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New project signed between the Government of Curaçao and the UNDP: Capacity Development for Nation Building of Curaçao

Willemstad, Curaçao. November 28th November, 2011: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed a new project today entitled “Capacity Development for Nation Building of Curaçao”, which will strengthen its cooperation and relationship with the Government of Curaçao.

The project has been officially signed today in Willemstad by Honourable the Minister Abdul Nasser El Hakim, Minister of Economic Development and Government of Curaçao, Ms. Vanessa Tore, Director, Sector Foreign Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development, and Mr. Edo Stork, Deputy UNDP Resident Representative for Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Aruba, Curacao and Sint Maarten.

The project will assist the Government to realize the vision for the new Country Curaçao as articulated in the Governing Programme. The project will support the development of the country’s first National Development Plan; strengthen negotiating capacity among senior public servants; develop a national socio-economic database and assist in institutionalising its use; design intervention strategies to assist the country to meet Millennium Development Goals 1 and 7; and articulate a resource mobilisation strategy as well as an aid-co-ordination plan to support the implementation of the development plan.

The project will be implemented for a three (3) year period, starting on 1 December 2011.

The project budget is 914,850 US\$.

Major project outputs will include:

1. National Development Plan with sector based implementation plans developed through a participatory dialogue process.
2. National socio-economic database (DevInfo) installed with institutionalisation of the capacity within the core of the Public Service.
3. National capacities strengthened with key stakeholders to achieve MDGs through: i) a pilot programme for addressing MDG 1 “Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger” and MDG 7 “Ensuring Environmental Sustainability”

and ii) a new MDG Report for Curacao, iii) a MDGs acceleration framework (MAF).

4. Sector wide aid co-ordination strategy developed and rolled out to support the needs of the new country.

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