

To guarantee communication and collaboration with the social agents involved on a practical basis in the struggle for rights, HURI-AGE wishes to involve various different institutions in the development of its research activity programme. These institutions, which will provide a critical perspective on the “El tiempo de los derechos” programme, will be kept informed about the work undertaken, the results of the project and, according to their fields, will be invited to take part in the dissemination meetings and other activities.

HURI-AGE is starting a contact campaign with these institutions. So far, the following organizations have shown an interest in collaborating with the “El tiempo de los derechos” programme:

- [Algeciras acoge](#)
- [Asociación Pro Derechos Humanos de Andalucía](#)
- [CEAR, Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado](#)
- [Centre Antígona](#)
- [Centre on Human Rights in Conflict](#)
- [CERMI, Comité Español de Representantes de Minusválidos](#)
- [Coordinadora Estatal de VIH-SIDA \(CESIDA\)](#)
- [Defensor del Pueblo](#)
- [Delegación de Educación, Infancia y Adolescencia, Participación Ciudadana e Inmigración del Ayuntamiento de Getafe](#)
- [Escuela de Cultura de Paz](#)
- [ESF, Educación sin Fronteras](#)
- [FMP, Federación de Mujeres Progresistas](#)
- [Foro de Vida Independiente](#)
- [Fundación Gregorio Peces-Barba para el estudio y cooperación en derechos humanos](#)
- [Fundación Madrid Paz y Comisiones Obreras](#)
- [Fundación ONCE](#)
- [Fundación Paz y Cooperación](#)
- [Instituto Universitario de Estudios de la Mujer](#)
- [Médicos del Mundo \(España\)](#)
- [MEDICUS MUNDI](#)
- [REDLAJ, Red Latinoamericana de Jueces](#)
- [Save the Children](#)
- [SURVIVAL](#)
- [UNAF, Unión de Asociaciones Familiares](#)
- [UNESCO Etxea - Centro UNESCO del País Vasco](#)
- [Women´s Link Worldwide](#)

ALGECIRAS ACOGE

ALGECIRAS ACOGE is a NGO which was set up in 1991 to work in the field of immigration, as a part of the Andalucía Acoge Federation.

In 2008, the organization provided services for over 2000 immigrants on an individual basis, the majority of those assisted being of Moroccan and Bolivian origin.

Services are provided by our different departments: Refuge, Legal, Healthcare, Employment, Accommodation, and Family.

Other fields of action are awareness-raising amongst the local population with regard to the phenomenon of migration, and reporting situations of infringement of the rights of immigrants.

Link: <http://www.algecirasacoge.org/>

ASOCIACIÓN PRO DERECHOS HUMANOS DE ANDALUCÍA [ANDALUSIAN ASSOCIATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS]

The Andalusian Association for Human Rights is a non-profit-making private association, based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the UN in 1948.

While Apdha's sphere of affiliation and direct area of activity is Andalusia, its activities can also reach a universal dimension on the grounds that Human Rights are the patrimony of humanity as a whole.

Our aim is specifically to demand the full validity of Human Rights as an instrument for raising awareness and transforming society. And we do not hesitate to act by reporting its failures or non-fulfilments with all the instruments available to us. Another of our objectives is to support the victims of human rights violations as far as possible, and to raise awareness about the principles concerned throughout Andalusian society.

The Apdha does not only defend Human Rights in an abstract way. We go further by focusing on the more disadvantaged sectors of society, excluded persons who suffer the most human rights violations.

Thus, our normal activity is divided up into work areas. In general, the Apdha addresses problems like social marginalization, immigration, shanty towns, racism and xenophobia, minors, prisons, peace and disarmament, education for peace and human rights, international solidarity, etc...

Similarly, the Apdha has run specific campaigns like "No más muertes en el Estrecho", (No more deaths in the Strait) "Papeles para todos y todas" ("ID papers for all"), "Manifiesto de las dos orillas" ("Manifiesto of the two shores"), "Acercamiento de presos a las cárceles andaluzas", ("Andalusian prisoners in Andalusian prisons") "Nadie elige ser pobre" ("No-one chooses to be poor")... From these areas documents, proposals and options on subjects related to the defence of human rights in very varied spheres are drawn up. And every two years the International Human Rights Conference is held.

