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U.S. FEDERATION OF MIDDLE EAST PEACE (USFMEP)

U.S. FEDERATION FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (USFPSD)

Profile

- The U.S. Federal Middle East Peace (USFMEP) / U.S. Federation for Peace and Sustainable Development (USFPSD) is an internationally recognized non-political, non-for-profit organization that promotes peace. USFMEP/USFPSD believes that the primary step to achieving peace and realizing the dreams of millions for a peaceful coexistence in the world begins with mutual respect, tolerance, dialogue, and forgiveness.
- USFMEP/USFPSD promotes international peace, security, and justice through educational programs, public relations, and community outreach initiatives by leading programs related to interfaith dialogue between the world's religions, human rights and empowerment of women, movements against human trafficking, and youth leadership.
- A network of chapters of USFMEP/USFPSD is distributed in seventeen countries (Austria, Australia, Bahrain, China, Dubai, Egypt, Switzerland, Hungary, Jordan, Korea, Lebanon, Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan, Qatar, United States, and Sweden) and continues to welcome members from all corners of the world.

- USFMEP/USFPSD is in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information (UNDPI). The organization is accredited with the United Nations Department of Political Affairs (UNDPA) and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).
- USFMEP/USFPSD President Sally Kader takes great pride in being the recipient of many awards from international leaders and dignitaries who recognize her accomplishments. Mrs. Kader is active in many boards and committees, including the National and International Association for Women Judges.
- The road to peace begins with small steps. Since 2001, USFMEP/USFPSD has been acknowledged for planting seeds, breaking walls down, and building bridges. Our experience and expertise in negotiation, combined with our diplomatic background, has been an integral part of our success.

U.S. Federation of Middle East Peace (USFMEP)

U.S. Federation for Peace and Sustainable Development (USFSPD)

Vision

To build sustainable human rights networks that may improve people's lives worldwide.

Mission

Facilitate dynamic and informed activities relevant to the human rights principles established by the United Nations in order to provide possibilities, opportunities, and dreams, for people around the globe.

U.S. Federation of Middle East Peace (USFMEP)

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Executive Summary

- USFMEP/USFSPD has been committed to the UN Global Compact (UNGC) Principles with respect to human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption throughout the years, and intends to advance all these principles in years to come.
- Between 2013-2015, USFMEP/USFSPD responded with numerous panel discussions, workshops, and conferences that focused on the fields of education, women empowerment, interfaith dialogue, movements against human trafficking, and water environmental issues.
- USFMEP/USFSPD has continuously participated in relevant events hosted by international organizations that also strengthen the principles of human rights established by the United Nations.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Principle 1

Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights

USFMEP/USFSPD integrates a full awareness of human rights issues throughout its entire organization, including relevant internal functions and across all external activities.

Measurement Outcomes

Partnership with New Foundation USFMEP & the Jack Brewer Foundation

USFMEP/USFSPD is pleased to announce its partnership with The Jack Brewer Foundation (JBF Worldwide) in supporting the mission of Peace through Sport in the Middle East and worldwide. Since the inception of USFMEP/USFSPD, Sally (Salwa) Kader's mission is to bring the role of youth to the top of the agenda to promote peace and development.

April 4th, 2014 - UNHQ

Celebration Peace Run

USFMEP/USFSPD participated at the Pace Run, a global torch relay that symbolizes humanity's universal aspiration for more peaceful world. Celebrating its 27th anniversary this year, the Peace Run is humanity's largest and longest grassroots relay for peace. Since its inception the torch has visited more than 140 nations.

April 10th, 2014 - UNHQ

Philanthropy Trip USFMEP and the Jack Brewer Foundation

The USFMEP/USFSPD and the Jack Brewer Foundation collaborated on a trip to Haiti, where they recognized philanthropic efforts in the area and emphasized the need for philanthropy to make positive impacts in struggling communities.

May 6th, 2014 - Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Participation in Summit

World Alliance of Religions' Peace

USFMEP/USFSPD participated at the two day summit of the World Alliance of Religions' Peace together with international politicians, religious leaders, women's and youth leaders.

September 17th, 2014 - Seoul, North Korea

Panel Discussion

Equal Access to Education for Girls & Women

Access to education is a basic human right of all girls and women. In order to develop the ability to improve women's financial, social and personal growth, schooling enables women and girls to sharpen their skills and to realize their full potential. Unfortunately, several barriers of girl's and women's education persist within various cultural and social contexts.

