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NHDR Network Discussion

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FOR COMMENTS: El Salvador NHDR 2003 Synopsis

Dear Network Colleagues,

In response to Carolina Trigueros' request for comments on the synopsis of the El Salvador NHDR 2003 on globalization, we received comments from:

- [Nanette Svenson, LAC SURF, Panama](#)

Please find a list of NHDR resources on globalization below, followed by the full response to the request for comments.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Sharmila Kurukulasuriya

* I would like to thank Bethany Donithorn for her contribution.

ORIGINAL MESSAGE

Carolina Trigueros, (carolina.trigueros@undp.org), UNDP El Salvador

Dear colleagues,

The NHDR team of El Salvador is in the process of defining the final content of the next NHDR. On November of last year we had two workshops to identify the theme for the next El Salvador NHDR (IDHES 2003) with representatives of different sectors of the civil society (including NGOs, Government, academia, think tanks).

The NHDR team consolidated and synthesis the results of the two workshops and more than 12 interviews with selected individuals that are involved and concerned with development issues. We had a first draft of the content of the IDHES 2003 that was presented to the Board of Directors. Given the current economic and social situation in El Salvador and the region it was decided that the theme for the next NHDR would be about globalization".

At this point of the process it would be very useful and pertinent to receive comments on the proposed content of the IDHES 2003. I am attaching this content for your comments and observations.

Best regards,

Carolina Trigueros (carolina.trigueros@undp.org), Consultant, UNDP El Salvador

RESOURCES: HDRs on Globalization

Published HDRs on Globalization

Global Human Development Report 1999 - Globalization with a Human Face

Globalization, a dominant force in the 20th century's last decade, has shaped a new era of interaction among nations, economies and people. It is increasing the contacts between people across national boundaries—in economy, in technology, in culture and in governance. But it is also fragmenting production processes, labour markets, political entities and societies. So, while globalization has positive, innovative, dynamic aspects—it also has negative, disruptive, marginalizing aspects. The report suggests that the globally integrated world will require stronger governance if it is to preserve the advantages of global market competition, and will need to turn the forces of globalization to support human advance. The future of global governance—objectives, institutions, responsibilities and actions—needs to be part of an exploration by people everywhere.

<http://hdr.undp.org/reports/global/1999/en/>

· Egypt 2001: Human Development Report on Globalization

The 2001 report conceptualizes and then explores opportunities and threats posed by globalization, including an assessment of the Egyptians' economic well-being in a globalised world. The report further examines the challenges faced by Egypt's sectors of production as a result of globalisation.

· Estonia 1998

The theme of this report is 'integration', looking at integration in Estonian society, integration at the European level, which Estonia is striving to join, and at global economic and technological integration tendencies, in which Estonia unavoidably participates.

· Latvia 1999: Human Development Report on Globalization

Latvia has emerged from a transition period, which consisted of the consolidation of a nation state, democracy and a market economy and become a participant in the process of globalization. The report analyzes how globalization has manifested itself in Latvia, the risks and opportunities that are linked with it, and how the opportunities could be used to achieve the goals of human development.

English http://ano.deac.lv/html_e/undp_02.htm

Latvian http://ano.deac.lv/html_e/undp_02.htm

· Lebanon 2002: Globalization: Towards a Lebanese Agenda

This Report focuses on the challenges and opportunities presented by globalization, from a human development perspective. The three key 'drivers' of globalization discussed in the Report are (i) global competitiveness and market building, (ii) the financial sector and (iii) ICTs and their potential contribution to human development.

<http://www.undp.org.lb/programme/governance/advocacy/nhdr/nhdr0102/>

· Lithuania 1999: Globalization

The Report's main message is that the challenge Lithuania faces in entering the arena of global competition is not to pursue short-term advantages, but to link the long-term competitiveness of the country in the global markets to living standards and the human development of the population. The Report finds that Lithuania has achieved tremendous success over the past decade of transition in opening up its economy and society to the rest of the world. However, in order to ensure that growth and EU integration is accompanied by increases in human development, the Report recommends that government policies should be carefully revised according to human development choices.