The Apdha rests on two fundamental pillars – awareness-raising among the population and social denunciation. In order to achieve the objectives mentioned above, the Apdha is organised through various local offices. In total there are 11 offices located all over Andalusia: in Seville, Sierra Sur, Huelva, Bahía de Cádiz, Algeciras, Jerez de la Frontera, Córdoba, Málaga, Granada, Almería, and Ronda.

Link: <http://www.apdha.org/index.php>

CEAR

The Comisión Española de Ayuda al Refugiado (Spanish Commission for Refugee Assistance) –CEAR– is a social, pluralistic and independent organisation, created in 1979. Its mission is to defend and promote Human Rights and the integral development of refugees, displaced persons, stateless persons and migrants in need of international protection and/or at risk from exclusion.

The CEAR is made up of organizations which defend human rights (Club de Amigos de la UNESCO [Friends of UNESCO Club], Asociación pro Derechos Humanos de España [Spanish Association for Human Rights], IEPALA), the main trade unions (UGT, CCOO, USO), religious organisations (Caritas Española, Iglesia Evangélica, Asociación Musulmana de España) and the main political parties with parliamentary representation (PP, PSOE, IU), as well as some important people renowned for their defence of the right to asylum and refugees' fundamental rights: D. Juan María Bandrés (currently honorary Chairman). D. Javier de Lucas is Chairman of the Commission and D. Alfredo Abad is General Secretary.

Since its founding, the CEAR has worked in the defence of refugees and their right to asylum (refugees being those who flee their countries due to well-founded fear of persecution for political, ethnic, religious reasons, for reasons of national origin, or due to belonging to a certain social group, due to generalised violence or armed conflict) and in the defence of victims of internal displacement (those who flee their homes for the same reasons but remain within their countries) and of those arriving in a situation of particular vulnerability or who are stateless.

While it does not exclude the possibility of working in or for other regions, the CEAR focuses its attention on countries and areas particularly affected by forced migrations; here the CEAR has a great deal of experience; e.g. in Colombia, the country of origin of the largest group of persons who have taken refuge in the Spanish State and the second country in the world in terms of numbers of internal displacements; the Maghreb and Western Africa, where the problem of movement to Europe is most highly concentrated due, to a great extent, to European migratory policies; and Palestine, a population with the greatest number of refugees in the world.

The CEAR also has a Foundation. The Fundación CEAR - Consejo de Apoyo a los Refugiados [“CEAR Foundation - Council for Support for Refugees”] continues the work which the Consejo de Apoyo a los Refugiados carried out between 1987 and 1992 on international cooperation, and is encouraged by the CEAR to act in countries and regions in conflict. All this time it has been working to foster global protection for refugees and displaced persons in regions and countries in conflict, and has accumulated over the last few years observable experience in the construction of human settlements for refugee or displaced populations in situations of extreme poverty, and has maintained a noticeable presence on the African continent and the Middle East.

Link: www.cear.es

CENTRE ANTÍGONA

Centre Antígona

The Centre Antígona, run by a group of women teachers from the department of Philosophy of Law at the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, studies and analyses the Law from the perspective of gender. The research and other activities of Antígona are oriented towards the analysis of women's rights with regard to public policies.

The Group “Antígona: Drets i societat en perspectiva de gènere” [“Antigone: Rights and Society from the Perspective of Gender”] was consolidated in 2009 by the Government of Catalonia as a research group of consolidated quality. The objectives of Antígona are:

- a. To gather information on the situation of women’s rights,
- b. To monitor the application of specific legislation concerning women’s rights,
- c. The creation of legal databases specialised in women’s rights,
- d. The analysis of teaching and research into gender and law.

Link: <http://www.centreantigona.org/>

CENTRE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONFLICT

The Centre on Human Rights in Conflict of the University of East London, UK (CHRC) is a centre which promotes interdisciplinary research, both academic and oriented towards the practical side, of use for drawing up international policy. Through such research, the CHRC aims to improve its understanding and management of the relationship between conflicts and human rights.

