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FOR HUMANITY**  
5 CORE RESPONSIBILITIES  
24 TRANSFORMATIONS



# **Self Report for 2017 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - AISA ONG Internationale**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

AISA ONG Internationale

**Organisational Type**

Faith-based Organisation

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## 1C Remain engaged and invest in stability

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
AISA International commits to create the Academy of Peace. Its role will be to initiate and teach pedagogy and a method for developing a culture of peace in all segments of society.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

#### 1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

AISA NGO has initiated three major activities: an international conference in Holland organized by the House of Peace “Why is peace not yet realized by Humanity” on March 29th, 2017; within the autumn university, initiated working groups and workshops related to education and culture of peace as well as how to prevent violence and conflicts; and finally at the AISA NGO End of Year Congress, a seminar gathered youth from different countries to reflect on the theme “Living together, reconciliation of the human family” on the following topics: 1. Terrorism, prevention of radicalization, security and living together; 2. Sustainable development, well-being and living together; 3. Education, cultural diversity, social inclusion and living together; and 4. Globalization, economic and cultural inclusion, new technologies and living together.

Finally AISA NGO presented programs and projects to be implemented in 2018 related to education and culture of peace. AISA NGO will partner with MSF (Muslim Scouts of France) to work on joint initiatives on radicalization prevention.

Since 2016, AISA NGO has organized many workshops and initiatives worldwide to raise awareness on the need to develop and teach a culture of peace. As a result, many NGOs and regional associations are interested to join in this initiative. The pedagogy of AISA NGO is based on the spiritual teachings of the Sufi Alâwî order and aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). At this stage, AISA regional associations are building connections and partnerships with other NGOs and associations to discuss and partner with them, and propose global methods that will address the issues to prevent conflicts and build peaceful inclusive societies.

#### 2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.
- Other: AISA regional associations are building connections and partnerships with other NGOs and associations to discuss and partner with them.

#### B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?

Six pilot schools have recently been created in Algeria in partnership with the Mediterranean foundation of sustainable development, after consultations with the institutions. There are ongoing discussions with MSF in France on similar projects and in Holland, AISA regional association has submitted a project to open a school.

#### 3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Funding amounts
- Multi-stakeholder coordination
- Other: Lack of funding, and finding appropriate contacts and links to UN and UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) programs to address some of the gaps.



## **B. How are these challenges impacting achievement of this transformation?**

AISA NGO do not have in-house expertise in some of the areas and as a result there are some delays in progressing to achieve the transformation.

### **4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.**

AISA NGO plans to organize a workshop with other NGOs and other associations to discuss the different methods and pedagogy and come up with a project that will be presented to the UN/ UNESCO. The regional associations will be connecting with various institutions and other NGOs working in the field of education in the coming year.

### **5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?**

AISA NGO need political leadership, support from institutions with policies, funding and the provision of suitable infrastructure. AISA NGO also need the expertise of the UN and UNESCO.

### **6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.**

AISA NGO has partnered with the Mediterranean foundation of sustainable development in Algeria to initiate six pilot schools to teach children a culture of peace and submitted a project to relevant institutions in Holland to open a new school to teach culture of peace.

### **Keywords**

Education, Religious engagement, Youth



## 1D Develop solutions with and for people

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
AISA International commits to mobilize stakeholders to make the International Day of Peace (designated by the UN as 21 September) to be celebrated in cities and countries worldwide, making the day a shared vision of a common destiny and a joint movement recognized at the international level.	Partnership	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
AISA International contributes to the promotion of a culture of peace by facilitating a understanding of the following principles : gender equality, non-discrimination, the fight against poverty, and social and cultural progress. It firmly opposes fundamentalism and religious conflicts in order to build a world more just, more cooperative and more fraternal, in the service of mankind.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
AISA International has taken the initiative with the Mediterranean Foundation for Sustainable Development in Algeria and MED 21 program in France to create the EMIR ABD EL KADER award for the promotion of living together and peaceful coexistence around the world.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

#### 1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

The first action taken regarding this initiative was to organize a workshop on the 19th of May, 2017 at UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) headquarters in Paris, inviting members of United National Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), NGOs, civil society, UN Member States and leaders to present the initiative and to sign the Paris Declaration for The International Day of Living Together, in addition to launching the new Informal Network "Synergy 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)".