English <http://www.un.lt/hdr.htm>

Lithuanian <http://www.un.lt/lit/socraida.htm>

· Nigeria 2000-2001: Human Development Report on Globalization

This Report considers how well positioned Nigeria is to become an effective player in the globalization process, looking at all dimensions of globalization in Nigeria from a human development perspective. The possible constraints limiting Nigeria's capacity for globalization, such as technical limitations and socio-political forces are assessed. Despite being the world's sixth largest exporter of petroleum, Nigeria ranks extremely low in terms of human development. To address this the Report presents a framework for action to create an enabling environment for a competitive economy. This includes massive investment in technological education, intensifying regional integration efforts and strengthening partnership between civil society and the state to ensure participation in the development process.

· **South Asia Regional NHDR 2001: Globalization and Human Development**

This Report analyses the process of globalization from the perspective of its impact on people, presenting the experience of five South Asian countries, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal and Sri Lanka. The Report finds that the globalization process in South Asia has focused on integrating markets without improving the condition of the vast majority of South Asians; globalization has not been accompanied by a reduction in poverty or an improvement in human development. The report makes several recommendations ranging from enhancing the role of civil society to guard the poor against the disproportionate burden placed on them, to regional-level efforts to prepare the labour force to face global competition. The Report concludes with an interesting discussion of possible mechanisms to manage globalization internationally, such as implementing the Tobin Tax or reforming some of the institutions of global governance.

· **Zimbabwe 1999: Human Development Report on Globalization**

The Report assesses the impact and challenges of globalization and finds that while globalization has benefited a small section of the population, the working classes and the agricultural and industrial sectors have been greatly disadvantaged. The Report offers concrete recommendations both to the government and civil society to prevent the poor from becoming further marginalized. These include increasing accountability and transparency on behalf of the government, and encouraging scrutiny by civil society.

Selected NHDRs on Globalization under preparation

· **El Salvador 2003: Human Development Report on Globalization**

The Report will begin with an assessment of the country's progress on achieving the MDGs, together with an update on the level of human development in El Salvador. The report will examine the six key themes for building a human development agenda for El Salvador within the framework of the globalization process: political, economic, social, territorial, environmental and cultural.

· **Samoa 2002: Livelihood Opportunities in a Changing Samoa**

The Report will focus on globalization and its impact on the country in the process of its accession to the WTO. The Report will also look at the lack of opportunities for young people in Samoa.

Please do share additional NHDRs on globalization under preparation. Thanks!

REPLIES IN FULL:

Nanette Svenson (nanette.svenson@undp.org.pa), SURF - Panama

Dear Carolina,

In response to your posting of the El Salvador NHDR 2003 Synopsis on the SURF-HDR network, the LAC SURF has the following commentary to offer.

While the issue of globalization is timely and relevant, the scope of the proposed NHDR content seems very ambitious; for example, the number of chapters and sub-sections far exceed that of those in the International HDRs, which suggests that the document produced from this outline would be extremely dense, requiring extensive preparation.

We suggest a slightly more focused approach in line with the outline below:

- **Chapter 1 - Overview of Current Human Development Trends and Perspectives**

This chapter would detail the basics of the current HD situation in El Salvador, incorporating the issues of Part 1, Chapters 1-3.

- **Chapter 2 - Overview of Regional Integration and Globalization**

This chapter would give the context of the Central American integration process and where El Salvador fits into it, incorporating elements of Part 2, Chapter 2.

- **Chapter 3 - Potential Benefits of Globalization**

This chapter would describe the specific ways in which it is expected that globalization could add to the advancement of HD in Guatemala, incorporating the ideas of Part 1, Chapter 4 and Part 3, Chapter 3.

- **Chapter 4 - Harmonization of Human Development and Globalization**

This chapter would develop the key considerations for building the HD/Globalization agenda:

- Democratic Governance** (as delineated in Part 3, Chapter 1)
- Competitiveness** (incorporating the concepts of Part 3, Chapter 2, including an analysis of the current environment with regard to human resources, education, government policy, and science and technology along with the points mentioned in Part 3, Chapter 2, 2.1- 2.2)
- Environmental Situation** (as described in Part 3, Chapter 5)

We hope you will find these comments helpful and that you will not hesitate to contact us should you require any additional information.

All the best,

Nanette Svenson, LAC SURF, Panama

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