The main areas of interest for the CHRC are the study of human rights as causes and consequences of armed conflicts, the dilemma of pursuing justice and peace during and after conflict situations and the particular challenges which the participation of non-state actors such as illegal armed groups, multinational companies and terrorist organizations represent for the protection of human rights.

Amongst the CHRC’s recent projects, the most important are: Rule of Law in African Countries Emerging from Violent Conflict: Critical Issues and Cases (British Academy Large Grant); Building a Just and Durable Peace by Piece (European VII Framework Programme); Counter-terrorism and Human Rights in the European Union (Visiting Leverhulme Research Fellow).

Link: www.uel.ac.uk/chrc

CERMI

The CERMI is the platform for meetings and political action of people with disabilities, made up of the main state organizations for persons with disabilities, several member entities of sectoral action and a large group of autonomous platforms, all of which constitute, in turn, over 4000 associations and organisations which represent as a whole the over four million people with

disabilities living in Spain.

The CERMI's mission, established and undertaken by its member organisations, consists of coordinating and forming the backbone of the disabilities social movement, in order, thanks to the sector's cohesion and unity, and always respecting the pluralism inherent to such a diverse social segment, to develop representative political action in defence of the rights and interests of people with disabilities, both collectively and individually.

Link: www.cermi.es

COORDINADORA ESTATAL DE VIH-SIDA [“STATE COORDINATOR OF HIV-AIDS”] (CESIDA)

The State Coordinator of HIV-AIDS (CESIDA) is currently made up of 70 organisations throughout the Spanish State.

CESIDA addresses:

DIRECTLY:

- The HIV-AIDS Associations which are PARTNERS and MEMBERS of CESIDA
- And all the Associations which work in the sphere of HIV-AIDS

INDIRECTLY:

- People living with HIV-AIDS
- The media
- Public and private organisations (the public administration, laboratories, etc.) The social agents of the community

Our vision:

To set an example, as an organization, to the other national and international entities, institutions and organizations of the Movimiento Asociativo Organizado (“Organised Associative Movement”) which addresses the reality of HIV-AIDS throughout the Spanish State.

Link: <http://www.cesida.org/>

DEFENSOR DEL PUEBLO [OMBUDSMAN]

Link: <http://www.defensordelpueblo.es/>

DELEGACIÓN DE EDUCACIÓN, INFANCIA Y ADOLESCENCIA, PARTICIPACIÓN CIUDADANA E INMIGRACIÓN DEL AYUNTAMIENTO DE GETAFE [“OFFICE OF EDUCATION, CHILDHOOD AND ADOLESCENCE, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND

IMMIGRATION OF THE GETAFE TOWN COUNCIL”]

Link: <http://www.getafe.es/>

ESCUELA DE CULTURA DE PAZ [SCHOOL FOR THE CULTURE OF PEACE]

The Escuela de Cultura de Paz of the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona was founded in 1999 with the purpose of working for the culture of peace, human rights, the analysis of conflicts and peace processes, education for peace, disarmament and the prevention of armed conflicts.

The objectives of the School are:

- To promote understanding and the practice of the culture of peace.
- To research and take action regarding subjects related to conflict, peace processes, post-war rehabilitation, the arms trade, human rights, parallel diplomacy and education for peace.
- To train people so that they will be able to spread the message and practices of the culture of peace.

The Human Rights Programme of the School for the Culture of Peace of the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona - which will be collaborating on HURI-AGE – monitors the international situation with regard to human rights and, in particular, monitors those questions which currently feature on the world agenda, like transitional justice.

Areas of analysis

- . Follow-up and analysis of transitional justice processes world-wide. Transitional justice is supposed to manage the delicate balance of the commitment to peace and the need for justice for the human rights abuses committed during a conflict or under a non-democratic regime.
- . Analysis and monitoring of the international situation regarding human rights based on the monitoring of over 30 sources of information, including intergovernmental organisations and NGOs, and designing specific indicators. This monitoring is performed in part through participation in the publications written by the Programa de Conflictos y Construcción de Paz (Programme on Conflict and Peacebuilding).

