



UN-NGO-IRENE Caribbean

UN-NGO-IRENE / Haiti

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High Level Consultation and Meeting to Launch UN-NGO-IRENE/Caribbean and UN-NGO-IRENE/Haiti jointly organized by FONDHABISA & the UN-NGO-IRENE/NGO Section/ECOSOC/UNDESA

Port-au-Prince Haiti, 5 September 2005



UN-NGO-IRENE

“...We are building new partnership with the business community, non-governmental organizations and other civil society actors in order to promote information sharing and learning, to support operational delivery and to mobilize private funds.”

-Kofi Annan, UN Secretary-General



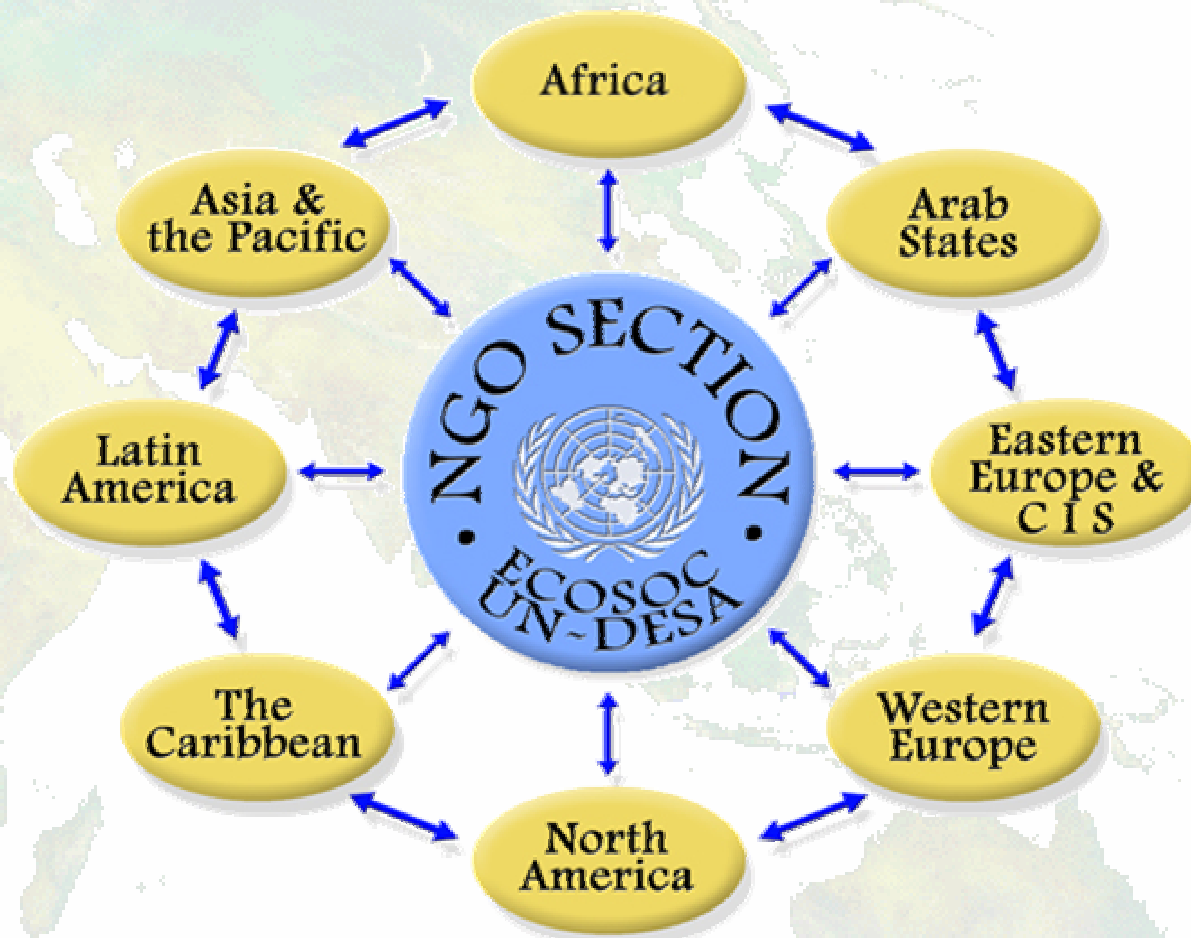
UN-NGO-IRENE Background

The NGO Section facilitates consultation and effective cooperation and partnership between the United Nations and over 2500 NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC

