

DPI/NGO 2012 Annual Review

INFORMATION

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Submitted on December 23, 2012

THANK YOU

Thank you! This questionnaire was successfully submitted by you on 23 Dec 2012. No further action is required at this point.

1. Address of the Organization's Headquarters?	
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17. Name of the Second Youth (18 - 24) Representative	
18. Contact number for the Second Youth Representative	
19. E-mail address of the Second Youth Representative	
20. How often do the United Nations Representatives of your organization visit the Resource Centre?	In average, every 2 or 3 weeks.
21. How often do the United Nations Representatives of your organization attend the Thursday DPI/NGO Briefings?	Every 2 or 3 weeks.
22. How often do(es) your NGO Youth Representative(s) attend DPI-organized activities? Please specify which DPI activities were most useful to them. [Write N/A if you do not have Youth Representatives]	

Cem Zorlular: Attended from Jan. to the end of April 2012 every other or every three weeks, and contributed to the organization the following reports during the spring 2012 season:
 Highlights from [The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Honouring the Heroes, Resisters and Survivors](#), written by Cem Zorlular, Youth Representative, published and promoted by Bircan Unver, Permanent Representative of the organization:
 "We have more African-American men and women caught up in the prison system than were there slaves..."
http://www.lightmillennium.org/undpi/transatlantic_slave_trade_2012.html

Cem Zorlular co-hosted with Bircan Unver the following two one-hour studio programs, which were produced based on [technical aid grant](#) by QPTV to The Light Millennium.
 Peace: Reality or Utopian Dream - TV Production
<http://www.qptv.org/releases/qptv-presents-light-millennium-%E2%80%9Cpeace-reality-or-utopian-dream%E2%80%9D>

Green-Clean Economy - TV Production
http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/qptv_grant_call_for_march_14_12.html

Cem also worked with Bircan for the street interviews for the above two studio programs.

Nations in Transition Briefing - Highlights, Report
http://www.lightmillennium.org/undpi/nations_in_transition.html

Attendance to Youth Representative Meetings (Monthly, since August 2012)

Chairing of December 6, 2012 Youth Representatives Meeting.

2nd Youth Representative, Andrea S. Viejo attended two NGO Briefings in February and March in 2012, and both Youth Reps attended the [The Transatlantic Slave Trade: Honouring the Heroes, Resisters and Survivors](#), and reception for Mr. Kiyo Akasaka. Andrea, took photos both from the Briefing and Reception. She also set-up and reached out two Surveys for the LMTV's March 14, 2012 Studio recordings: "Peace Reality or Utopian Dream?" and "Green-Clean Economy for All".

<p>23. How often do the United Nations Representatives of your organization attend the Orientation Programme for new NGO representatives to the UN? Did the new representatives find the Orientation Programme beneficial?</p>	<p>Our Youth Reps weren't able to attend because they had to go back to their country after the Spring break. Cem Zorlular's Report: I have attended the youth representative training in April 2012 at UN Headquarters. Overall, it was a beneficial experience for me as it showed me the ways through which I can enhance myself as a youth representative, help my organization and NGO community. This event also was a good opportunity for us to meet and network. Unfortunately, however, due to physical restraints there were only a limited number of participants. I would be very glad if the orientation is organized to attract a higher number of youth representatives so that we could better network.</p>
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<p>24. If your NGO was recently (2012) associated with DPI, were you able to participate at the Orientation Programme? Did your NGO find the Programme beneficial?</p>	<p>N/A.</p>
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<p>25. How often do the United Nations Representatives of your organization attend the DPI/NGO Communications Workshops?</p>	<p>- Once or twice a year. Cem Zorlular, Youth Rep.s response:</p>
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26. How does your organization disseminate information provided by DPI/NGO Relations?
 Through the organization's website <http://www.lightmillennium.org>, which is visited in 170 countries. We also provide the similar information through its Turkish counterpart <http://www.isikbinyili.org>. Both websites are multi-participatory. as Additionally, there is a collaborative website through Yerelce.Com, which e-published based in Belgium (in Turkish),

As a multi-media and culture organization, The Light Millennium has multiple platforms such as its website, Turkish counterpart [isikbinyili.org](http://www.isikbinyili.org), The Light Millennium TV (LMTV) Weekly Series on Queens Public TV (QPTV.Org) and Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN.Org), as well as Vimeo, Facebook, and Twitter.

LMTV has moved up to a weekly series (as twice a week) from the first week of January to the last week of December 2012 on channel#56 Time Warner, ch#84 RCN Queens and ch#36 Verizon Fios on Mondays 11:30a.m. and Fridays 10:00pm.
 LMTV Weekly Series is part of the basic package of [cable subscription](#), which has 440 thousand household subscribers in Queens.
 Also, LMTV has expanded its weekly series to MNN.Org, starting the first week of July and on; as also it is secured for the 2013. LMTV's MNN Schedule is on Fridays, Channel#2 LifeStyle at 10:30a.m.
 MNN indicates that its programs potentially reach out to 640 thousand households.