- Companies and Human Rights.

As a part of the Human Rights Programme, this question is monitored both on a national and an international level, with particular emphasis on the extractive industries.

Publications

- Boletín de Justicia Transicional. This journal contains news items concerning the processes undertaken by States which have suffered an armed conflict and aim to deal with past abuses and build peace.
- Derechos humanos en el Barómetro. This quarterly publication covers events occurring over the period concerned regarding human rights and transitional justice and includes a thematic analysis of one specific aspect considered to be of special importance during that quarter.
- Semáforo de Derechos Humanos. This monthly journal, in Spanish, contains all the news about human rights published in the Semáforo, written by the Programa de Conflictos y Construcción de Paz (Programme on Conflict and Peacebuilding).

Link: <http://escolapau.uab.cat/castellano/index.php>

EDUCACIÓN SIN FRONTERAS [EDUCATION WITHOUT BORDERS]

Educación Sin Fronteras (ESF) is constituted as a Non-Governmental Development Organisation (NGDO) and was created in 1988 with an international, secular, independent and non-profit-making vocation, showing solidarity with the most disadvantaged and marginalised populations and cultures.

As an Association, it is a form of expression for active, organised civil society, devoted to fostering education in impoverished countries. It was created as a space for reflection and analysis of the educational problems of developing countries.

The ESF is mainly composed of professionals from the field of education and similar disciplines who reject the current status quo and wish to participate actively and altruistically in the great challenge of creating a world in which the values of equality, democracy and respect for diversity have priority.

Education Without Borders has a vision – to be an exemplary organisation in terms of their commitment to the defence and promotion of everyone's right to quality education as a fundamental human right. The ESF sees education as a driving force behind transformation, personal and community development, towards relationships based on equality, non-discriminatory and participatory, and towards the building of a world which offers opportunities for everyone.

The ESF wants to contribute to a transformatory education which will help make the world into a fairer, juster place characterised by solidarity, through international cooperation actions for development and actions promoting change in our society. Currently, the Association runs 100 awareness-raising and cooperation projects in Latin America.

Link: <http://www.educacionsinfronteras.org>

Federación de Mujeres Progresistas [Federation of Progressive Women]

The Federation of Progressive Women (FMP) is a state-level non-profit-making NGO, designated an organisation in the public interest, which was founded in 1987 to defend equality of rights and opportunities for women. It is made up of Regional Federations, Provincial Federations and local Associations in the different Autonomous Regions of Spain. The membership and affiliation of various associations from other countries is currently being administrated.

It is the FMP's duty to detect and report situations of social inequality and injustice and, in consequence, to develop programmes and activities to improve women's living conditions, achieve equality of rights in all the spheres of public and private life, through positive action measures fostering a freer society with more solidarity within the framework of peace and progress.

The FMP, in keeping with the UN's Millennium Development Goals, defends the achievement of equality between men and women, and the advance and empowerment of women as a question of human rights and an indispensable condition for social justice, political, economic, cultural and ecological security between the peoples of the world.

The FMP's Strategic Lines are:

1. To foster, from the feminist perspective, Equal Opportunities and non-violence between men and women whatever their age, condition and origin, within the framework of the New Social Contract, helping to reconcile people's personal, family and professional lives.
2. To work towards the Social, Professional and Technological inclusion, from a gender-oriented perspective, of groups of the population at risk from exclusion, disadvantage or marginalisation of any kind.
3. To foster networking by the FMP itself and with the third sector in general, as well as collaboration with the public sectors and the different public administrations.
4. To foster a Corporate Social Responsibility of the Private and Business Sectors based on ethical values and premises, which permit the collaboration and development of the Own Resources Area of the FMP.
5. To carry out research, editing and publication from a gender-based perspective.
6. To consolidate the inclusion of Quality and the New Technologies (TIC) in the FMP's customary work.
7. To promote collaboration with the media.