March 10th, 2015 - Side event of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), UNHQ

Panel Discussions

- **Increasing the Role and Participation of Women in the Peace Process; Sustainable Public Health Development for Women: How to enhance resilience and empathic perception of women?**
- **Reconciliation through Women's Power Feminine Virtues: A New Perspective on and Approach to Women's Empowerment**

The Foundation for Subjective Experience and Research S.E.R. in collaboration with ERGOSOMA and the International and the USFMEP/USFSPD, organized a series of panel discussions that focused on the *Empowerment of Women*. The guest speakers who referred to the relevance of women for peace processes included: Welcome by Marion Glaser (S.E.R.Foundation D).

March 10th, 2015 - Side event of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), UNHQ

Panel Discussions

Family, Peace and Security

Mrs. Khadija Moufid (President of Center for Family Studies and Research on Values and Law; Founder of Association AL HIDN) and Mrs. Eirini Lemos-Maniati (Senior NATO Liaison Officer to the UN) headed the panel discussion of Family, Peace and Security. The panel discussion was organized by the Association Nationale AL HIDN in co-sponsor with The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), USFMEP/USFSPD, Inter-ministerial Delegation on Human Rights, and the Ministry in charge of Parliament and Civil Society Organizations.

March 11th, 2015 - Side event of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), UNHQ

World Education Forum 2015

USFMEP/USFSPD participated at The World Education Forum 2015 of UNESCO was held at the Republic of Korea

September 25th, 2014 - Republic of Korea

Panel Discussion

Ensure Equal Access to Education and Physical Education for Girls and Women

Right to schooling is a basic human right, education provides the basis for an individual's to improve the ability, financial, social and personal growth; training enables persons to sharpen their skill and realize their full potential. Unfortunately, several barriers to education persist; preventing Women and Girls from discover their full potential from contributing to society. These barriers may be physical, mental, social or financial.

March 12th, 2015 - Side event of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), UNHQ

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Conference

Montessori Model United Nations

Mrs. Sally Kader has hosted the Montessori Model United Nations for the sixth year! Over 2000 students from Montessori schools represented 96 countries. This event captures the core of USFMEP/USFSPD's objective: education as a means of promoting sustainable peace and democracy in all sectors of society must welcome an ethnically, religiously and Gender diverse population. President Kader remarked, "We believe that we should educate the youth for they are our only hope for a means of everlasting peace and harmony as our future leaders. I am delighted to be hosting this event and I am sure this experience will inspire our future Young leaders to change our world for the better."

March 28th, 2015, General Assembly Hall, UNHQ

Participation at Summit

World Alliance of Religions' Peace Office

USFMEP/USFSPD was part of the 2015 WARP Summit of 1st Commemoration. World Alliance of Religions' Peace Office (WARP) is a forum for dialogue centering on world peace in interfaith relations and scriptural texts. Many religious leaders who participated and pledged the unity of religions agreement in the WARP Summit 2014 have voluntarily established the peace offices in their home countries, advocating for true values and unity in religions and peace. The Peace Offices that engage the local and regional communities of all religions are arising all over the world through 94 offices in 51 countries (as of August 20th 2015) covering all continents, Europe, Oceania, America, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) and the numbers are increasing.

September 5th, 2015 - UNHQ

Conference Parliament of World Religions

President Kader attended the Parliament of World Religions, an inclusive gathering of people of all faiths that seeks to promote interfaith dialogue, ideas about how people of faith can work together in their own communities, and conversations about global issues affecting all people, regardless of religion.

The Parliament included an Inaugural Women's Assembly, Religious and Spiritual Observances, as well as several Plenary Sessions. The sessions focused on a variety of themes, such as climate and environmental issues, war, violence and hate speech, and economic inequity. The sessions also hosted keynote speakers, including His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

October 15-19, 2015 - Salt Lake City, Utah

Panel Discussion USFMEP/USFSPD Second Buddhist Muslim Dialogue

USFMEP/USFSPD hosted a dialogue with religious leaders from the Buddhist and Muslim communities focused on acceptance and understanding within and between religious communities. Speakers included President Sally Kader, H.H.Dharma Master Hsin Tao, and Imam Shamsi Ali.

