resource Centre is located at 801 1st Avenue, 2nd Floor.

For **further information**, please visit our website at <http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/> or e-mail: undpingo@un.org.

To **apply for association**: <http://outreach.un.org/ngorelations/membership/application/>

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