Link: www.fmujeresprogresistas.org

Foro de Vida Independiente [Independent Living Forum]

The Independent Living Forum <http://forovidaindependiente.org/> is a citizens' group which fights for the Human Rights of people discriminated against due to their functional diversity (disability).

The Forum is organised exclusively through the Internet and develops and coordinates pro-rights activities by establishing communication and support mechanisms between equals

between the 800 people making up the group. This fight for rights is performed in various spheres including philosophy, bioethics, law, politics, social action, claims, etc.

The Independent Living Forum participated in the working group which analysed the impact of the international UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (functional diversity), run by the Bartolomé de las Casas Human Rights Institute of the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid and has written various analyses of laws affecting the group such as Ley 39/2006 de Promoción de la autonomía y atención a las personas en situación de dependencia (LEPA) [Act 39/2006 on Promotion of Personal Autonomy and Care for Dependent Persons], including an exhaustive analysis from the perspective of the Convention itself.

The Forum has also presented its opinions in different parliaments – both national and regional – as this is a group which talks in the first person about situations of dependence and discrimination on the grounds of functional diversity.

From the social action viewpoint, the Independent Living Forum supports the promotion of the concept of the personal assistant, mentioned in article 19 of the Convention and article 19 of the LEPA through Vida Independiente Offices like those in Madrid and Barcelona.

Link: <http://forovidaindependiente.org/>

FUNDACIÓN GREGORIO PECES-BARBA PARA EL ESTUDIO Y COOPERACIÓN EN DERECHOS HUMANOS [“GREGORIO PECES-BARBA FOUNDATION FOR STUDY AND COOPERATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS”]

The main purpose of this Foundation is the research, study, teaching, promotion and dissemination of the principles and values inherent in the Rule of Law, the Philosophy of Law, human rights and democracy as a system of government.

The Foundation organises its activities from a multidisciplinary perspective, through the subjects of Theory, History, Sociology and Political Philosophy, State Theory, Theory and Philosophy of Law, Fundamental Rights, Human Rights and Professional Deontology.

The Foundation assists and collaborates with universities, study centres, scientific academies and Central State or regional institutions, as well as public or private, national or international organisations.

This is an institution which belongs to civil society, and enjoys independence of criteria and functional autonomy, but has neither political affiliations nor vocation, and its purpose is duly established in its By-laws and is in accordance with the Spanish Foundations Act.

Link: http://www.fundaciongregoriopecesbarba.es/index.asp?ID_sec=84

Fundación Madrid Paz y Solidaridad de Comisiones Obreras [“Madrid Foundation for Peace and Solidarity of Workers’ Commissions”]

The Fundación Madrid Paz y Solidaridad de Comisiones Obreras de Madrid was founded in 1998 as a part of the union’s international work, essentially devoted to development cooperation between unions and social organizations.

Currently, we run projects in Latin America and the Mediterranean area. With regard to human and union rights, we work specifically in Colombia through permanent action, reporting

infringements of human and union rights in this country through the Alerta Sindical Colombia network (<http://www.ddhh-colombia.org/>); we are following up the accusation filed for genocide in Guatemala in which the trade union the CCOO is acting as a private plaintiff, and we are carrying out various development and gender policy projects in Bolivia, Peru, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Colombia.

Link: <http://www.madridpazsolidaridad.org/html/index.htm>

Fundación ONCE [ONCE Foundation]

The Fundación O.N.C.E. para la Cooperación e Integración Social de Personas con Discapacidad [ONCE Foundation for Cooperation and the Social Integration of People with Disabilities], is a non-profit-making charity welfare organisation, of indefinite duration, which pursues social ends and which was set up by the ONCE (Organización Nacional de Ciegos Españoles) [Spanish National Organization of People with Impaired Eyesight] through Agreement 2E/88 of 28 January 1988 made by the General Board, for reasons of social solidarity with persons with disabilities in accordance with its Articles of Incorporation and By-laws.

The object or main purpose of the ONCE Foundation consists of running or promoting, either directly or through an agreement, social integration programmes and social services for people with disabilities. Of greatest importance are training and employment programmes, as well as global accessibility and the overcoming of barriers of all kinds.

