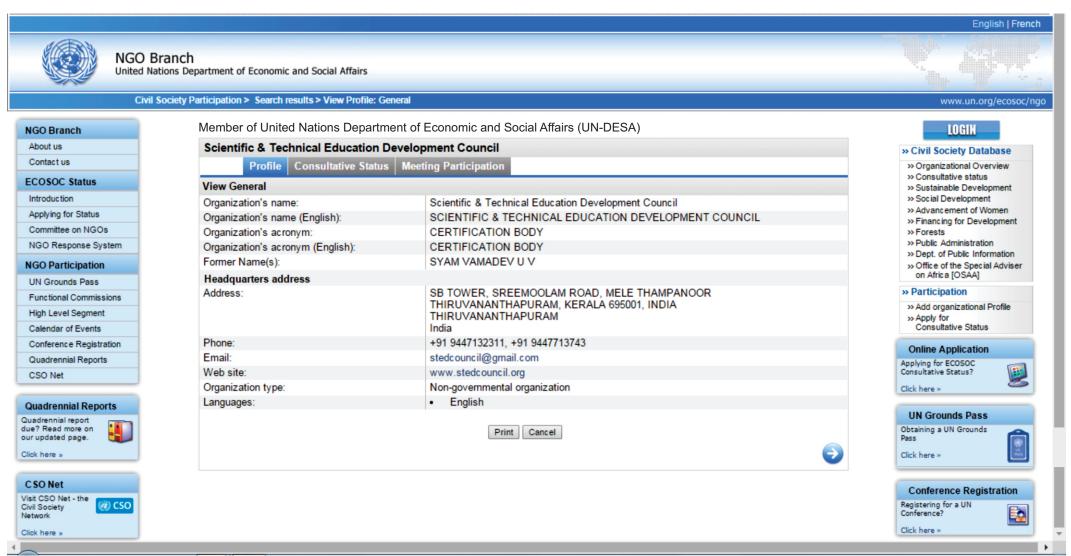


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The STED COUNCIL is a member of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA). The DESA NGO Branch is the focal point within the UN Secretariat for Non-Governmental Organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and for NGOs seeking status. The office supports NGOs by informing them in a timely fashion on events and opportunities to collaborate with the United Nations. They service the Committee on NGOs, which meets twice a year to discuss accreditation of NGOs to the UN Economic and Social Council. Through CSO Net, the office facilitate participation of NGOs to most of the inter governmental processes taking place at United Nations headquarters and beyond.



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The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations adopted the recommendation of UN's Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations to grant special consultative status. It's given to STED COUNCIL at its coordination and management meeting. STED COUNCIL submitted the application for the consultative status with ECOSOC. After qualified through the screening and the review by the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN Secretariat), STED COUNCIL was recommended special consultative status with ECOSOC by the ECOSOC Committee on NGOs. Finally the recommendation was adopted by Economic and Social Council at its substantive session. Consultative status for an organization enables it to actively engage with ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies, as well as with the United Nations Secretariat, programmes, funds and agencies in a number of ways. Special consultative status with ECOSOC

is an important symbol of a non-governmental organization being internationally recognized. Obtaining special consultative status with ECOSOC in particular, means that STED COUNCIL can communicate and interact with international non-governmental organizations on the bigger stage of the United Nations, so that the voice of civil society organizations in China spread farther.

The Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is the United Nations' forum for discussion, exchange and innovative thinking on sustainable development. Established in 1946, the ECOSOC is the principal UN body for coordination, policy review, policy dialogue and recommendations on economic, social and environmental issues, as well as for implementation of the internationally agreed development goals.

ECOSOC engages a wide variety of stakeholders – policymakers, parliamentarians, academics, major groups, foundations, business sector representatives and more than 3,900 registered non-governmental organizations – in a productive dialogue on sustainable development through a programmatic cycle of meetings. The work of the Council is guided by an issue-based approach, and there is an annual theme that accompanies each programmatic cycle, ensuring a sustained and focused discussion among multiple stakeholders.

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