



Executive Summary

The United Nations Development Group (UNDG) work in Denmark in 2010

The UNDG Denmark – which consists of the Heads of Agencies of UNDP, UNEP Risø, UNICEF Denmark, UNFPA, and WFP – take decisions on common communication initiatives, monitor and follow-up on joint strategic activities and brief on agency issues that have a general interest. This group works flexible in line with the other operational UN working teams/groups: UN Communication Group (UNCG), UN City Planning Committee (UNCPC), Operational Management Team (OMT), UN Common Facilities Focus Group (UNCFFG), UN House Team, and Security Management Team (SMT).

The UN system in Denmark is strengthening coordination in the framework of 'Delivering as One'. Copenhagen has grown into the sixth largest UN City in the western hemisphere, today housing more than 1,300 staff members in three different UN compounds. The Danish government, with inputs from the UN agencies in Copenhagen, is constructing a new 'UN City' building and a new warehouse. This initiative will augment logistics and administration as well as enhancing maximum collaboration among the agencies. The warehouse will be finished in November 2011 and the UN City in the beginning of 2013.

During 2010 the UNDG Denmark held 5 meetings (12th February, 15th March, 6th May, 7th September, and 16th December). The following themes were deliberated: post COP15, COP16, Millennium Development Goals (MDG), the General Assembly meeting 2010, and the Human Development Index review. In addition, the trends and progress in international development cooperation, particularly changes on multilateral aid and development policies, were observed.

In February 2010, the Danish government appointed a new Minister for Development Cooperation, Mr. Søren Pind. The UNDG in Denmark jointly invited Mr. Pind for an introduction to the UN in Denmark. The minister welcomed the invitation and appreciated the presentations.

Ms. Asha Rose Migirom, UN Deputy Secretary-General, visited Denmark on 25 March 2010. The 'amplified' UNDG in Denmark (including WHO, IOM, UNICEF Supply, and the UN City Project Director) organized an informal gathering with her. Among others agenda items, the UN City Initiative was presented in the spirit of Delivering as One.



Mr. Lars Hormann, Project Director of the UN City, outlined the UN City Initiative to Ms. Asha Rose Migirom and the 'amplified' UNDG in Denmark on 25 March 2010.

UNDG in Denmark has in the past organized five successful study tours for Nordic Members of Parliaments (MPs) of the Foreign Affairs Committees to Zambia (2004), Malawi (2006), Mozambique (2007), Nicaragua (2008) and Liberia (2009). The aim has been to expand knowledge of the UN system and its work in practice. On this background, the UNDG Denmark again initiated a study tour on 16-21 January 2011. Nepal was selected due to the interesting coordination of UN operational activities as well as political and socio-economic challenges. The initiative was implemented by the UN Country Team in Nepal in close collaboration with the UNDG in Denmark. A total of 3 MPs from Denmark, 2 MPs from Norway, the Editor of *Udvikling* (Danida's magazine) and the

Directors of UNFPA and UNDP Nordic Offices participated in the visit. It was positively received by the participants, who recommend that a new study visit should be organised.



Interaction with Nordic parliamentarians and refugees in Sanisshare Refugee Camp in Nepal on 18th January 2011.

In preparation for the upcoming UN City in Copenhagen, it was agreed to revamp the www.un.dk webpage to strengthen the image of a coherent UN in Denmark. The page will come with a new design, new technical content management system, more content and information on the MDGs, UN and the UN agencies operating from Denmark. Agencies can upload news, reports, and vacancies. The UN Communication Group has taken lead, and the page is expected to be launched 1 March 2010.

The interagency UN Communication Group also launched a blog at the independent Danish development web portal www.ulandsnyt.dk. The aim is to portrait UN's joint efforts in recipient countries. Five inputs have been uploaded so far covering Haiti Year One, Returning to Afghanistan, UN and Aid Effectiveness/Delivering as One – opportunities and challenges, HDR as a tool to overcome poverty, and the anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The work will continue in 2011, where the organizations will coordinate to tell stories showing that UN is where it happens.

Lessons learned and priorities in 2011

The UNDG in Denmark will continue to keep other agencies updated on development policy trends and initiatives of common interest. During 2011 the UNDG members will monitor the situation on the national elections in Denmark and impact on development policies/aid and multilateralism. In addition, outreach activities of WFP's 50th Anniversary and UNEP Risø's 20th Anniversary will be celebrated.

The Heads of Agencies of the UNDG Denmark have generated positive experiences of coordination and collaboration of joint issues, e.g. several Nordic parliamentarians study visits to UN work in practice, UN webpage and a blog. Moreover, the UN City Initiative will further enhance the Delivering as One spirit during 2011. Thus, there are perspectives of interesting organizational collaboration.

Finally, the members of UNDG in Denmark will keep their headquarters and partners updated on joint UN work in Denmark.