The ONCE Foundation is a leading organisation in Europe in terms of job creation for people with disabilities, and in 2008 created 4,400 jobs, of which 90% were for people with disabilities. Similarly, the ONCE Foundation, in line with its objective of improving the quality of life of people with disabilities and their families, actively monitors their rights both on a national and a European level.

A MEETING PLACE

As well as the ONCE itself as the founding entity, the Board of Trustees of the Foundation (its highest organ of management) is made up of the main organizations for persons with disabilities in Spain. The CERMI (Comité Español de Representantes de Personas con Discapacidad) [Spanish Committee of Representatives of Persons with Disabilities], a platform uniting the main disabled people's organisations in Spain, also forms a part of the Board of Trustees of the ONCE Foundation. Similarly, the public administration is represented here at the highest level of the ONCE Foundation.

Set up as a platform which brings together the entire disability sector, the ONCE Foundation represents, increasingly actively, an example of the attitude, will and determination of a civil society structured around its representative organisations and which spares no efforts in its quest to improve the living conditions of certain groups and society in general.

Link: www.fundaciononce.es

Instituto Universitario de Estudios de la Mujer [University Institute for Women's Studies]

The University Institute for Women's Studies (IUEM) of the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid is an official research body of the University, recognised as such in 1993, which since its foundation has concentrated on interdisciplinary research into feminist knowledge and teaching, as elements which pass on scientific advances.

The University Institute for Women's Studies supports and systematizes women's contribution to research in all the scientific fields. Its ultimate aim is to contribute to women having an active role in the writing of scientific knowledge and to promote the theoretical and intellectual approaches of feminism.

The IUEM's research and teaching activities are undertaken by means of agreements with public and private institutions by participating in competitive research tendering processes.

At the moment the Institute is developing a Master's degree in Interdisciplinary Gender Studies as the IUEM's official postgraduate course.

Link: www.uam.es/iuem

MÉDICOS DEL MUNDO ESPAÑA [DOCTORS OF THE WORLD /MDM SPAIN]

"Doctors of the World was created in France in 1980. The Spanish branch was up and running in 1988, and now we work in 23 countries in Africa, Asia and the Americas and in twelve Autonomous Regions of Spain, implementing out over 80 projects.

We are a voluntary organisation, independent of any political, religious organisation or media or financial group, which, in keeping with our commitment to social justice, promotes human development, thanks to the efforts of our volunteers, by defending the fundamental right of all people to health and a dignified life on terms of gender equality. By means of health care, but also through testimony and denunciation in order to achieve the necessary social change."

Link: www.medicosdelmundo.org

MEDICUS MUNDI

MEDICUS MUNDI is a non-profit-making organisation, of a federal, professional and independent nature, which exists to contribute to generating change in society, fostering a culture of solidarity and commitment on the part of citizens, in order to enable us to eradicate poverty and make health a right within everyone's reach.

Medicus Mundi's activities are based on respect for people's dignity and recognition of human rights, independently of borders, cultures, race, gender and religion, and in particular the right to development and the right to health.

Our objectives include contributing to the improvement of the population's sanitary conditions by applying a strategy aimed at strengthening primary health care, as well as improving levels of quality and extension of the public or private health services, for social, non-profit-making purposes.

Link: <http://www.medicusmundi.es/>

PAZ Y COOPERACIÓN [PEACE AND COOPERATION FOUNDATION]

The Peace and Cooperation Foundation was established in 1982 by Joaquín Antuña. Since then the activities of this NGO, which was consolidated as a foundation in 1998, have focused on promoting the creative non-violence movement in order to build a world of solidarity.

Thus, renunciation of the destructive option, which generates violence, brings with it the creative work of building. To advance in this direction we have acted in support of disarmament, development, human rights, solidarity action, and education for mundiality and peace.

Peace and Cooperation, which since 1994 has enjoyed Special Consultative Status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), carries out its triple mission concerning development cooperation, education on mundiality and human rights on an international level, supporting the ideals of the United Nations Charter of San Francisco as its By-laws stipulate.

