

Edunet Foundation receives Special Consultative Status with UN ECOSOC

Oct 10, 2020 – New Delhi - Edunet Foundation, an Indian NGO, has been granted Special Consultative Status by the United Nations, Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). This was based on the recommendation of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations that evaluated 637 applications from NGOs around the world and selected 66, including Edunet Foundation, based on their merits.

Special Consultative Status allows Edunet Foundation representatives to visit and actively participate in meetings at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, Geneva, and Vienna. Edunet Foundation representatives now have a voice at the UN and may make written statements, oral presentations and hold consultations with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies. Edunet Foundation may also utilize UN facilities for conferences/smaller meetings and side events.

One of the founding members of Edunet Foundation, Nagesh Singh, said, “We believe that this opportunity allows us to have a greater voice in the development ecosystem. It will also help us realize our goal of more inclusive access to experiential, career-enabling education of all sections of the society, especially those that do not have access and are disenfranchised.”

About Edunet Foundation

Founded in the year 2015 as a non-profit organization, Edunet Foundation promotes STEM education, technical innovation, and entrepreneurship. With a national footprint and a direct presence in almost every state/UT capital, where high-quality classroom learning is delivered to faculty members and students along with online programs that reach every corner of India.

About ECOSOC

The Economic and Social Council is the central mechanism for coordination of the activities of the United Nations system and its specialized agencies and supervision of subsidiary bodies in the economic, social, environmental, and related fields. It lies at the heart of the UN system to achieve a balanced integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development. It is the principal body for the coordination, policy review, policy dialogue, and recommendations on issues of economic and social development and implementation of the international development goals agreed at the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the Sustainable development Goals.

ECOSOC consists of 54 Member States elected by the General Assembly for overlapping three-year terms. Seats on the Council are allotted based on geographical representation with 14 allocated to the African States, 11 to the Asian States, 6 to the Eastern European States, 10 to Latin American and the Caribbean States, and 13 to Western European and other States.

The work of the Council is conducted through several segments and meetings, including preparatory meetings, round tables, and panel discussions with members of civil society throughout the year. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 68/1, the program of work of the Council has been adjusted to a July-to-July cycle with an issued based approach (annual theme) to guide its subsidiary bodies in policy setting and coordination.

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