- **To contribute to the realization of diverse and geographically balanced NGO involvement envisaged by the Council in its Resolution 1996/31**
- **To give opportunity to all NGOs in status to contribute to the work of ECOSOC in implementing the MDGs for a better world for all**

UN-NGO Informal Regional Network (IRENE)

UN-NGO-IRENE



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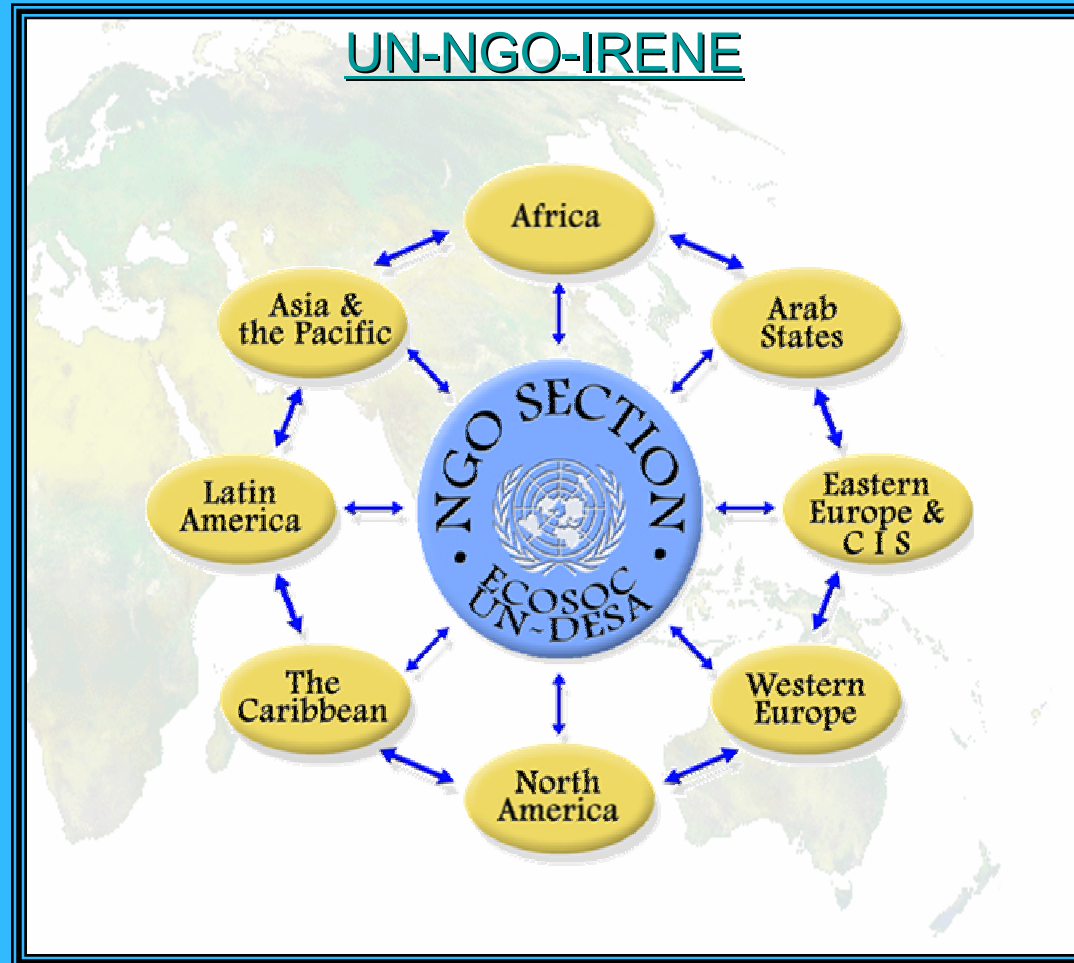