Peace and Cooperation would like to highlight the PEACE AND COOPERATION SCHOOL AWARD 2009, with the motto "Learning to Live Together and in Peace" – Let's Build Peace with the United Nations. In 2009 the Peace and Cooperation School Award paid tribute to teachers and schoolchildren worldwide doing their best to live together in peace. At the same time, the organisation wants to concentrate on the work performed by the United Nations to achieve this great objective.

Link: www.peaceandcooperation.org

RED LATINOAMERICANA DE JUECES [LATIN AMERICAN NETWORK OF JUDGES]

The Latin American Network of Judges - REDLAJ – is an international non-profit-making organization, set up in 2006 in Barcelona, Spain, with the aim of bringing Latin American judges together in order to develop mechanisms for cooperation and the integration of legal systems, based on a framework of collective trust and intelligence.

The association has representation in nineteen countries in South America, Central America, the Caribbean, Mexico and Spain.

Over the last two years, the Latin American Network of Judges (REDLAJ), together with the Escuela Nacional de Magistrados ["National School of Judges"] (ENM) / Asociación de los Magistrados Brasileños ["Brazilian Association of Judges"] (AMB), the Universitat de Barcelona and the Universidad Autónoma de Chile, organised the first Congreso

Iberoamericano sobre Cooperación Judicial: El Juez y la Conectividad (“Ibero-American Conference on Judicial Cooperation: The Judge and Connectivity”), in Barcelona, Spain (www.redlaj.org/barcelona2007

) and the second Ibero-American Conference on Judicial Cooperation: Digital Justice, in Santiago, Chile. (

www.redlaj.org/chile

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From 23 to 26 November 2009 in Fortaleza, Ceará, Brazil, the REDLAJ, in conjunction with the Escuela Nacional de Magistrados Brasileños (ENM) and the Asociación de Magistrados de Ceará (ACM), held the third Ibero-American Conference on Judicial Cooperation, on the subject of the Knowledge Society and Human Rights.

Link: www.redlaj.org

Save the Children

Save the Children is a NGO which has worked for the promotion and protection of children’s rights in over one hundred countries since 1919. Our final objective is that children’s rights be respected, their voices heard and taken into account and that all children, boys or girls, should have the same opportunities.

In Spain, in countries suffering emergency situations, developing countries and on international platforms we organise different programmes oriented towards children’s and adolescents’ human rights, based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which involves taking direct action regarding rights violations, influencing public policy and legislative changes, raising awareness about questions affecting children, strengthening the powers of the communities and civil society so they can support children’s human rights and finally promoting the participation of children and adolescents and equal opportunities for boys and girls from different social backgrounds.

Our main lines of work are: promotion of protection systems, child participation, education, promotion of proper treatment and the eradication of violence, migrations, social action, child labour and emergencies.

Link: www.savethechildren.es

SURVIVAL

SURVIVAL INTERNATIONAL, the worldwide movement for indigenous peoples, helps them to defend their lifestyles, protect their lands and determine their own futures. We work with some 80 different peoples and we concentrate on the most isolated of these, as the most vulnerable and those with the most to lose.

Survival’s work is divided into three different lines:

- investigation and complaint: we report violations of indigenous people’s rights and mobilise the international community in order to stop such abuses through their pacific protests.
- education and consciousness-raising: Survival produces material for educational centres and

the general public promoting the idea that indigenous peoples are as “modern” as us, and have the right to live on their own land in accordance with their beliefs.

- support and projects: Survival supports the projects of indigenous organisations and offers them a platform from which to address the world.

Link: <http://www.survival.es> / <http://www.survival-international.org>

UNAF [UNION OF FAMILY ASSOCIATIONS]

The Unión de Asociaciones Familiares (UNAF) is a secular, national, non-governmental organisation. Created in 1989, it is composed of different federations and associations which offer different kinds of counselling and services for families. Declared an organisation in the public interest in 1995, it received Special Consultative Status from the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) in 2005.