Further, LMTV Weekly Series is also secured its time-slots on QPTV.Org as twice a week on Wednesdays on channel#56 Time Warner, ch#84 RCN Queens and ch#36 Verizon Fios at 2:30p.m., and also Friday's on channel#79, RCN 83 and Fios 35 at 10:30p.m.

With that said, we present ideas from the DPI and UN programs through LMTV programs, and disseminate those through multiple platforms, including weekly scheduling on QPTV.Org, MNN.Org, organization's e-lists, yahoogroups, three Facebook pages, and through Twitter.

<p>27. How often does your organization use the information available on the DPI/NGO Relations website? Please describe</p>	<p>Since the organization actively attends the NGO Briefings, we aim to come up with an original report or news or blurb for social media. To publish an original content is also part of the organization's mission. However, this has become much more difficult since the DPI/NGOs latest Policy states, not to take picture from the Briefings neither even for an audio recording, an advance permission required. Summaries about the Briefings on the website appear as pin points, which don't give much opportunity to quote from or expand or elaborate further. Regardless, we read the summaries and share the DPI's announcement with the core members of the organization.</p>
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Further, the organization's website has a permanent link to the DPI-NGO website, and we strongly encourage non-associated NGOs to check it out, in particular, the "Association Information."

Furthermore, the organization's association with the DPI-NGO is also part of its ID that is included its all announcements and communications.

<p>28. How often does your organization visit our website?</p>	<p>3-4 times a month or more, mostly to check out the Briefing Calendar and summaries of the Briefings.</p>
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<p>29. Are you aware of the Social Media presence of NGO Relations? How often does your organization visit our Facebook, Twitter or Tumblr accounts? Are you subscribed to any of them?</p>	<p>Yes. Depending on the week, 2-3 times a week.</p>
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We are on Vimeo and Facebook, and use both of them actively. Also from time to time, we use Twitter and LinkedIn.
 Vimeo: The Light Millennium TV - LMTV - <https://vimeo.com/user1730765/videos>
 Facebook pages:
<http://www.facebook.com/bircan.unver>
<http://www.facebook.com/bircan.unver.35>
 The Light Millennium's [LIKE](#) page:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Light-Millennium/162433870444971?ref=hl>
 LinkedIn: http://www.linkedin.com/home?trk=hb_tab_home_top
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30. Has your organization been in contact with a UN Information Centre (UNIC) where your headquarters is located over the last year? If yes, please describe.

No.

31. During the last year, has your organization engaged in any joint information projects with UN agencies or programmes? If yes, please describe.

YES.

The organization was inspired by several DPI Briefings that were reflected in its website and LMTV programs fully. DPI-NGO Briefings have also shaped the concept and contents of some of the organization's programs. For instance, after the Nations in Transition: The role of Civil Society in Strengthening Institutions and Building Democracy (as a follow-up to the 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference Final Declaration) Briefing; following the Briefing, we approached to Honorable Necmeddine Lakhali, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Tunisia to the UN. Hon. Lakhali, who was one of the panelists of the PEACE: REALITY OR UTOPIAN DREAM? For the bios of the studio Town Hall Meeting: http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/peace_reality_bios.html.

Greening the Supply Chain (In observance of the World Day of Social Justice 20 February)
This Briefing inspired the following television program: GREEN-CLEAN ECONOMY AND POWER FOR ALL
Bios of the Participants: <http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/green-clean-economy-bios.html>
<http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/green-clean-survey.html>

Both studio Town-Hall and Panel structured programs hosted participants from the UN, member state(s), academia and NGOs as well as opinions reflected from the walks of life through street interviews and student opinions through related Surveys.

LMTV has received over \$5000 technical aid grant as in kinds by QPTV, and the grant is used for the aforementioned two one-hour Studio Town-Hall and Panel programs.

Initial CALL for participation could be found in the following link:
http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/qptv_grant_call_for_march_14_12.html

32. Describe the major UN related events organized by your NGO over the last year. Include three samples, including reports, press releases, flyers, websites, videos, etc.

We have collaborated with the Stevens Institute of Technology and Turkish Consulate General for an art exhibition within the concept of environmentalism and Man and Nature as a prelude to the George Perkins Marsh: An American For Four Season Conference. The exhibition was open at the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken April 18 and closed on May 2012. The Conference was realized on May 4 and 5, and the keynote speaker David Lowenthal along with speakers of the Conference visited the exhibition as part of the Conference's program on Saturday, May 5, 2012. Photo Album of the Exhibition: <http://isikbinyili.org/index.php/2012-02-06-15-18-48> (from the Opening)
<http://isikbinyili.org/index.php/2012-02-06-15-18-48> (from the May 5th visits).
Media Release: http://www.lightmillennium.org/events/mehmet_arpacik_mr.html

Along with reference to #31 and 7 half-hour LMTV programs that directly supported MDG#3 and 4 and Cultural Diversity; The Light Millennium TV Series, produced and presented the following programs both on QPTV and MNN channels as well as through the organization's website and Vimeo:

Ambassador Profiles: Millennium Developments of Turkey Featuring: Ambassador Ertugrul Apakan (shot in September 2011, completed and cable-casted in February and March 2012; Details could be found in the following week although some technical difficulties, the organization's website and this page is behind the actual schedules and cable-castings since April 2012. For LMTV's most recent as well as some earlier programs could be found under Vimeo.Com in the following link:
<http://vimeo.com/user1730765/videos>

LMTV on Lightmillennium.Org: <http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/2012.html>
(Requires updates from April 2012 up to date.)