The USFMEP/USFSPD constantly seeks ways for religious communities to engage in productive dialogue and promote understanding.

October 22, 2015 - United Nations Headquarters

Principle 2

Make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses

USFMEP/USFSPD is not silent or inactive in the face of systematic or continuous human rights abuse. On the contrary, USFMEP/USFSPD monitors diverse network systems to ensure that human rights policies are being implemented.

Measurement Outcomes

Panel Discussion

Women and Media Discourse

The USFMEP/USFSPD hosted the panel discussion *Women and Media Discourse* in order to address the ways of representing women in various means of communication. The event discussed how young girls and women should craft their own narratives and include their own voices in a wide-ranging public discourse over the airwaves, in print and online.

March 11th, 2015 - Side event of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), UNHQ

Panel Discussion

Women and Media Discourse

USFMEP/USFSPD hosted the event *Women in Armed Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations* in 2015 to talk about the appropriate measures to fulfill women's human rights during peace-building processes as well as during times of war, particularly during the immediate aftermath of conflict and long-term post-conflict reconstruction. Mrs. Kader was the moderator and keynote speaker at the panel discussion *Women in Armed Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations*. Within the context of the *Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination against Women*, the event reflected on the appropriate measures that should be adopted in order to ensure women's rights during times of armed conflict and in all peace-building processes, as well as during the immediate aftermath of conflict and long-term post-conflict reconstruction. Mrs. Kader received a beautiful bouquet of flowers from Mrs. Ban Ki-moon, wife of the UN Secretary-General.

March 11th, 2015, Discussion Panel: Side event of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), UNHQ

Conference

48th Session of the Commission on Population and Development

The USFMEP/USFSPD attended the event which focused on the priority theme *Realizing the future we want: integrating population issues into sustainable development, including the post-2015 development agenda*.

April 13-17, 2015 - UNHQ

Festival

The 3rd Special Music and Art Festival

The USFMEP/USFSPD attended the annual event held in Pyeongchang that commemorates the 2013 World Winter games and the Special Olympics. The Music and Art Festival seeks to promote tolerance and understanding toward people with disabilities and special needs by highlighting the skills and talents of artists with intellectual disabilities. One hundred participants' art and music were displayed at the festival, which also hosted music lessons, mini Special Olympics, three concerts, and a closing concert of classical and pop music.

August 11th, 2015 - Alpensia Reort, Pyeongchang, Gangwon-do

Conference

United Nations High Level Forum on the Culture of Peace

USFMEP/USFSPD attended the in commemoration of the 1999 adoption of Resolution 53/243 on the Declaration and Program of Action on a Culture of Peace, the United Nations hosted its yearly forum on the Culture of Peace. The forum hosts two panels, focusing on the role and contributions of women and the young to the Culture of Peace and global citizenship as a pathway to the Culture of Peace.

September 9th, 2015 - UNHQ

Celebration

International Day of Rural Women

USFMEP/USFSPD attended the event in order to promote the advancement of women in society, regardless of their geographical location. Geographical discrimination is just another form of marginalization that affects women all over the globe living and working in rural areas. Over a total of the world's population is comprised of women working in rural areas, who depend on natural resources and agriculture to survive and thrive.

October 15th, 2015 - UNHQ

Panel Discussion

The Changing Dynamics of Islamophobia and its Implications on Peaceful and Inclusive Societies

USFMEP/USFSPD hosted the panel discussions that were moderated by President Kader. The first panel addressed how media and social media have become tools to stigmatize and discriminate against Muslims and create a culture of Islamophobia. The second panel analyzed how different communities work against discrimination through inter-faith dialogue and inter-communal efforts, core goals and principles of the USFMEP/USFSPD.

December 18th, 2015 - United Nations Headquarters

LABOUR

Principle 3

Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining

USFMEP/USFSPD participates in numerous events that emphasize non-discriminatory policies and procedures in labor-management relations, especially in those countries without an adequate institutional and legal framework.

Measurement Outcomes

Participation at Summit Korea Leaders Summit

The UN Global Compact is the platform for business to implement universal sustainability principles and to take steps to support UN goals. At their Korea Leaders Summit in Seoul, the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon announced the commitment of the CEO of the Korea Exchange to promote improved corporate performance on environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues. Mrs. Kadar emphasized the efforts undertaken by Korean companies to advance two UN priorities – sustainable development and climate change.

