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### **Main programme areas**

The United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) was established in 1975. According to its mission statement, NGLS “promotes dynamic partnerships between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations. By providing information, advice, expertise and support services. NGLS is part of the UN’s efforts to strengthen dialogue and win public support for economic and social development.”

NGLS is a voluntarily funded, inter-agency programme of the UN system, whose role and work was endorsed by the Administrative Committee on Coordination in 1992 and by the General Assembly in 1993. In the pursuit of its mandate and objectives, NGLS executes a wide-ranging programme of information outreach activities, publications and meetings and helps promote the participation of NGOs in major UN events and processes. NGLS is currently supported by several agencies, programmes, funds and departments of the UN system, a number of donor governments and, on occasion, NGOs also support NGLS activities.

NGLS is concerned with the entire UN development agenda including human development, environment and development, the global economy, African recovery and development.

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### Activities

NGLS works with NGOs in both the North and the South, as well as North-South NGO networks that are seeking access to UN system events, processes and resources. NGLS also monitors and participates in the research, meetings and publications of a wide range of institutions on the changing roles of northern and southern development NGOs, and their relations to governments, multilateral organizations, and other bodies. Among other things, NGLS:

- Brings important development-related activities and issues of the UN system to the attention of NGOs and assists NGO networks active on issues and themes under discussion in the UN system
- Assists the UN system, its agencies and programmes in the development of their relations, activities and cooperation with NGOs in the area of development information, education and advocacy work
- Jointly organizes meetings or other special events with NGOs and/or UN system offices and puts NGOs in contact with other organizations sharing similar interests and with appropriate UN system offices
- Maintains databases on the NGO community and regularly publishes information on UN and/or NGO resources, publicizes important and interesting UN and NGO development activities in the *Go Between* newsletter, and publishes development education/information materials (see NGLS publications on page 239)
- As appropriate, posts official UN documents/accreditation procedures relating to UN world conferences and summits on electronic mail conferences to enhance information exchange between the UN and NGO communities
- On request, advises NGOs on the design and implementation of programmes of development education, research, information and public campaigns

NGLS does not fund projects, provide scholarships, make available official UN sales publications, or distribute publicity

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items. It is not a membership organization but works with the NGO community on an informal basis. It has no procedures for the official registration or recognition of NGOs with the UN system.