ART of ARAB LANDS, IRAN, TURKEY, EAST ASIA AND LATE SOUTH ASIA
http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/met_new_islamic_galleries.fv

The New Islamic Galleries at the Metropolitan Museum of Arts (instant download63.6MB.)

On Mon. March 27, 2012, Time Warner, Channel#56; RCN Queens #84, and Fios Verizon #36 at 11:30a.m., and

On Friday, March 30, 2012, Time Warner, Channel#56; RCN Queens #84, and Fios Verizon #36 at 10:00p.m. through QPTV.

3. A few episodes of the LMTV's UNNGO Profiles such as "Non-Violent Life Style: Anuvrat Global Organization", "Foundation for the Support to the United Nations", "Peace Action", "United Nations Associations for Haiti" also, "The Fourth UN Conference on the LDSC" from the 2011 were cable-casted both on QPTV and MNN, and made available through Vimeo.Com as well in 2012.

4. IMPERIALISM WORKS THROUGH THE MINORITIES (2 parts) - Featuring Turkaya Ataov, Professor Emeritus of International Relations, Ankara University

Some of LMTV programs were also made freely downloadable through the organization's website starting on 2011, and more programs were downloadable in 2012: <http://www.lightmillennium.org/lmtv/downloadable.html>

The latest LMTV's UNNGO Profiles: Where is the Human Interest, The Light Millennium - As two parts (vimeo.com/51444651 - vimeo.com/53534825);

These programs focused on the UN DPI, Freedom of Expression, Global Home and School for the Children of the World, Statelessness and LM's visions as well as activities at the UN.

33. Attach File [LMTV-QPTV-2mreleases3.pdf](#)

34. Attach File [lm-mehmet_arpacik_invite3.pdf](#)

35. Attach File [G-P-Conference-Program-LM-as-sponsor3.pdf](#)

1) In order to improve the NGO Community partnership with the DPI, each term DPI-Executive Committee must be more inclusive, transparent, open, encouraging for involvement to all interested parties including open meetings, decision making, organizing/presenting events. DPI-NGO Executive Committee should not represent and act on behalf of every DPI-associated NGOS without prior approval by the majority, in particular, for each "binding decision" on behalf of the majority.

2) DPI /NGO Section may issue Open Call for Proposal to all NGOS, and their abstracts could be posted to the DPINGO Executive Committee or DPI-NGO Relations website or both. Based on the selected proposals, annually 2 Briefings or special events could be organized in partnership with the respective NGO(s), who is not necessarily part of the DPI-NGO Executive Committee. This will be encouraging involvement of the NGOs both with the DPI-NGO Relations and with the works of the DPI-NGO Executive committee.

3) DPI NGOS recognition and visibility should be supported in various forms by the DPI within the UN System, including CSO.Net website, crediting us as the DPI Associated NGOS, not other associated NGOS.

4) Most of the DPI-NGO Executive Committee Board Meeting decisions are binding all the DPI-Associated NGOS, yet most of the decisions and changes have solely been decided within the Executive Committee, so that NGOS have to oblige to those decisions whether they knew about it, supported it or not! Thus, DPI-NGO Executive Committee shouldn't take over and act on behalf of all NGOS as one single representative power in the eyes of the DPI.

5) Recent two networking events (10/25/12 and 12/6/12) gave great opportunity to the DPI NGO Community in NY and around. That could also be a DPI and DPI-NGO Executive Committee joint annual or bi-annual networking event(s) that DPI reps will be present along with the NGOS as well as other UN entities and member states will be invited.

6) The UN-GA Sessions over the years, and in particular, this year, led me to draft first envisioned UN NGO-GA proposal, dated October 25, 2012. Further, based on the received positive initial reactions, as well as the President of the GA's scheduled meeting with the NGOS (Nov. 26, 2012), I was inspired by the Opening Remarks of the 67th President of the GA and it gave me courage to develop it further. As an envisioned draft proposal, a dedicated domain name is registered: <http://www.unngoga.org> - Special Thanks To: Charles Hitchcock, Chair of the UN DPI-NGO Executive Committee (<http://www.unngoga.org/special-thanks>)

7) By Cem Zorlular, Youth Representative: "I am really pleased about the Youth Representatives Initiative and how it is going. However, I feel that the structure is too formal to make it conducive to procreation of even more ideas."

Thank to the DPI/NGO Relations very much for all the remarkable Briefings and given opportunities in the UN at large.

37. Did a representative from your organization attend the 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference that took place in Bonn, Germany, from 3 to 5 September 2011? If so, in what capacity?

No.