UN- NGO-IRENE Purpose

- **To enhance NGO contributions to the United Nations ECOSOC agenda and work in implementing the Millennium Declaration and MDGs to strengthen the Sector from within by building parity among its NGOs**
- **To provide access to up-to-date information and the benefits of ongoing communications through a technology-based system to enhance interactive exchange among NGOs and between NGOs and the UN**
- **To promote partnership initiatives and projects with the United Nations**
- **To strengthen national and regional organizations as effective participants in economic and social development (operationally and at the policy level) through a Network training component and a Capacity building programme**

WHO ARE THE TARGET GROUPS / ACTORS / STAKEHOLDERS?

- **Regional & Sub-Regional Coordinators**
- **National Coordinators**
- **NGO in ECOSOC status**
- **NGO Community**
- **Partners / Donors**
- **Governments**
- **NGO Section & UN**



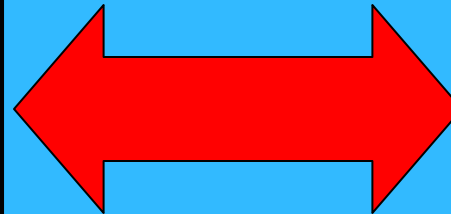
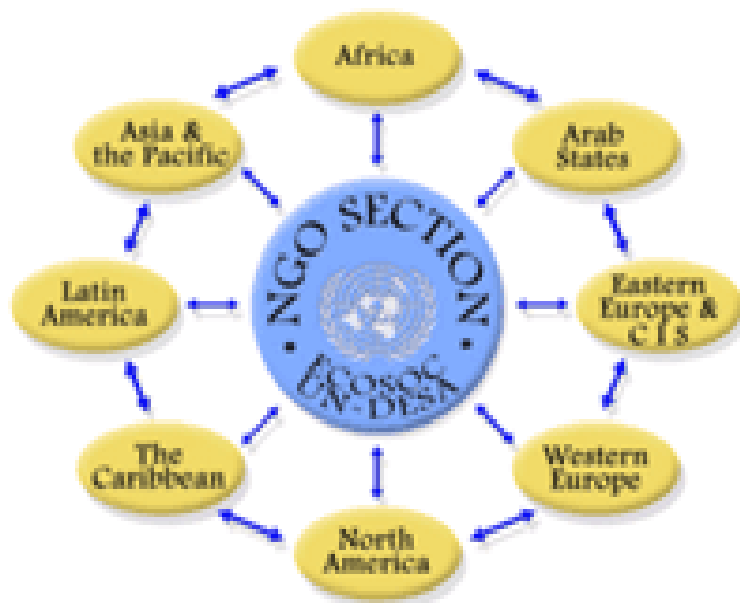


Establishment of the General Voluntary Trust Fund

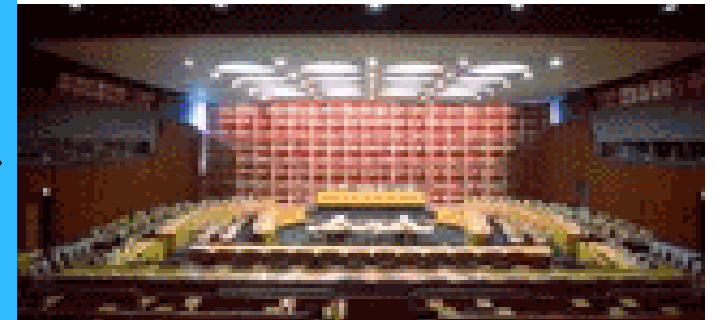
The ECOSOC in July 2002 adopted Decision E/2002/225 to establish a general trust fund in support of the UN-NGO-IRENE and especially its following activities:

- 1. Networking and exchange of information and experiences among NGOs**
- 2. Capacity building and training activities for NGOs in the relevant areas of the Millennium Declaration and MDGs**
- 3. Promotion of coordinated and integrated activities at all levels to generate partnership initiatives, projects, and programmes between governments, civil society, the private sector, and the United Nations**

