

"A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"
- Chinese proverb

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National Dialogue on Social Security

Joining consensus and development

"This process clearly proves that dialogue and consensus are feasible."

This is how the President of the Republic, Tabaré Vázquez, summarized the nine-month long work of the National Dialogue on Social Security (NDSS), supported by the United Nations System. President Vázquez stated this on April 10th, when the report on this dialogue was delivered at the Presidency Building.

Vázquez emphasized the importance of the dialogue, which built consensus "beyond particular interests and diverse points of view," and added that this dialogue "opened ways of participation and deepened the democracy, not only as a political system but also as a way of life."

The Resident Coordinator (RC) of the United Nations in Uruguay, Mr. Pablo Mandeville, briefly mentioned the lessons learned from the dialogue, the participatory approach, and the results that were achieved.



President Tabaré Vázquez and Mr. Pablo Mandeville.

He also gave special credit to the Spanish cooperation and the UN System response to the Government's request of support. In this context, Mandeville highlighted the contributions made by the many experts from different Agencies, Commissions, Funds and Programmes of the UN System, such as: ECLAC, ILO, UNFPA, UNDP, UNIFEM, and the World Bank.

Mandeville added that this interagency experience was an excellent example on how to enhance, coordinate, and efficient results by the UN System cooperation in the framework of the "Delivering as One" reform process. ■

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Upcoming activities

6-7 May

Change Management retreat:

a new intensive workshop aimed to discuss the coordination of the "One UN" reform process in Uruguay, was conducted by *Dalberg Global Development Advisors*.

Preventing together

In celebration of the Vaccination Week in the Americas, authorities from the Uruguayan Ministry of Health, joined by members of the Ministry of Social Development and the Government of the Department of Montevideo, with the support of PAHO/WHO, UNDP and UNICEF, presented a new Immunization Record Card that incorporates vaccines against Hepatitis A and Pneumococcus.

At the formal announcement, the national health authorities also presented an initiative for controlling vaccines for small children and a new influenza vaccination campaign.

The Minister of Health, Dr. María Julia Muñoz, pointed out that these activities strengthen the government's Vaccination Plan and are aimed towards an intense campaign with national reach for which approximately US\$ 7 million have been assigned. The objective, stated Minister Muñoz, is to properly "contribute in the preservation of the health and life of the citizens" of this country that so much values healthcare. ■

One UN in Uruguay

Joint Programme: the starting point

In October 2007, the United Nations System, and the Government of Uruguay, signed the "One UN Programme", based on the strategic priorities identified within the 2007-2010 United Nations Assistance Framework (UNDAF).

The development process of the "One UN Programme" in Uruguay has been an example of inclusiveness, particularly regarding the non-resident Agencies (NRAs). Ownership of the entire process by the Government has been quite remarkable. Implementing the "One UN Programme" and operating within a framework of enhanced coherence will strengthen the impact that the cooperation provided by United Nations System in Uruguay generates by increasing its efficiency and efficacy. ■

“Action 2” evaluation programme visits Uruguay

Human Rights as a permanent reference for all activities

From 24th to 27th March, a work group from the “Action 2” programme visited Uruguay to conduct a series of consultations and workshops with key members of Government officials and the United Nations Country Team.

“Action 2” is a programme dedicated to strengthening the capacities of the United Nations technical teams in their work of assessing governments in the formulation of projects by utilizing a Human Rights based approach.

The delegation was composed by Ms. Luz Angela Melo, from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); Ms. Teresa Alberro, from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); and Ms. Nadine Perrault, from the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF).

At the end of the mission, the “Action 2” delegation stated that Uruguay is a favourable environment to generate activities focused on human rights in the general sense as well as in the specific aspects of project programming while generating improved protection mechanisms.

As a result, in 2008, an “Action 2” project will be developed in Uruguay. ■

The United Nations System in Uruguay

The United Nations System in Uruguay consists of:

10 Agencies, Funds, and Programmes: FAO, ILO / CINTERFOR, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNIDO, UNIFEM, UNOPS, PAHO/WHO;

1 Commission: ECLAC;
1 associated Organization: IOM; and

2 Bretton Woods Institutions: the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, with physical in-country presence.

It also incorporates **19 Non-Resident Agencies:** IAEA, ICAO, IFAD, IMO, ITC, ITU, OHCHR, UNAIDS, UNCTAD, UNDESA, UNEP, UN-HABITAT, UNHCR, UN-LIREC, UNODC, UNWTO, WIPO, WMO, WTO. ■

“The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) emerged as the navigation map for the United Nations System.”

Millennium Development Goals, a look from Latin America and the Caribbean, ECLAC

New projects on the move

On the road

The “One UN Programme” has awakened great expectations in the Government, civil society, and in new Donors.

Eight Agencies, Commissions, Funds and Programmes of the UN System in Uruguay, one associated Agency, and nine Non-Resident Agencies have signed the “One UN Programme.”

The Programme reflects the priorities and needs of the country and started the joint programming process, that will result in the development of interagency projects; the leading projects are in their latest phase of design and soon will be submitted for consideration by the Steering Committee.

To this end, Uruguay received a contribution from the Government of Norway of approximately US\$ 1.8 million and from the Spain MDG Achievement Fund of US\$ 2.6 million to the country’s One UN Coherence Fund. ■



Ms. Nadine Perrault (UNICEF) from the “Action 2” evaluation programme in a workshop at UN premises.

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