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Introduction

African Agency for Integrated Development (AAID) was established to vigorously stimulate local community for social progress and economic development. It's an international NGO registered from Uganda by the Ministry of Internal affairs under the NGO Beural, Uganda Government (Registration No. S.5914/3112). It has its headquarters in Kampala and regional offices in Fort Portal. AAID was accredited with ECOSOC under Special Consultative Status Since 2012. AAID mission is to strengthen the marginalized and needy among the community to come up with sustainable, low cost and gender responsive solution to their problems and with a vision of effectively transformed living conditions of community through information dissemination and implemented long term sustainable programs. In Order AAID to achieve its goals there must be Promotion of SDGs in the areas of operation.

Aims and Purpose of AAID

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Contributions of AAID to the work of UN

AAID has been able to inform CSOs to apply for Economic and Social Council- ECOSOC status.

AAID has been Participating in conferences and meetings but AAID Representatives are not versed with the registration in the INDICO system so that AAID can be Captured in the UN System for the Meetings and Conferences Participated in. But at the Moment AAID is not reflected in the UN website system for Meeting and conference Participation. AAID President will train its Representatives in using the INDICO system for Registration.

AAID has participated in online consultations to the works of UN in various development activities

On 7th February 2019, AAID participated in the survey Conducted by OHCHR where by OHCHR invited AAID for Participation.the following were the origin and details of the Survey: The survey took 15 minutes on according to the UN Secretary General report on Peace building (A/72/707-S/2018/43), the UN engagement with Civil Society and Local community atlarge. Following this recommendations (Paras. 59 and 61 in Particular), the UN Peace building Support Office (PBSO) embarked on the process to develop a UN System-Wide Community Engagement Guidelines (GEG) in September 2018 through an Inclusive, impartial and representative process in collaboration with civil society partners working in peace building, especially at the country-level. The main Goal was to develop Guidance on how UN and Civil Society actors can better engage in the context of peace building and sustaining peace, as a first step, that's why FBSO launched an online Survey for Non Governmental and Civil Organizations to gather feedback from stakeholders globally, their support could significantly support the development of comprehensive, practical and useful to improve how the UN engages with Civil society and local communities.

AAID Cooperation with the UN Bodies

African Agency for Integrated Development (AAID) has collaborated with UNDP, UN Global Compact, United Nations Human Rights Council and Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination (Dept of Economic and social affairs)

UNDP:

AAID has collaborated with UNDP in information Dissemination of its call for Nomination for Equator Prize 2020, UNDP contacted AAID to Publicize the call among the NGOs in AAID Network in Africa especially in Uganda. The UNDP led Equator Initiative announces a global call for nominations for the Equator Prize 2020. This worldwide outreach effort aims to identify exceptional local solutions for climate, people, and planet. The prize will be awarded to outstanding local community and indigenous peoples' initiatives that advance nature-based solutions for sustainable development. Nominations are open through 9 January 2020. This eleventh cycle of the UNDP Equator Prize focuses on Nature for Life. It will recognize innovative initiatives from indigenous peoples and local communities that demonstrate exceptional achievements in the area of nature-based solutions for local sustainable development.

Each Equator Prize winner will receive USD 10,000 and will be supported to participate in a series of policy dialogues and special events during the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Marseille, France, in June 2020.

The winning initiatives will be honored for their successes in protecting, restoring and/or sustainably managing biodiversity for positive development outcomes. The winners will also receive an opportunity to join a prestigious network of 245 leading community-based organizations from 81 countries that have been awarded the Equator Prize since 2002.

UN Global Compact:

AAID has been Member Organization of UN Global Compact since 2015, African Agency for Integrated Development (AAID) supports the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication. On 6th Feb AAID submitted a two year report on Communication on Engagement (CEO) to UN Global Compact. The report highlights the fulfillment of ten Principles of UN Global Compact.

United Nations Human Rights Council:

United Nations Human Rights Council through the Office of High Commissioner, AAID has partnered with OHCHR in sharing information connected to Human Rights, this information is shared weekly online. More to this online consultation is also conducted between AAID and OHCHR, campaigns, Reports on Human Rights, Announcements, News and statements, Events and meetings all this information is shared from OHCHR to AAID.