UN-NGO-IRENE Progress Report




**ECONOMIC AND
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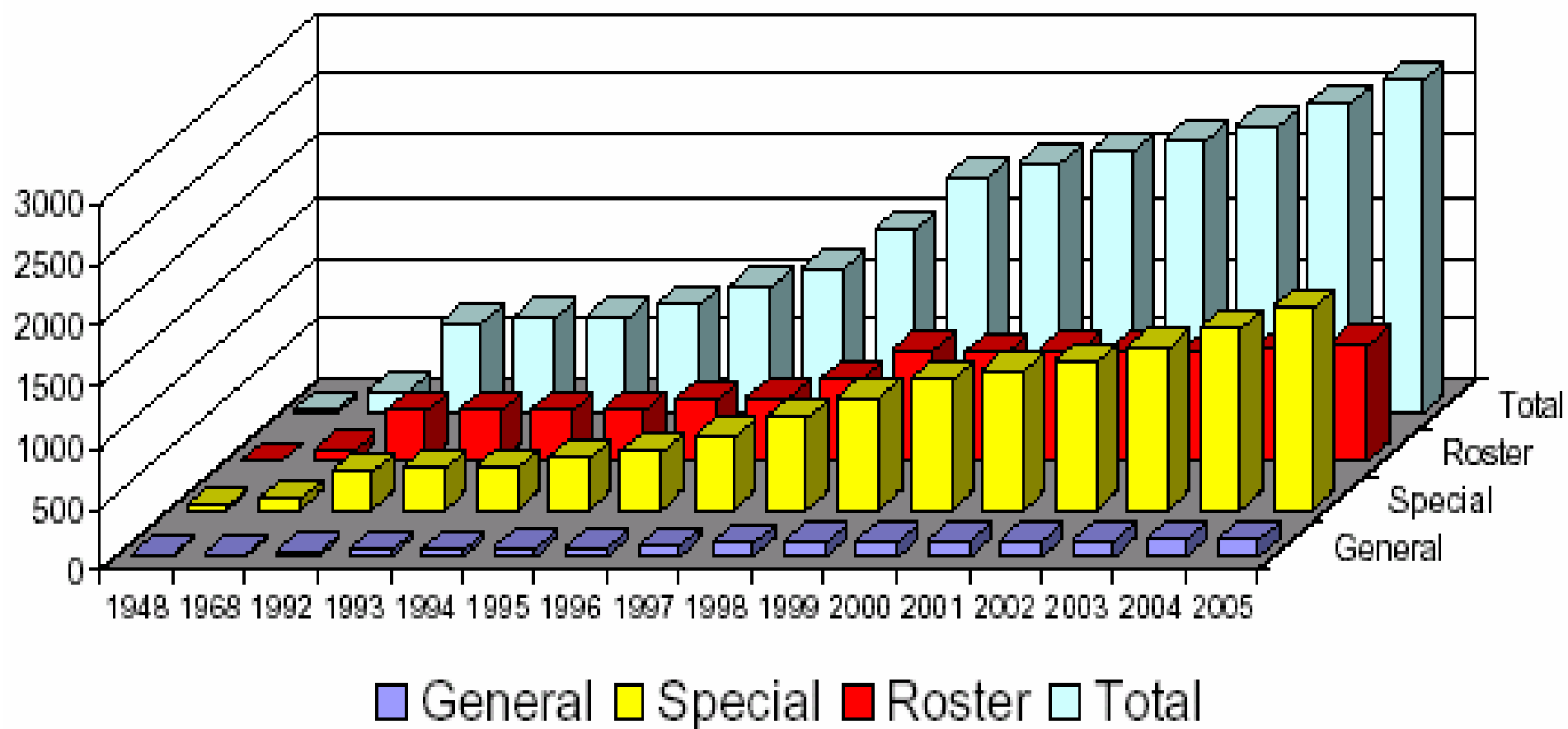


**COMMITTEE ON
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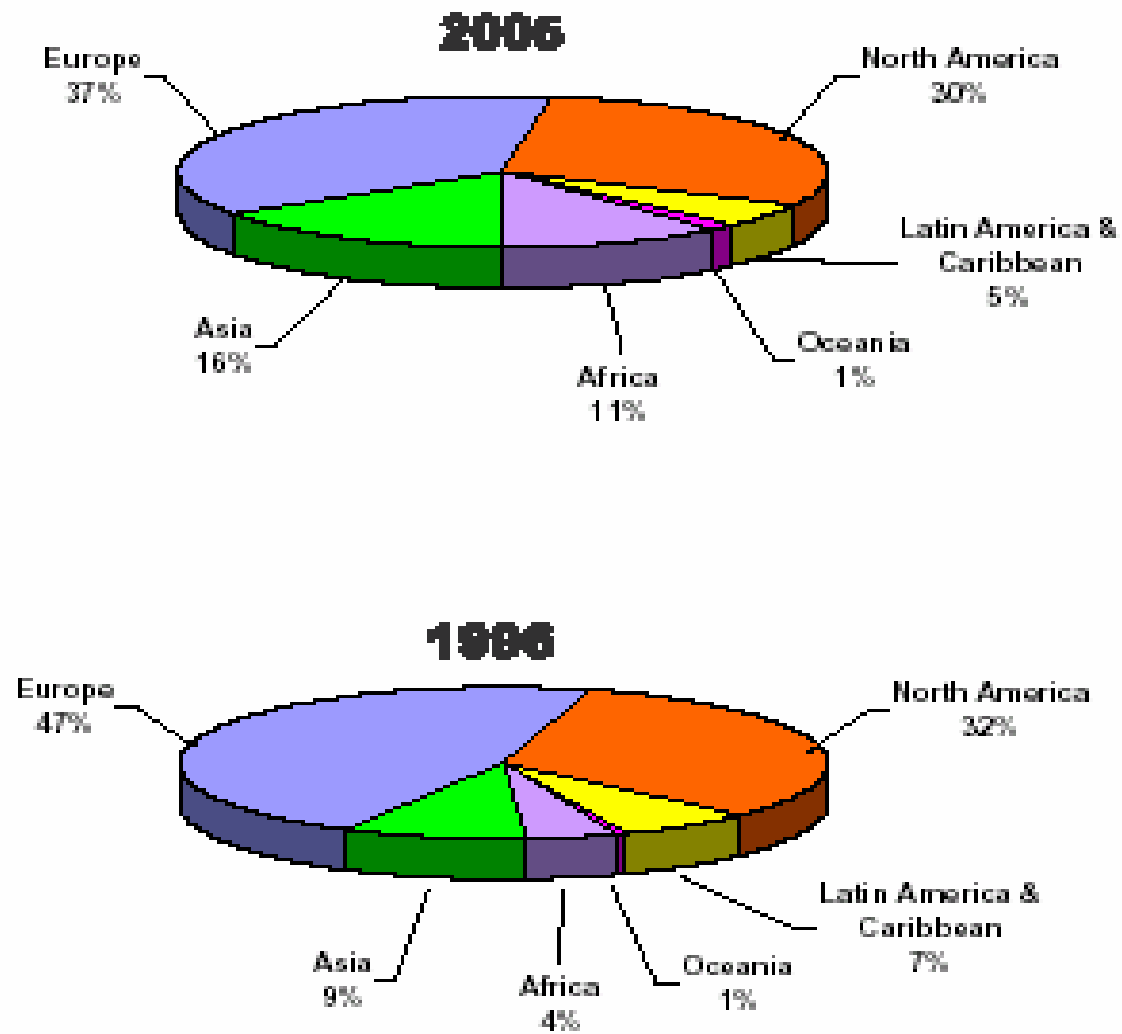
Number of NGOs in consultative status with the Council by Category

Year	General	Special	Roster	Total
1948	13	26	1	40
1968	17	78	85	180
1992	38	297	409	744
1993	40	334	410	784
1994	40	334	410	784
1995	65	406	415	886
1996	76	468	497	1041
1997	85	582	517	1184
1998	100	742	663	1505
1999	111	918	909	1938
2000	122	1048	880	2050
2001	124	1132	895	2151
2002	131	1197	906	2234
2003	131	1316	903	2350
2004	134	1474	923	2531
2005	136	1639	944	2719