May 19, 2015, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Participation at Conference 6th Asian Leadership Conference

2015 marks the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II, the founding of the United Nations, and the independence of the Republic of Korea. The 6th Asian Leadership Conference aims to contribute to the attainment of peace and prosperity in Asia by setting as its topic “Commemorating the Past, Celebrating the Future: New Forces Reshaping Our Lives”.

Mrs. Kadar attended the event and commended the objective of the Asian Leadership Conference, which brings global leaders and minds together to discuss issues that affect people in Asia and provide a sense of direction to those who are directly involved in managing these issues.

May 19, 2015, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Principle 4

The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor

USFMEP/USFSPD works in partnership with United Nations organizations and other sectoral associations to develop monitoring strategies and panel discussions to ensure the eradication of forced labor practices, which may take the form of: slavery, child labor, physical abduction or kidnapping, the work or service of prisoners, physical or psychological (including sexual) violence as a means of keeping someone in forced labor, and deprivation of food, shelter or other necessities.

Measurement Outcomes

Visit to Refugee Camp

USFMEP/USFSPD delegation visits Al-ZaaTari Camp of the UNHCR for briefing on refugee camp situations in Jordan

2014 - Jordan

Principle 5

The effective abolition of child labor

USFMEP/USFSPD works in partnership with other associations and organizations to develop an education, cultural, and sports approach to address the issue of the abolition of child labor. USFMEP continuously support and designs educational programs that address children, youth, and adults.

Measurement Outcomes

Donation

Donation of 11,000 Soccer Balls to Egyptian Youth

Mrs. Sally Kader, President of US Federation for Middle East Peace announced the Global Ambassadors Visit to Egypt, with a gift to the Egyptian Youth of 11,000 Soccer balls. Currently, half of Egypt's population is under the age of 25. Bringing engagement through sports to promote peace and stability to the society's youth population is crucial to the future of Egypt. The trip, which lasted from 12th of May till the 18th, embodied the United Nation's commitment to international peace, security, justice and Human Rights including Youth leadership through educational programs, public relations and community outreach initiatives such as Sports events throughout the world.

The USFMEP/UFPD took a part in the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace on April 6th, and while at the United Nations announced the partnership with Mr. Jack Brewer, who was subsequently named the Ambassador for sport and peace.

May 12-18, 2014 - Egypt

Panel Discussion

Equal Access to Education for Girls and Women

USFMEP/USFSPD organized the panel discussion with the theme Equal Access to Education for Girls and Women. Mrs. Kader was the moderator of the guest speakers H.E. Ambassador Mr. Funk Token (OIC Ambassador/ Permanent Representative to the UN) and Mrs. Magma Mahmud Ali Bad el-gall (Managing Editor for "Haw' Egyptian magazine).

March 10th, 2015 - Side event of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), UNHQ

Panel Discussion

"Investing in Youth--what can the society gain from a well-educated and skilled workforce?"

Mrs. Kader participated in a discussion and side-event of ECOSOC's Integration Summit entitled "Investing in Youth--what can the society gain from a well educated and skilled workforce?" The discussion was a response to global youth unemployment that negatively affects young people in both developed and developing countries. Uneducated and unemployed youth cannot reach their full potential or access the resources necessary to excel in their societies. The event analyzed current government and UN approaches to vocational training and promoting youth employment to develop a well-educated workforce.

May 30th, 2015 - UNHQ

Panel Discussion

The Power of Youth to Build Peace through Intercultural Dialogue

The Power of Youth to Build Peace through Intercultural Dialogue was hosted by USFMEP/USFSPD and was held during the International Youth Day.

August 12, 2015 - UNHQ

Principle 6

The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation

USFMEP/USFSPD encourages policies which are non-discriminatory in employment, i.e. that employees are selected on the basis of their ability to do the job and that there is no distinction, exclusion or preference made on other grounds. USFMEP/USFSPD is also aware of formal structures and informal cultural issues that can prevent women to exercise this human right principle, and this is why it raises concerns through various panel discussions and workshops.

