

**The Organisation internationale pour les Pays les Moins Avancés (OIPMA) - International  
Organisation for the Least Developed Countries (IOLDCs)  
Report of 2018 Activities**

**The Organisation internationale pour les Pays les Moins Avancés (OIPMA) - International Organisation for the Least Developed Countries (IOLDCs) is a non profit, non-governmental and independent organization based in Geneva with ECOSOC status.** Established in 1996, IOLDCs, with particular focus on least developed countries (LDCs), advocates the fulfilment of Human Rights and acts as a bridge between civil society organizations and the UN Charter and Treaty Based Mechanisms for Human Rights protection and promotion.

The key priorities of the Organization are in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the goals 1,3,5,13,16 and 17. In particular, conflict prevention, post -conflict peace- building, children in armed conflict and terrorism in crisis- affected LDCs and the impacts of climate change in LDCs. We are specialized in Yemen, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Chad, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Haiti.

IOLDCs' ultimate goal is to assist LDC to upgrade from this status through a human rights and sustainable development based approach.

To achieve this, IOLDCs activities take two directions:

**1. Human Rights Advocacy:** IOLDCS seeks to enhance the visibility of local concerns at the international level to push for concrete action of the international community. Additionally, the organization aims to facilitate the access to key information for development in LDCs to the international sphere. It does so with the publication of reports, written statements published by the UN, oral statements and Interactive Dialogue participation given during the Human Rights Council editions, its website [www.ioldcs.org](http://www.ioldcs.org) and through an interactive platform to inform key actors working on behalf of the LDCs' sustainable development.

**2. Training Programs:** IOLDCS organizes trainings for NGOs, human rights defenders, journalists and legal professionals. Normally, during the Human Rights Council editions, it organizes side events on specific topics open to all the Council's participants and interested people.

It also undertakes workshops aimed to inform, train, give tools and facilitate networking on some of the key priorities of the organization.

**Significant changes in the organization OIPMA has designated:**

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1. Mr. Brandon Mikuriya as the main Representative to the UNHQ, New York, and others to UNOG.
2. Mr. Gariel Mugaruka, as responsible for the regional office in Uganda and as regional representative in the East and Horn of Africa.
3. Professor Adel Al-Abbadi, Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, Aden University, as representative in Yemen.
4. OIPMA, has accepted affiliations with Human Rights defenders Solidarity Network, Uganda, and "Centre d'Etude pour le Développement et la prévention de l'extrémisme (CEDPE), N'Djamena, Chad.
5. OIPMA has initiated a new Research Division on Climate Change related impacts and migration, led by Giulia Borsa.

### **Side Events and Activities:**

**OIPMA has engaged in many events with other Civil Society organizations, including its contribution to the work of the United Nations by its representatives who participated in the following events:**

1. Mass Atrocity Crimes in Myanmar, 17 September 2018, Palais des Nations.
2. Human Rights in Yemen, , 17 September 2018, Palais des Nations.
3. Human Rights in Myanmar, 19 September 2018, Palais des Nations.
4. Protecting UN Global Counter-Terrorism strategy, 20 September 2018, Palais des Nations.
5. Empowering Youth through Education, 24 September 2018, Palais des Nations.
6. International Girls Day, Transforming leadership for Empowering, 11 October 2018, Palais des Nations.
7. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General, UNOG, 28 October 2018.
8. Humanitarian Implications of Climate Change, 11 October 2018, Palais des Nations.
9. Climate Science and Humanitarian Dialogue, 12 October 2018, Palais des Nations.

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10. Climate Change in Coastal Cities, 22 November, Palais des Nations.
11. TEDxPlaceDesNationsWomen Conference, 6 December 2018, Palais des Nations.

### **Participation in meetings of the United Nations:**

OIPMA supports the reports presented by the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner of Human Rights during the sessions of Human Rights Council on regular basis through its representative's oral and written statements and interactive dialogues before the Council.

#### **a) Oral Statements 2018**

1. Follow-up the implementation of the VDP, 37th session, Human Rights Council, 20 March 2018.
2. SDGs Implementation through a comprehensive, multi-level, multi-sectorial and multi-stakeholder resolution. 38th Regular Session Human Rights Council, 19 Jun 2018.
3. Climate Change Migrants, 39th Session Human Rights Council, 14 September 2018.
4. Crimes Against Humanity, War Crimes and Genocide in Myanmar against Muslim minorities, Rohingyas, 39th session Human Rights Council, 18 September 2018.
5. Vienna Declaration and Program of Action, 39th session Human Rights Council, 25 September 2018.
6. Non-Discrimination against African Descent, 39th session Human Rights Council, 25 September 2018.

#### **b) Written statements 2018**

1. Approach to conflict prevention and Human Rights based peace-building, A/HRC/37/NGO/100 dated, 12 February 2018.
2. The 2030 Agenda for sustainable development goals-Poverty and Children in Armed Conflicts in LDCs, A/HRC/37/NGO/102 dated: 12 February 2018.

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## **Other activities of 2018**

OIPMA representatives held meetings with several NGOs LDCs based during HRC sessions. For instance, the President of OIPMA also held meetings with representatives of NGOs in Chad on 22 April 2018.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals Since its participation in LDC-1V, OIPMA is guided by MDGs and subsequently by SDGs.

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