

S.E.R. Foundation Written Statement for the AMR Innovation Fair, July 4th -7th 2011, Geneva

According to the Substantive agenda of the ECOSOC High Level Segment **innovation** is a priority of ECOSOC to strengthen the MDGs. Innovation requires efficient education tools especially in states in special situations – fragile states in conflict or post-conflict areas. Primary education needs to be developed within a holistic approach to education; many factors outside of school affect the likelihood of a child enrolling.

The implementation of the S.E.R. Foundation's goals is focused on supporting well-being, personal growth, and development, especially of children, in all aspects of existence. Therefore S.E.R. Foundation put five **Best Practise of Education and Reconciliation** projects together from Burundi, Germany and Switzerland. They show different aspects of Reconciliation for specific groups of children (and adults) and have many years experience and won several awards.

The specific topic of S.E.R. Foundations presentation: „Universal Education through Reconciliation“

In **The Rainbowhouse**, Germany, a sound and stable social living together among all generations is possible. Lost values and traditions are revived and lived.

S.E.R. Kinderhilfe, Germany, advances children and youngster from 6-14 years in their sparetime since 1997. It is open for all social levels, religions and cultures. Children have the opportunity to be together creative and develop social skills with others. The project works thanks to volunteers and with donations and is welcomed by children, parents and politicians.

The Ideas Office, Switzerland, was set up in 2002 in a bilingual school in order to contribute towards a dialogue between the cultures and to reduce tensions. Troubled children can deposit their worries in a letter-box. Voluntary counsellors invite them to come and discuss their problems. The children look for a way out of their distress together. A check ensures that the measures have been carried out and that the solution is lasting. Through this reconciliation and solution-oriented approach childrens social competence is strengthened and prepares them for a responsible life in a free society of peace and tolerance.

Youth for Peace and Reconciliation: The **NGO JAMAA**, Burundi, promotes a conscious youth and their tools are: dialogue, exchanges and information for a better comprehension of the other. The cartoon “the Best Choice” was selected by UNESCO, France, as a good tool which can be used to educate about reconciliation. The general objective is to mobilize the young people in particular, and the population in general on their noble role to consolidate peace and the reconciliation in their areas.

RadioChico, Switzerland, RadioChico links young people and adults around the world, sparks curiosity and self-responsibility, and makes people aware of what is good and beautiful in the world. In this manner, RadioChico helps spread a respectful way of dealing with humans and nature and offers a contribution to a stable and sustainable international world.

In interviews by RadioChico children and youth will be asked about their questions, feelings, wishes and vision they have for their future in a sustainable society with high ethical values and on a basis of education and reconciliation.

RadioChico will broadcast the best Education Reconciliation Practises: available at

<http://radiochico.jimdo.com>

<http://www.ser-kinderhilfe.de/>

<http://asbljamaa.unblog.fr>

<http://www.dasregenbogenhaus-fulda.de/>

<http://www.ideenbuero.ch/>