

Statement by Valerie Cliff, United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative on the occasion of the Ministry of Planning/UNDP Ceremony for the Third Country Programme

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On behalf of the United Nations, I join our good friend the Under Secretary Mr. Khaled Al Kamees in thanking all of you, both the participants from the Ministry of Planning and the participants from the UNDP-Kuwait Country Office for all of your hard work and for participating in the formulation of UNDP's Country Programme for 2008 to 2012.

The three teams that have worked together over the past several months on this effort, have not only helped to identify some of the key institutional needs in the areas of Governance, Gender & Social Development, and Private Sector Development & Environment, but they have also strengthened our partnership between the United Nations Development Programme and the Government of Kuwait.

I greatly appreciate all of the good will and effort that all of you have put into working on the Country Programme formulation exercise and I am honoured to join Mr. Khaled Al Kamees in paying my respect to you in today's celebratory occasion.

Many thanks,