NGOs in Consultative Status, by Category



NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC



**General Assembly recommended in 1999 that the NGO Section
“work to improve the exchange of information through informal
networks of country or regionally-based NGOs in consultative
status with the ECOSOC, which will serve as links between the NGO
Section and NGOs in each region”**



**UN-NGO-
IRENE
Worldwide
Launched
April 2001
Aracaju,
Brazil**

UN-NGO-IRENE EXPANSION

Regional Level

- Africa (ATM, Tunisia)
- Asia (CPAPD, China)
- Caspian Region (FAY, Azerbaijan)
- Caribbean (FONDHABISA, Haiti)
- Eastern Europe (BSUF, Romania)
- Eastern Europe and CIS Countries (ZNANIE, Russia)
- Latin America (WFO, Brazil)

Sub Regional level

Africa

Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Ethiopia
Mozambique
Tunisia

East Europe

- FYR of Macedonia
- Poland

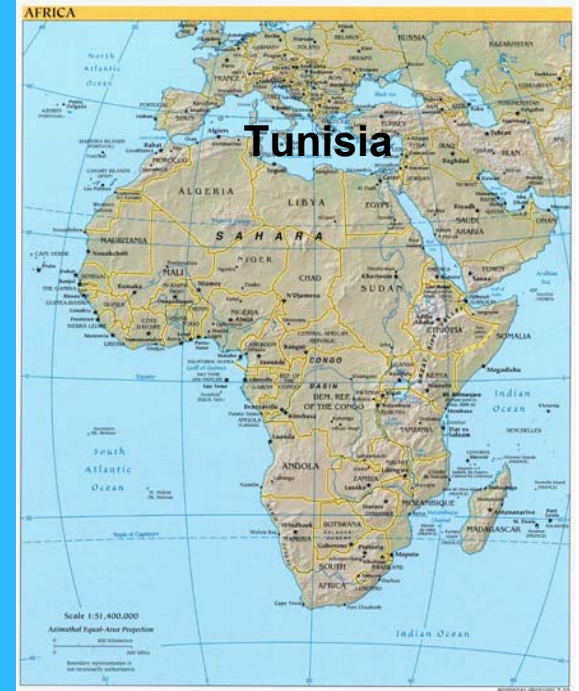
National Level

Azerbaijan
Canada
China
Dubai
Haiti

India
Japan
Mauritania
Pakistan



UN-NGO-IRENE /Africa **Established in Tunis, Tunisia** **January 2002**



- **Strategic action plan designed in 2002**
- **2 Projects formulated with support of UN-NGO-IRENE/NGO Section:**
 1. **“Capacity Building for UN-NGO-IRENE/Africa to strengthen UN Partnership with African CSOs and Governments to meet the MDGs”**
 2. **“Promoting UN Partnership Initiatives with Leading African NGOs and Strengthening their Capacity to Enhance their Contributions to the MDGs for Human Security and Local Sustainable Development”**





UN-NGO-IRENE /Africa

Mauritania



UN-NGO-IRENE/Mauritania established April 2004

- **Training Session** conducted in September 2004 and May 2005 by UN-NGO-IRENE / NGO Section in cooperation with UNDP and the Government to strengthen NGO capacity to formulate TC projects
- **Formulation of an integrated pilot programme** for poverty alleviation and sustainable development in Mauritania initiated by several national NGOs and UN agencies with the support of UN-NGO-IRENE Project Coordinator

Contribution of French-Speaking African LDCs' NGOs and Mauritania to the ECOSOC High-Level Segment of June/July 2004 and 2005

- Regional and national workshops in April 2004 and May 2005 supported by the Project Coordinator of the UN-NGO-IRENE/ NGO-Section, UNDP and the Government



UN-NGO-IRENE/Africa

E- Gender International Forum on the “Impact of ICT on the Advancement of Women and Family Rights” held by ATM in Tunisia, May 2004 with the support of an advisory mission of UN-NGO-IRENE/NGO Section