Programmes run by the UNAF:

- Family Mediation Service for cases of separation and divorce
- Services for Single Parent Families
- Family Mediation Service for parents and adolescent children in situations of risk
- Mediation Service for families with children in secondary education (ESO)
- Orientation Service on sexual and reproductive health for immigrants
- Environmental awareness-raising and sensitization programmes
- Programme to foster Family Associationism
- Programme on sex education from the paediatric surgery
- Family counselling programme on eating disorders: anorexia and bulimia
- Family Mediation training courses

Principles: we can summarise our ideology through the following important points:

- Everyone has the right to choose their way of living together as a family
- Defence and protection of the different kinds of family model existing in our society
- All members of the family unit are rights holders
- Integral education of children in equality of rights and duties.
- Families as nuclei of living together on an equal basis in terms of democratic values and supporting relationships between members.
- Defence of a new model of relationships between men and women, based on equality of rights and equal division of family responsibilities.

Link: www.unaf.org

UNESCO Etxea - Centro UNESCO [Basque Country UNESCO Centre]

UNESCO Etxea – The UNESCO Centre of the Basque country is a Non-Governmental Organisation created in 1991, with the main objective of disseminating the principles, programmes and lines of action of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Cultural and

Scientific Organization) throughout the Basque Country. It also has the aim of fostering the exchange of information, documentation and experience, mainly on an international level with other government organisations and NGOs.

Our mission is to work towards the culture of peace, sustainable human development and human rights in both the local and the global arenas. For this purpose we participate actively in international initiatives; we encourage transformative interrelations between Basque society and the international Community (especially UNESCO and the UN); and we contribute our own opinions and criteria through research, advocacy, training, innovation and publishing.

UNESCO Etxea currently runs 7 main work programmes:

- The Culture of Peace and Human Rights Programme
- The Water for Human Development Programme
- The Sustainability Programme
- The Culture and Human Development Programme
- The DESC (economic, social and cultural rights) Programme for Human Development
- The Social Participation and Networks Programme
- The Innovation and New Actors Programme

UNESCO Etxea has been declared an association in the public interest, and enjoys official relationship status with UNESCO, Consultative Status from the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN and is affiliated to the United Nations Department of Public Information. It also belongs to the World Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations (WFUCA), which Paul Ortega, director of UNESCO Etxea until 2004, chaired from 1999 to 2003.

UNESCO Etxea is a member of the Spanish Confederation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, an associate member of the Catalanian Federation of UNESCO Clubs, Centres and Associations, sits on the Basque Country Development NGO Coordinating Committee, is a member of the Grupo de Agua de la Coordinadora de ONG de España (“Water Group of the NGO Coordinator of Spain”) and of the Federation of Associations for the Defence and Promotion of Human Rights - Spain. The UNESCO Etxea Documentation Centre is a member of the UNESCO Network of Associated Libraries (UNAL). Furthermore, since 2006, it has been an “Official Information Point” of the United Nations in the Basque Country.

Further information about this organisation can be found at www.unescoetxea.org.

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Women´s Link WorldWide

Women´s Link Worldwide is an international organisation which promotes women´s rights through the implementation of international human rights law and strategic litigation. Women´s Link´s work is organised in three programmes:

Observatorio de Género y Justicia (“Gender and Justice Observatory”): An interactive database containing important rulings of regional, national and international courts and tribunals, with strategies for working with justice on questions related to sexual and reproductive rights, gender discrimination and gender-based violence. We also promote the training of young professionals through internships in our offices in Bogotá and Madrid.

Equidad de Género sin Fronteras (“Gender Equality without Borders”): Includes research

projects and lawsuits for the cases of women in circumstances of special risk, regarding: migration, asylum from gender-based persecution and human trafficking, human rights violations, amongst others.

Derechos Sexuales y Reproductivos: del papel a la realidad (“Sexual and reproductive Rights: From paper to reality”). Technical assistance and implementation of lawsuits to guarantee sexual and reproductive rights in different countries such as Colombia, Nicaragua, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago.

Link: www.womenslinkworldwide.org