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**Matters related to intergovernmental,
non-governmental, governmental and other
organizations**

Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Note by the Director General

The present document provides information on the following five non-governmental organizations applying for consultative status with UNIDO: the ACSA Cultural and Sports Association (ACSA), the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP), the International Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association (IHFCFA), the Sustainable Development and Peace Building Initiatives (SYPD) and the World Eco-Design Organization (WEDO).

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, the present document contains information in its annex that is circulated to members of the Board on five non-governmental organizations (NGOs) applying for consultative status with UNIDO: the ACSA Cultural and Sports Association (ACSA), the International Federation of Information Processing (IFIP), the International Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association (IHFCFA), the Sustainable Development and Peace Building Initiatives (SYPD) and the World Eco-Design Organization (WEDO). More detailed information on the NGOs is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. In line with the procedures established by the Board at its forty-fifth session through decision IDB.45/Dec.16, the Enlarged Bureau of the Board shall review the present applications of, and information on, the NGOs referred to in the annex to the present document at its meeting prior to the fifty-second session and submit its recommendations to the Bureau of the Board. The Bureau shall consider the applications and recommendations of the Enlarged Bureau at its first meeting on 25 November 2024.

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3. At the subsequent plenary meeting, the President of the fifty-second session shall inform the Board of the Bureau's recommendations on the applications and with the approval of the Bureau, the President shall present a draft decision to the Board for adoption.

Annex

ACSA Cultural and Sports Association

Historical background

The ACSA Cultural and Sports Association (ACSA) was founded in 2009 in Afghanistan, starting as a women's sports complex and quickly becoming a key cultural and sports hub in the country. In 2019, ACSA broadened its mission to advocate for the sports, cultural and social rights of immigrants and refugees, with a focus on Afghan women. Today, ACSA operates in over 10 countries and has successfully completed more than 70 projects.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

The governing bodies of the Organization are the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee, the Advisory Board and the Members' Assembly.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

ACSA is committed to supporting refugees and women by providing opportunities for development, empowerment and community inclusion. It assists individuals in cultivating resilience and self-assurance for a brighter tomorrow. The Association is committed to two goals that relate to UNIDO's work: maintaining and respecting the safety and security principles; and contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The ACSA entrepreneurship programmes equip individuals with knowledge and resources to refine concepts and business plans, and to launch and manage businesses. ACSA has implemented a number of successful projects in women empowerment, such as creating an online platform to help refugee women to introduce their products, handicrafts and arts, or helping refugee women to achieve economic independence by establishing small businesses.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

ACSA works with various NGOs that share a common mission: supporting refugees and women through the empowering forces of art, sports and entrepreneurship. Some of these intergovernmental organizations (IGOs) and NGOs are the United States Agency for International Development and the Afghan Women's Educational Center. Furthermore, ACSA is exploring and strengthening collaborations with relevant United Nations agencies such as the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

Membership

The ACSA has a diverse membership including refugees, volunteers, supporters and beneficiaries.

Financing

The main financial resources of ACSA are from grants and donations.

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International Federation for Information Processing

Historical background

The International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) was established in 1960, under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), following the first World Computer Congress held in 1959. The mission of IFIP, a federation of societies of information and communications technologies (ICT) professionals, is to achieve global professional and socially responsible development through ICT.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

The governing bodies of the Organization are the General Assembly, the Executive Committee and the Technical Committees.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

IFIP actively engages in approximately 100 conferences each year, addressing a wide range of topics from theoretical aspects of informatics to its implications for society. Additionally, IFIP's commitment to contribute to industrial development is reflected through its publications and collaborative projects. IFIP's consultative status with UNIDO was suspended in 2018. IFIP has recently been working to re-establish cooperation with UNIDO, participated in side events of the twentieth session of the General Conference in 2023 and joined the Organization's Global Alliance on Artificial Intelligence for Industry and Manufacturing in 2024. This collaboration supports UNIDO's mission and aligns with the United Nations Secretary-General's agenda for a secure and beneficial digital future.

In summary, IFIP's activities related to the work of UNIDO are as follows: (1) organizing conferences, workshops, and seminars on topics related to industrial development and information processing; (2) publishing research and technical reports that contribute to industrial innovation and technology transfer; and (3) collaborating with other international organizations to enhance industrial productivity through advanced information technologies.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

IFIP maintains strong relationships with key United Nations bodies, including UNESCO and the International Telecommunication Union, and supports initiatives like the World Summit on the Information Society. It also actively engages with the United Nations Commission on Science and Technology for Development, contributing to the promotion of information technology for sustainable development.

Membership

IFIP's membership spans across more than 40 countries, linking over 6,000 scientists and professionals in academia and industry through its 101 working groups within 13 technical committees. The membership is categorized into country representative members, members at large and associate members, which include ICT professionals, governmental and research institutions, universities and companies.

Finance

IFIP's financial resources consist of membership fees, conference fees and revenues from publications.

