

IPCA

NGO in consultative status with UN/ECOSOC

since 2014

1. The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is one of the 6 principal organs of the United Nations System established by the UN Charter in 1945. It consists of 54 Members of the United Nations elected by the General Assembly (<http://www.csonet.org/>)
2. Currently, 4,189 NGOs enjoy active consultative status with ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council). Consultative status provides NGOs with access to not only ECOSOC, but also to its many subsidiary bodies, to the various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, ad-hoc processes on small arms, as well as special events organized by the President of the General Assembly. See News and Events for samples.
3. Article 71 of the UN Charter opened the door by providing suitable arrangements for consultations with non-governmental organizations. The consultative relationship with ECOSOC is governed by ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, which outlines the eligibility requirements for consultative status, rights and obligations of NGOs in consultative status, procedures for withdrawal or suspension of consultative status, the role and functions of the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs, and the responsibilities of the United Nations Secretariat in supporting the consultative relationship.
4. IPCA received the consultative status in 2014 after a long process of approving
5. Under ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, NGOs in general and special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council must submit to the Committee on NGOs, a brief report of their activities every 4 years, known as the quadrennial report, which includes information about contributions of the NGO to the work of the United Nations. Thus, the quadrennial review presents an opportunity for NGOs to inform Member States about their activities in support of the United Nations, and at the same time, receive feedback from Member States on their program of work as well as an official acknowledgement of their contribution as partners in development.
6. IPCA has to submit its report on 1 of June 2018
7. ECOSOC coordinates economic and social related work of the fourteen United Nations specialized agencies, functional commissions and five regional commissions.
8. Till now IPCA UN team lies its focus on “The commission on crime prevention and criminal justice” .(<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ>) The Commission, which arose from a ministerial meeting held in Versailles in 1991, is a subsidiary body of the Economic and Social Council. It was preceded by a more technically focussed Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, formed in 1971 to replace an earlier expert advisory committee and tackle a broadened scope of UN interest in criminal justice policy.
9. The 25th session of the *Commission on crime prevention and criminal justice* (CCPCJ) took place May 2015 in the UN Building M of the *Vienna International Center* (VIC). This session is the yearly main event of the commission which is important for IPCA as NGO in consultative status. It happens always in the VIC.

Rev. Martin Faber as main representative of IPCA in Vienna attended the meetings and side events this year

10. Every five years the *United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice* takes place somewhere in the world. The 13th Congress was 2015 in Doha/ Katar where the *Nelson Mandela Rules* (NMR) were first appointed. The 14th Congress will take place 2020 in Japan.
11. Seven persons are accredited at the three main places of the UN as representatives of IPCA as NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC
 - IPCA Worldwide President Rev. Rod Moore (Australia)
 - IPCA Africa Representative Rev. Jean-Didier Mboyo (Congo)
 - Main representative for UN New York Rev. Hans Hallundbaek (USA)
 - Main representative for UN Geneva Rev. Frank Stuefen (Switzerland)
 - Main representative for UN Vienna Rev. Martin Faber (Germany)
 - Additional representative Rev. Matthias Geist (Austria)
 - Additional representative Jean-Claude Mukanda (Congo)
12. IPCA is member of the CPCJ Alliance of NGOs.(<http://www.cpcjalliance.org/>) It is one of the most important opportunities to get in contact with other NGOs connected to the commission on crime prevention and criminal justice. The Alliance organizes so called webinars IPCA Representatives take part.
13. The catholic sister organization of IPCA – ICCPPC (<http://iccppc.org/>) – is also NGO in consultative status. It was involved to develop the Nelson Mandela Rules
14. The perspectives of the work as NGO are:
 - more presence on yearly session in Vienna through organized side events
 - contact to other NGOs active in the prison world (especially ICCPPC)
 - promote the implementation of the Nelson Mandela Rules in member states
 - highlight human rights themes from the experience/view of IPCA
15. Next meetings of the UN team:
 - 3.-5. Nov.2016 in Wiesbaden/Germany
 - 22.-26.May 2017 in Vienna (26.session of CCPCJ)
 - June 2017 in New York

Martin Faber in October 2016