

"Cooperation with NGOs"

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Those who decide on global issues such as peace, development, the environment and human rights at the United Nations, an intergovernmental organization, are governmental representatives of the Member States.

However, the consultation system with Non-governmental Organizations established soon after the UN was established has enabled NGOs to participate in UN deliberations. The purposes are to utilize their professional expertise and to reflect the public through them. NGOs as a vital actor have played a vital role in the promotion of human rights and the protection of the environment. Nowadays the Government-NGO relations is called "partnership" and, with globalization, those decisions at the UN are more closely and directly related to our daily lives. So NGO' participation are also expected to promote civic participation, transparency as well as accountability in policy-making. And the hottest issue is whether NGOs should be admitted into the deliberations of the General Assembly, the most universal and democratic organ of the UN.