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International Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association

Historical background

The International Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association (IHFCA) was established in 2022 in Beijing, China. IHFCA aims at promoting hydrogen and fuel cell vehicle (FCV) collaboration and commercialization, contributing to the achievement of the SDGs.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

The bodies of the Organization are the General Assembly of Council Members, the Executive Board, the Standing Executive Board, the Secretariat and the Technical Committee.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

IHFCA actively engages in global climate governance under the United Nations framework, with a focus on advancing the hydrogen energy and FCV industries. In partnership with UNIDO, IHFCA develops comprehensive technical guidelines for hydrogen-based energy storage and new energy vehicles, ensuring that these innovations meet international standards. The organization conducts thorough industry and policy studies, providing essential insights that promote the growth of hydrogen energy development. By facilitating international cooperation through various platforms and conferences, IHFCA creates a collaborative environment that accelerates technological progress and commercial deployment.

IHFCA's ongoing projects with UNIDO are the following:

- GEF8 Green Hydrogen Energy Integrated Demonstration Application Project in China;
- Technical Guidelines for the Development of International Standards for Hydrogen Energy Storage; and
- New Energy Vehicle Technical Guidelines Project.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

IHFCA collaborates with the United Nations Development Programme to support the SDGs. It has established partnerships with the Global Hydrogen Industry

Association Alliance (GHIAA) and the African Hydrogen Partnership (AHP) to promote regional and international hydrogen collaboration.

Membership

IHFCA has 90 members from 14 countries across the industry value chain, including major companies and organizations in fuel cells, FCVs, hydrogen production, and research institutions.

Financing

IHFCA has diverse financial resources including membership fees, revenues from international hydrogen forums and consulting and service fees.

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Sustainable Development and Peace Building Initiatives

Historical background

The Sustainable Development and Peace Building Initiatives (SYPD) was established in 2004, in Somalia. It is committed to alleviating humanitarian disasters and promoting long-term sustainable development through local solutions. SYPD has implemented several projects with funds from different donors that benefited thousands of vulnerable people. To date, SYPD has become an important force in humanitarian aid and development in Somalia.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

The governing bodies of the Organization are the Board of Directors, the Management Committee and the Annual General Meeting.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

SYPD is relevant to the mandate of UNIDO, with a focus on improving agricultural and livelihood opportunities and technical skills, tackling climate change impacts and building community resilience. In addition, SYPD responds to the increase in natural disasters such as hurricanes caused by climate change and reduces the risk of health and disease transmission by strengthening flood prevention capacity, improving food security, improving education and communication technologies, and optimizing waste management systems. SYPD initiates sustainable development projects alongside peace building efforts. These projects aim to improve infrastructure development, education, food security, nutrition, water sanitation, hygiene, and shelter for communities (<https://sypd.org/>).

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

SYPD has established partnerships with several United Nations agencies such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF). It also cooperates with international organizations such as Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, World Hunger Relief, the Norwegian Refugee Council and the Somalia Humanitarian Fund. As a member of the Towards Greater Effectiveness and Timeliness in Humanitarian Emergency Response programme, it actively coordinates with other humanitarian actors to carry out actions on the ground and share information through different platforms.

Membership

SYPD has diverse membership spanning several regions of the Horn of Africa including 11 individual members. Additionally, SYPD collaborates with two international experts in the field. Furthermore, SYPD has established partnerships with eight local humanitarian organizations.

Finance

SYPD is financed through a variety of sources including donations from various organizations.

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World Eco-Design Organization

Historical background

The World Eco-Design Organization (WEDO), formerly known as World Eco-Design Conference (WEDC), was established in 2018 in Guangzhou, China, with the support of UNIDO and the Government of China. WEDO aims to promote the cooperation of ecological design among countries and regions.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

The governing bodies of the Organization are the Board of Directors, the General Meeting, the Advisory Board of International Experts and the Arts Council.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

WEDO has participated in initiatives aligned with the objectives of UNIDO, such as contributing to the UNIDO poverty reduction project in Chengbu, Hunan province, China. The organization hosted the inaugural World Eco-Design Conference in December 2018, with over 1,000 participants from 30 countries. In

collaboration with UNIDO, WEDO co-organized the Eco-Design Leading Talent Training Programme in 2018 and 2019, with over 100 participants. WEDO also contributed to the fourth Bridge for Cities event organized by UNIDO in September 2019. WEDO has also convened expert group meetings on eco-design in cooperation with UNIDO in 2019 and 2024.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

WEDO works with various United Nations organizations, NGOs and IGOs. It holds a special consultative status with ECOSOC, granted in 2021. It collaborated with UN Women to co-organize the Women Design and Innovative Development Forum. Furthermore, it has cooperated with the United Nations Technology Bank on various projects, including the design education programme in collaboration with Zhejiang University for students from least developed countries. WEDO has partnerships with nearly 50 organizations from different countries.

Membership

WEDO has over 150 individual members and 60 corporate members from more than 30 countries.

Financing

The financial income of WEDO is mainly from the governmental funding and corporate sponsorship.

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