In July 2017, Sheikh Bentounes was invited by the Office of the Special Advisor of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide to the launch of the Plan of Action for Religious Leaders and Actors to Prevent Incitement to Violence that Could Lead to Atrocity Crimes, at the UN headquarters in New York. In September 2017, Sheikh Bentounes and his delegation met with UN representatives and Member States in New York. At this occasion, Algeria endorsed the project and started the procedure to present the initiative to the General Assembly. Finally on December 8, the UN General Assembly adopted by consensus of 193 countries the resolution and declared the International Day for Living Together in Peace (IDLTP) as the 16th of May of each year starting in 2018 (press-release and resolution attached). More information on [www.aisa-ong.org](http://www.aisa-ong.org).

As of May 2017, and following the End of Year Congress, AISA NGO's Strategy is to work on four themes: 1. Terrorism, prevention of radicalization, security and living together; 2. Sustainable development, welfare and living together; 3. Education, cultural diversity, social inclusion and living together; and 4. Globalization, economic and cultural inclusion, new technologies and living together.

#### 2. A. How are you measuring progress toward achieving your commitments? Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.

- Through existing, internal systems or frameworks for monitoring, reporting and/or evaluation.
- By applying processes/indicators developed to measure WHS commitments specifically.
- Other: As indicated in our initial report, our goal for the IDLTP has now been achieved in partnership with the UN.

#### B. How are you assessing whether progress on your commitments is leading toward change in the direction of the transformation?



As delivered by Sheikh Bentounes in his speech, IDTLP is a step towards the reconciliation of the human family. 193 nations have reached consensus and made this a reality, we have now to work all together and celebrate this day in every country and every city.

**3. A. Please select no more than 3 key challenges faced in implementing the commitments related to this transformation. Only the categories selected by the organisation will be seen below.**

- Buy-in
- Multi-stakeholder coordination
- Other: Finding a UN Member State to endorse the initiative, and gain consensus of 193 UN member countries.

**B. How are these challenges impacting achievement of this transformation?**

The initiative was launched end of 2014 by AISA NGO, so it took 3 years to achieve the goal through consultations, meetings, workshops and extensive traveling.

AISA NGO is planning further activities to achieve its strategy and work closely mainly with scouts associations in France, Spain, Germany, Belgium and Morocco.

**4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.**

1. AISA NGO is taking the initiative to mobilize civil society in many countries to celebrate the 16th of May 2018 through communications and by working closely with UNESCO.
2. Emir abd El-Kader Award for the promotion of living together and peaceful coexistence around the world. The Award has been scheduled for this year and it will be held in Algeria in September 2018. Three candidates have been approached and will be confirmed in Spring 2018.

**5. What steps or actions are needed to make collective progress to achieve this transformation?**

UN Member States and civil society should promote the IDLTP and organize activities on 16 May to bring together different segments of the society, share common values and work to reduce fragility.

Even though AISA NGO has made tremendous progress on achieving the IDLTP, and mobilized civil society, more work is needed on the 4 themes of the strategy in the next 3-5 years and will require partnerships with the UN and NGOs.

**6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.**

The IDLTP is a an example of innovation and cooperation with Member States, civil society and NGOs. It should be considered as a starting point to work collectively in building a charter for living together, and initiating projects that involve youth, and potentially creating an international observatory for living together.

**Keywords**

Religious engagement, Youth



## Additional Reports

Attachment
<a href="#">Comm_Presse_EN_08122017.pdf</a>
<a href="#">AISA OAG Internationale - UN resolution on International Day of Living Together in Peace.pdf</a>