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Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Note by the Director General

Addendum

The present document supplements the information contained in document IDB.52/28 and provides information on the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development (MYF), a further non-governmental organization applying for consultative status with UNIDO.

1. Document [IDB.52/28](#) provided information 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). 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 Industrial Development Board reviewed these applications at its meeting on 31 October 2024 and agreed to recommend to the Bureau of the fifty-second session of the Board that consultative status can be granted to these five NGOs.
2. The preliminary assessment by the Secretariat of the application of the Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development (MYF) was completed on 5 November 2024, further to consultations with the government concerned. The application shall also be reviewed in accordance with the procedures outlined in decision IDB.45/Dec.16. Information on MYF is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on the NGO is available with the Secretariat.

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Annex

Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development (MYF)

Historical background

The Mediterranean Youth Foundation for Development (MYF) was founded in 2018 and registered with the Ministry of Social Solidarity of Egypt under the number 6563. It focuses on reinforcing the relationship between countries located along the Mediterranean coast through promoting cultural and social cooperation among Euro-Mediterranean, Asian and North African countries to achieve peace and rapprochement between peoples.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

The main governing body is the Board of Trustees, which is selected by the founder/s and elects the administration of the organization, consisting of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Treasurer and the Secretary-General.

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

MYF actively engages in projects relevant to UNIDO's priority areas such as limiting climate change (Mediterranean Initiative for Climate, Alternative Economy for Sustainability, Youth for Climate Action and No Climate No Future), promoting a green economy, expanding digital skills and facilitating North-South and South-South cooperation (Youth Entrepreneurship in Rural Areas in Mediterranean Countries). MYF has implemented a number of youth-related projects, such as the Mediterranean Youth Academy, Mediterranean Women Ship and No One Behind. MYF supports youth-led initiatives such as Climatic Peace and White Sea Initiative in the framework of the call for a Sinai free of plastic, intending to clean the shores of the Mediterranean Sea on the Sinai Peninsula, as well as raising environmental awareness among local residents. MYF has implemented one I MAM Virtual project, which aims to contribute to bridging the gender digital divide in the reference areas of the partnership in Bulgaria, Egypt, Italy, Jordan, Tunisia and Türkiye. The project aims to measure the needs of the countries involved to provide access to national and international knowledge, develop skills and promote empowerment to foster participants' independence and create economic value for the countries of reference.

Relations with the United Nations, other IGOs and NGOs

MYF is working closely with the European Union and has received a European Solidarity Corps Quality Label. In addition, it maintains active relationships with organizations in the United Nations system, holding permanent observer status with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and consultative status with the Economic and Social Council. MYF also received funding from the United Nations Development Programme and the International Organization for Migration for a number of projects.

Membership

There are several categories of membership with MYF. Members are divided into normal members, working members, affiliated members and honorary members.

Financing

MYF is financed through a variety of sources including personal contributions of members as well as formal and informal bodies in multiple countries.

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