

**TIYE INTERNATIONAL QUADRENNIAL REPORT 2006-2009
FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL
ORGANIZATIONS IN GENERAL AND SPECIAL
CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE UN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL**

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Field 1. Introduction

Tiye International, the Umbrella NGO of 21 National Associations of Black, Migrant and Refugee Women (BMR) in the Netherlands, was established officially in 1994 and registered as a non-profit association by the Chamber of Commerce under number S 186.653. Tiye enjoys Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations since 1998.

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Field 2. Aims and purposes of TIYE International and its main course of action.

- Promote real equal opportunities for effective participation of Black and Migrant women in all spheres of life, in particular on economic, social, legal and political decision-making level;
- Promote worldwide solidarity between men and women;
- Improve and enhance an effective role for BMR-women in social and economic participation, in order to enable men and women to work on equality, development and peace;
- Combat racism and all other forms of discrimination in order to provide access to employment, fitting terms of employment and control over economic resources;
- Combat social economic exclusion of BMR-women;
- Promote collective action on national, European and international level without denying the diversity among women based on their economic and political environments, race, age and religion;
- Promote interaction between women from the South who live in the North and women that live in the South.

Field 3. Any change that may have had significant impact.

Due to the social and economic climate in the Netherlands, with growing Islam phobia, racism, xenophobia and the financial crises, it has been very difficult for Tiye to receive funding. Reasons why Tiye could not participate as it would have liked in the different UN meetings and conferences. Since her existence Tiye works mostly with dedicated unpaid professionals.

Field 4. TIYE International's contribution to the work of the United Nations.

Activities to advance the achievement of the UN agenda were:

- Tiye had worked in cooperation with different organisations in Europe on the empowerment of Black and Migrant women in Europe. Different trainings and workshops were given.
- Action was taken with Social Cultural Sensitivity training to combat discrimination at the workplace.
- Diverse projects and methodologies were developed to combat violence against women.
- Awareness for sustainable development projects were done like for example "Poison in and surround the house" and "Sustainable out of the door".

- A transnational project in Europe was done called "EU-Allinc" this was about linking all methodologies that were developed for black and migrant women's advancement in Europe.

Field 5. TIYE International's participation in the fora of the United Nations.

In December 2006 a paper was sent to the High-level roundtable on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination and Violence Against the Girl Child at the Fifty-first Session of the Commission on the Status of Women from 26 February – 9 March 2007.

2006. A Press release on **10 December 2006** was sent on behalf of the International Day of Human Rights.

On 12 December 2006 Tiye International made a written statement for the 51st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women from 26 February- 9 March 2007 on the thematic issue entitled "The elimination of all forms of discrimination and violation against the girl child".

Region Reports and Position Papers European Region. European Union States: Input by the President of Tiye International. Presented at the Pan African Round Table in Addis Ababa in **April 2007**.

A representative of Tiye International participated and contributed by the event of the European Parliament that was jointly organised by the European Commission and hosted by the European Parliament in Brussels from **11-12 October 2007**. The conference was called "The European Parliament of Equal Opportunities for All". This was a key initiative in the framework of the 2007 European year of Equal Opportunities for All.

Written reaction of Tiye on **6 November 2007** to the Vaste Kamer Commission OCW. Tweede Kamer der Staten Generaal (The Dutch Government) on the policy paper "Meer kansen voor Vrouwen Emancipatiebeleid 2008 -2011" (More opportunities for Women's Emancipation Policy Paper 2008 -20011).

Written recommendations to the 52nd session of the Commission on the Status of Women on financing for gender equality and the empowerment of women in **February 2008**

Input to the commentary on the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Periodic Reports of the Netherlands on the International Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination, submitted on behalf of Dutch NGOs including Tiye International **29 September 2009**.

A board member of Tiye attended the Closing Conference of the "The European Year of Equal Opportunities for All" which was held in Lisbon, Portugal, **19-20 November 2007** which was hosted by the Presidency of the European Union.

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2007 Press Release on behalf of the International Refugee Day 20 June 2007 about the shocking news of over 8800 deaths of refugees at the borders of "Fortress Europe".

Field 6. TIYE International's cooperation with UN Bodies

A case study was published by the Secretary General of Tiye International in "Equal Voices", from the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights issue 22 in **December 2007** and was called: "Employment obstacles for black and immigrant women - A case study from the Netherlands".

From **11 - 13 September 2008** a board member participated and contributed by the III World, Social Forum on Migration which took place in Rivas-Vaciamadrid, Madrid, Spain.

During the General Assemble Durban Review Conference **20 April-24 April 2009** at the United Nations in Geneva, a Joint Statement of Tiye International and other Dutch NGOs from African and African Descendents was presented at this meeting by a board member of Tiye International.

The Secretary General attended the "CONFERENCE 2009 INTERACTING IN DIVERSITY FOR SOCIAL COHESION", frameworks and references to adapt the organisation and competences of social services to the demands of a pluralist society from **7-8 December 2009**, in the Agora Building *rue Boecklin, Council of Europe, Strasbourg* (France). Organised by the Social Cohesion Development and Research Division of the Council of Europe in partnership with: the European Commission and the Government of Quebec (Canada)

A Special Tiye Newsletter was produced and disseminated about the UN World Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark about the Climate Top from 7-18 December 2009.

Field 7. TIYE International's initiatives taken in support of the MDGs.

The organisation contributed to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in Equator, Suriname, Somalia,, Ethiopia and South Africa. Major actions undertaken were taken the following: **Goal 1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.** Trainings were given as "Poverty reduction, Capacity building from a gender perspective". During this training, people learned how to make a business plan, how to deal with financial management, project management and deal with different forms of funding. How to write a proper project. so they could start their own business.

Another project to eradicate poverty was about agriculture on a small scale. To teach people how to grow their own vegetables, by their homes and how they can deal with the soil and use biological fertilisers that is surround their homes from plants. This way they produce healthy food, which is better for their health, and sometimes they could sell what is too much for themselves.

Field 8. Additional information

Tiye focused a lot on social awareness programs with black and migrant youths and in expanding their knowledge in decision making, working with governmental and local organisations in the Netherlands and Europe.