Measurement Outcomes

Panel Discussion

Promotion of Women in OIC Member States

The panel discussion Promotion of Women in OIC Member States was organized by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the United State Federation for Middle East Peace. The event was moderated by His Excellency Ambassador Ufuk Gokcen (Permanent Observer of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation in New York). The speakers included: Dr. Fadila Grine (Director of Family and Social Affairs, Organization of Islamic Cooperation, General Secretariat); Mr. Mohammed Naciri (Regional Director of the Arab States, UN Women); and Dr. Fatema Khafagy (Team leader, EU Project on Gender Equity and Empowerment of Women in Lebanon).

The purpose of promoting women in Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member States is to create peaceful and inclusive societies in many different areas including: mediation, political participation, climate changes, community leadership, Human Rights promotion, interfaith and intercultural dialogue, civil society, and leadership. This side event highlighted the efforts made by women to create local and national opportunity for peace and dialogue.

March 10th, 2015 - Side event of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW59), UNHQ

Principle 7

Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges

USFMEP/USFSPD continuously shares knowledge that deals with environmental issues, particularly within its educational conferences, workshops, and discussion panels.

Measurement Outcomes

Conference

The Fifty-Third Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD53): "Rethinking and Strengthening Social Development in the Contemporary World"

USFMEP/USFSPD attended the event that reviewed relevant United Nations plans and programs of action pertaining to the situation of social groups and the social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development.

February 4-13, 2015 - UNHQ

Forum

The First Ladies High Level Forum

The USFMEP/USFSPSD brought forward the spouses of the world leaders and specialists in education to discuss cutting-edge issues regarding gender, as well as multiple education programs to inspire future generations. The First Ladies High Level Forum on Education took place during the United Nations General Assembly 2015 and was chaired by Mrs. Kader.

September 24, 2015 - UNHQ

Principle 8

Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility

USFMEP/USFSPSD participated in events at the United Nations to develop environmentally responsible strategies closely linked with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's). USFMEP/USFSPSD established innovative programs with clear performance objectives in order to comply with long-term relationships with the environment.

Measurement Outcomes

Panel Discussions

Wastewater and Irrigation Challenges

Sustainable Innovation for Water Procurement

During the World Water Day Summit at the UN Headquarters, USFMEP/USFSPSD partnered with MagneGas to provide opportunities to make a positive impact in the emerging global water crisis and advance sustainable solutions. The panel discussions focused on the themes "Waste Water and Irrigation Challenges" as well as a panel on "Sustainable Innovations for Water Procurement," each consisting of leaders in industry and state.

Mrs. Kader stated that water is a growing source of significant conflict. She contends the, "Wars of next century will be over water. And this scarcity can be used as a catalyst to accelerate innovation.

March 23, 2015 - UNHQ

Meeting

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

USFMEP/USFSPSD participated in the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, the theme of which was "Strengthening integration, implementation and review – the HLPF after 2015." The forum met to discuss the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda as UN negotiations are reaching their final stage. The forum also reinforced the ideas that development reporting and reviews ought to be universal, voluntary, State-led, focus on exchanging experiences.

Principle 9

Encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies

USFMEP/USFSPD shares knowledge relevant to environmental issues, including those technologies that use materials more efficiently and cleanly with long-term economic and environmental benefits. These environmental issues are addressed through educational conferences, workshops, and discussion panels.

Measurement Outcomes

Celebration

International Day of Persons with Disabilities

The USFMEP/USFSPD participated at event that focused on the role of technologies that make a difference in creating inclusive and sustainable societies.

December 3rd, 2014 - UNHQ

ANTI CORRUPTION

Principle 10

Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery

USFMEP/USFSPD applies a collective action approach by joining forces with peers and with other stakeholders to scale up anti-corruption efforts throughout its programs.

Measurement Outcomes

Panel Discussion

Judges Speak Out About Human Trafficking

USFMEP/USFSPD, under direction of its President and Founder Sally(Salwa) Kader has been bringing awareness and lecturing on Human Trafficking since 2003 at the United Nations, Washington D.C. and worldwide. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery every year, human traffickers generate billions of dollars in profits by victimizing millions of people, Human Trafficking is considered to be one of the fastest growing criminal industries in the world. Our Panel Judges seek to present the Human Trafficking updated law, awareness about human trafficking and educate individuals and communities on how to recognize this crime and play an active role in the anti-human trafficking movement.

March 18, 2015 - UNHQ