

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) are global targets that world leaders from 189 countries set at the Millennium Summit in September 2000. The goals include: Halving extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education and gender equity, drastically reducing under-five mortality and improving maternal health, reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS, halving the proportion of people without access to safe drinking water, ensuring environmental sustainability and developing an overall global partnership for development.

UNDP plays an important role in:

- Helping countries achieve the goals
- Monitoring progress on achievement of the goals
- Promoting and advocating the goals
- Developing a better understanding of what it actually will take to reach the goals

The participation of business in achieving and promoting the Millennium Development Goals is critical. UNDP encourages companies and business organizations to join United Nations in supporting the goals.

Global Compact

The democratic governance thematic trust fund agreement, builds on undertakings given by Statoil as a signatory of the Global Compact which links the UN, the business community and voluntary organisations in order to support ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour, the environment, and anti-corruption.

Through the power of collective action, the Global Compact seeks to advance responsible corporate citizenship so that business can be part of the solution to the challenges of globalization. In this way, the private sector – in partnership with other social actors – can help realize the Secretary-General's vision: a more sustainable and inclusive global economy.

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Statoil and UNDP Partnering to strengthen societies

Statoil values and promotes high ethical standards and this project is evidence of its commitment and belief in the power of positively influencing and contributing in its social environment.

Human rights training in the Venezuelan judiciary system

Statoil's Venezuela subsidiary partnered with the local UNDP and Amnesty International chapter, and the Venezuelan judiciary branch responsible for training and administration, Consejo de la Judicatura in 1999 in a project aimed at a better judicial system.

Statoil supported the efforts of the Venezuelan society in modernizing its legal structures, particularly in areas related to human rights, and Escuela de la Judicatura's aim was to develop and train judges, public defenders, court inspectors and support staff. Strengthening national capacity in sustainable human development, particularly in the area of governance is one of UNDP's objectives and its administration of the justice programme sought to strengthen a participative and representative democratic system. It prepared, at the national level, a baseline study for the process of judicial reform and, at the regional level, training tools in the areas of human rights. UNDP managed resources, and technical and organizational aspects of the training.

Amnesty International's local chapter provided substantive support in the implementation of the agreed upon curricula.

Twenty-four specially selected judges completed the first phase of the project's "training of trainers" in December 1999. In December 2003 the third phase, which covered the training of all Venezuelan judges in human rights was kicked-off.

The project offers Statoil ongoing reputational dividends and the opportunity to promote its corporate values without infringing on its role as a commercial entity in society.

In addition to this, Statoil is also involved in other Venezuelan projects related to human rights:

Expanding Collaboration

The Venezuelan partnership led to a five-year agreement committing the entire Statoil group to collaboration with UNDP and Statoil donated USD 1 million to UNDP's democratic governance thematic trust fund.

The purpose of this partnership is to enable both parties to accomplish their mutual goals of supporting international development and strengthening democratic institutions. Statoil wishes to develop its social responsibility strategy and contribute more directly to development on a larger scale – regional, national – in the societies in which it operates, thus focussing on issues such as institution building, transfer of experience, revenue management, local industrial development, and participating in development efforts in general rather than contributing to isolated good causes. In order to contribute in an effective manner Statoil needed the unique development know-how and coordination skills of UNDP – especially in Statoil's relations with local, regional and national authorities, and civil society organisations.



Participatory, accountable, predictable, transparent and equitable systems of governance give societies the structure for social and economic development. Governance addresses issues dealing with the effective and fair management of societies and the ability of central and local authorities to raise revenues, plan and construct infrastructure, deliver social services and generally provide for the well-being and security to its people. These goals are ideally accomplished through a framework build around multi-party elections, effective parliaments, independent judiciaries and accountable legal systems.

Cooperation will take place in two areas simultaneously:

- Statoil's contribution of USD1 million to UNDP's Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund (DGTTF) will primarily be used for the DGTTF service lines, "Justice and human rights", "Decentralisation, local governance and urban/rural development" and "Public administration reform and anti-corruption" in countries and regions where Statoil operates.

Specific and direct support via cost-sharing agreements of local development projects in countries where Statoil operates.

Democratic Governance Thematic Trust Fund

Iran: The purpose is to enhance access to justice for the excluded and marginalized. The outputs will include awareness programmes, legal advisory services and aid clinics, and training and education for the purpose of justice sector reform.

The project will be part of the larger UNDP/Iran Governance Programme and will try, for the first time, to involve all the major players, such as the Judiciary, Islamic Human Rights Commission, Iranian Bar Association, civil society, and academia.

Brazil: The youth, women and the poor are by far the most vulnerable to violence, crime and injustice in Brazil. Designing and implementing policies aiming to offer alternative roads to the existing retributive and adversarial system of the Brazilian Justice, which have been largely ineffective by the adoption of practices of community and restorative justice based on repair, reconciliation and reassurance. Final results are expected to improve access to fair justice system and increase the overall delivery capacity and accountability of the justice system.