AAID has contributed on the Draft Article 5 of the UN Declaration on the Human Rights to Peace which was sent to AAID on 4th March 2016 by Spanish Society for International Human Rights law (SSIHRL) on article five they were four Components but AAID added the fifth which was as follows: Rights to Education on Peace and Human Rights, all political leaders to be educated on human Rights Issues and peace as they are the key people involved in human rights issues in terms of defending and violation.

Right To Health, all individuals have a right to proper and free medication especially resulting from insecurity and other forms of human Rights violation.

AAID was able to sign the Joint Appeal to Defend NGO Rights and to protest Chinas Anti-Muslim Racism which was sent to UN Secretary – General Antonio Guterres, Human Rights council President Coly Seck, High Commissioner Michelle Bachelet and member states.

UNDP and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)

AAID was invited by Navid Hanif, the Director of Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination Department of Economic and Social Affairs, United Nations Secretariat and Pedro Conceicao Strategic Policy and Programme Support United Nations Development programme- UNDP to Participate in the Online discussion which was held from 20th March to 12 April 2017, organized by two parties above who invited AAID.

The purpose of this e-discussion was to engage stakeholder groups, experts, practitioners and policy-makers from various regions in a global dialogue on specific aspects of the 2017 ECOSOC theme “Eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions through promoting sustainable development, expanding opportunities and addressing related challenges”.

The 2017 e-Discussion consisted of three concurrently running thematic windows with the aim to provide the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) with suggestions and recommendations on the following:

1. Eradicating poverty and leaving no one behind

2. New evidence and innovation in poverty eradication efforts
3. Systematic challenges and opportunities in eradicating poverty

The e-Discussion could provide a truly unique opportunity for the wider development community to participate in formulating critical policy messages and recommendations for ECOSOC. Contributions made by e-Discussion participants could be included in a summary of the e-Discussion posted on the ECOSOC website. The contributions was also channeled through the report of the Secretary General on the ECOSOC theme in support of the council's deliberations on the theme during its high- level segment in July 2017.

Initiatives taken by AAID in support of the millennium Development Goals/ Sustainable Development Goals:

AAID has Promoted the Implementation of activities for Goal 6 Where by water supply and Sanitation has been our core Programme in Western Uganda, water supply has been Implemented through Construction and protection of water sources to Produce clean safe water for human consumption and training Communities on the Propoper Practice of Hygiene and Sanitation. Also on Promoting Goal... which access to Health

AAID Has initiated the recruitment of Permanent Representatives at the UN Duty stations, this has been done through advertisement on AAID website the Success so far has been in New York where AAID has recruited On Permanent Representative by the names Vos Caroline who is an American Citizen based in New York City. Mr. Kitembo Asuman President/CEO and Permanent Representative of AAID to the UN, Mr. Kitembo Asuman is a Ugandan who is based in Fort Portal city in Uganda, Dr. Thoreau Redcrow has been an additional Representative of AAID to UN and an American Citizen based in Bradenton USA. Dr. Prof. Raju Chandrasekar as the main Representative of AAID to UN and he is based in Bangalore city India, Dr. Sashikala chandrasekar as an Additional Representative of AAID to UN all the two based in Bangalore city, India. All the above Representatives are for the Duty station at UN HQ in New York City USA for the year 2019.

AAID has managed to recruit more Representative for 2019 for Geneva UN Duty station in Switzerland here are the following:

- Dr. Hassanin Negila Ahmed as an additional Representative of AAID to UN he is a French citizen from Paris in France
- Ms Fisli Rebecca Sophia as an Additional Representative of AAID to UN she is a French citizen from Paris in France
- Ms Sunthararaj Alias Stephene an Additional Representative of AAID to UN she is srilankan citizen from from Srilanka
- Mr. Kisémbó Asuman President/CEO and Permanent Representative of AAID to UN, he is a Ugandan by Nationality based in Fort Portal Tourism city, Uganda.

AAID has promoted health on Goal 3 of SDGs whereby It has controlled Survival Cancer in women of western Uganda through Testing and training on the control measures.