NGO/Civil Society Survey and UN-NGO-IRENE International Forum on ICT and MDGs :
Tunis, April 2005

- **Significant contributions made to the World Summit of Information Society (WSIS) of Nov. 2005 as well as the ECOSOC HLS of July 2005**
- **A “Declaration of Tunis” formulated by the E-Gender Forum with UN-NGO-IRENE / NGO Section support was adopted and presented by ATM to the ECOSOC Coordination Segment of July 2004**
- **Tunis Declaration on ICTs and MDGs presented to the ECOSOC HLS of 2005**

Gender Declaration for Africa designed with help of UN-NGO-IRENE members and partners , was approved by the African Union, July 2004

- **The Declaration included provisions for the establishment of an African Trust Fund for Women**



UN-NGO-IRENE / Arab Region



High Level Consultations and Capacity Building Workshops to launch UN-NGO-IRENE/Arab Region scheduled for Feb. 2006

- **UN-NGO-IRENE / NGO Section participated in the Symposium of New York on “The Role of Women in World Peace & the Role of Men and Boys in Gender Equality” focusing on the Arab Region**
- **Support to the Arab International Women Forum (AIWF) Third Annual Conference Egypt, June 2004 on “Women in the Arab World: Partners in the Community and on the World Stage”**



UN-NGO-IRENE/Asia **(launched in March 2005 in Pakistan with China as first Regional Coordinator)**



- Several national Networks established:
**UN-NGO-IRENE / China, India, Japan, and most recently
 Pakistan (October 2004)**

- International Conference
 on “**Gender Mainstreaming
 and the MDGs**” supported
 by UN-NGO-IRENE / NGO
 Section and OESC held
 by **APWA in Islamabad, Pakistan**
 (28-30 March 2005) →

Islamabad Action Plan





UN-NGO-IRENE/ Caspian region



- **UN-NGO-IRENE/Azerbaijan** established in November 2004
 1. National Coordinator of the Network: NAYORA
 2. Seven Thematic Focal Points elected to help the : Poverty Reduction, Education, Gender Equality/Women Empowerment, Health, Environment, Peace and Conflict Prevention, Human and Rights
 3. Development of a Strategic Action Plan

- **UN-NGO-IRENE/Caspian Region** established in November 2004
 1. Regional Coordinator of the Network : FAY
 2. Seven Thematic Focal Points elected to help FAY : Poverty Reduction, Education, Gender Equality/Women Empowerment, Health, Environment, Peace and Conflict Prevention, Human and Rights
 3. Development of a Strategic Action Plan to be adopted during **Turkey Meeting**



UN-NGO-IRENE / Eastern Europe



Established in May 2003 in Bucharest,
Romania with the support of UNDP/Romania

- **Black Sea University Foundation (BSUF)** selected to act as Regional Coordinator of the Network with 2 sub-regional ones: Association of Democratic initiatives “ADI” (FYR of Macedonia) and the Federation for Women and Family Planning (Poland)
- **Preparatory work for the ECOSOC HLS of July 2005 and 2006 with the lead of BSUF and ADI**



UN-NGO-IRENE / Western Europe

to be launched in 2005/2006



- **UN-NGO-IRENE/NGO Section assisted FPSC to formulate a project document on integrated rural development for several developing countries (North Africa and middle East) to be submitted for funding**
- **UN-NGO-IRENE/NGO Section contributed to a Conference on “Migration, Microfinance and Education and the Role of Euro-Arab Woman” held in Madrid, Spain, September 2004 by the Foundation for Social Promotion of Culture (FPSC) and READI (a partner of UN-NGO-IRENE)**
- **FPSC participated in the HLS of 2005 and made a statement on evaluation process of its activities considering their impact on MDGs with the help of the IRENE project Coordinator**



UN-NGO-IRENE / Western Europe

to be launched in 2005/2006



- **UN-NGO-IRENE/NGO Section Mission to Brussels in 2004 for :**
 - a Seminar on the contribution of CSOs to the work of WTO organized by the **European Economic and Social Committee**
 - a Conference on the “Role of NGOs in the resolution of international problems hosted by the **International Society for Military Law**
- **UN-NGO-IRENE/NGO Section Mission to Rome, Sept. 2004 and 2005 to participate in FORMIT Workshops organized for non G8 member states and enhance their contribution to the ECOSOC HLS**
- **Meeting in 2006 with FPSC to establish UN-NGO-IRENE in Spain**



