

Atheist Alliance International

Quadrennial report

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Introduction:

Atheist Alliance International (AAI) mission is to: 1.) Support atheist/forethought organizations around the world by assisting them with local campaigns, outreach, and secular education projects. 2.) Help secular individuals who are being discriminated against because of choosing to be atheists.

Aims and purposes of the organization:

AAI's vision is a secular world where public policy, scientific inquiry, and education are not influenced by religious beliefs, but based upon sound reasoning, rationality, and evidence, and where individuals who lack religious beliefs enjoy free speech, freedom of association, and freedom to participate.

Significant changes in the organization:

After several bylaw revisions undertaken in 2018, the AAI Affiliates now select the AAI Board of Directors. The Board in turn supports them with their work to normalize atheism and ensure people are not discriminated against for choosing to be atheists. We have introduced Regional Directors who give every Affiliate organization a director who is responsible for supporting them. As a result of these changes, we now have the largest membership in our 30-year history.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations:

AAI continually campaigns for human rights especially for freedom of expression and the repeal of blasphemy laws. Most of our Affiliates work to change laws in their countries in order to enhance freedom of expression and other human rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations:

The President of AAI spoke at the 2019 Human Rights Council session in Geneva. A written declaration was submitted for the 2019 Human Rights Council session and a video presentation was submitted for the 2020 virtual session. We have also participated in meetings of the NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies:

We have sought advice from UNHCR for many hundreds we receive from non-believers wishing to seek asylum.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals / Sustainable Development Goals:

AAI strongly supports secular education and actively works with primary schools in Africa. We support two Atheist Internet cafes in Africa where access to the internet is made available to those who do not otherwise have such. We have actively campaigned for justice to be provided to atheists who have been imprisoned because of their secular beliefs.