UN-NGO-IRENE/Latin America (To be launched in 2005)

- **Joint initiative of the Regional Coordinator, WFO the World Family Organization & UN-NGO-IRENE /NGO Section to hold a **World Family Summit (WFS)** in Sanya, China in December, 2004**
- ***With extensive support from UN-NGO-IRENE /NGO Section, a “World Declaration for a Comprehensive Family Policy - Achieving the Millennium Declaration With and For the Family” was formulated and adopted by more than 300 participants***
- **Latin American and Caribbean Seminar “Partnerships for a New Era: Achieving the MDGs” held in Chile, June 2004 by UN-NGO-IRENE/partner, CONGO**





UN-NGO-IRENE/ Caribbean Region



- **Launch of the Caribbean Region Network,**
5 September 2005, Port-au-Prince with the help
of FONDHABISA (Haiti), our host NGO
- **Launch of Haiti UN-NGO-IRENE,**
5 September 2005, Port-au-Prince with the help
FONDHABISA, our host NGO



UN-NGO-IRENE/ North America



North America Regional Network to be launched in 2006

- **NGO Section participated in a symposium on global democratic development held in California, November 2004**
- **UN-NGO-IRENE/Canada established in February 2004 with hope for the Nations as national coordinator**
- **Statement of Hope for the Nations to ECOSOC HLS of June 2004**
- **Preparatory work for ECOSOC HLS of July 2005 & 2006**



Networking, Website and Update



- UN-NGO-IRENE website, in partnership with UNPAN:
www.unpan.org/NGO.asp
- UN-NGO-IRENE Update, a monthly E-Newsletter distributed to all NGOs in consultative status as well as to UN-NGO-IRENE members and partners (21 issues released)
- Project “Capacity building for the UN-NGO-IRENE/Africa to strengthen United Nations Partnerships with African Civil Society Organizations and Governments to meet MDGs” includes a large networking component crucial to the full operation and realization of UN-NGO-IRENE

www.unpan.org/NGO.asp



Fundraising


**ECONOMIC AND
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- **Establishment of the General Voluntary Trust Fund (E/2002/225) at the request of the NGO Committee in support of UN-NGO-IRENE**
- **The Government of Turkey contributed with an amount of US \$10,000 to the Trust Fund. Contribution of Other Committee Members are highly appreciated**
- **Several technical cooperation projects (10) designed and formulated by leading NGOs worldwide with UN-NGO-IRENE/NGO Section advisory services and support to implement strategic action plans of different UN-NGO-IRENE national and regional networks.**
- **These projects are or will be proposed for funding to potential interested donors (See list in the progress report of UN-NGO-IRENE)**



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Partnership Activities

- **Civil Society Regional and National Preparatory Meetings to the ECOSOC HLS and Coordination Segment Sessions of July 2004, 2005 and 2006**
- **Preparation of NGO Statements to ECOSOC with IRENE help since 2003**
- **LDC Watch Panel in June 2004: “Encouraging civil society to work for poverty education in LDCs”**
- **Ministerial Roundtable Breakfasts, NGO Panels, Lunches and movies in 2004 and 2005**
- **ECOSOC NGOs/Civil Society Fora in 2004 and 2005**
- **More and more outstanding NGO coalitions and NGOs Statements to the HLS and Coordination Segment**



UN-NGO-IRENE

Partnership Activities

- **NGO Participation in High-Level Segment and other Roundtables**
- **DPI-NGO Conference 8-10 September 2004 and 2005 in NY**
- **Symposiums and Conferences worldwide**
- **NGO Participation during UNDESA Expert Group Meetings on Conflict Prevention, Peace-building and Development**
- **UN-NGO-IRENE/NGO Section support for Humanitarian Missions to Cambodia (2004) and Tsunami (2005)**

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