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CONSOLIDATED REPLY
NHDR Network
Argentina - Human Development Commission

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==> Request from UNDP Argentina

I would appreciate if you can help me with an inquiry. My urgency is due to the request made by the Argentine Commission on Human Development that is located within the Senate of the Nation (Legislative Power). The Senate is currently analyzing a **draft law creating a National Council on Human Development** situated at the Vice-presidency of the Nation, in order to advise the public sector on policies, actions and programmes for the improvement of human development in the country. The Council will be integrated by several government jurisdictions, the universities, federal organizations from the provinces and academic and scientific sectors.

I would like to ask the network members if any similar initiative is currently being implemented in other country, since the authorities of the Senate Commission would appreciate to know about it. A Senate session to discuss this issue will take place next week. So I will appreciate your feed back as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance. Best regards.

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==> Replies

1. Moez Doraid moez.doraid@undp.org, SURF Beirut

I understand the Bolivia has a Ministry for Human Development. You are probably already aware of this.

2. Oscar Yujnovsky oscar.yujnovsky@undp.org, RBLAC

Being an Argentine and recently on mission at the UNDP office in Buenos Aires, I understand that the organization of the Commission is a political issue. In the past, a Commission on Human Development of the Argentine Senate led the process related to the NHDR. Under the new government of the Alliance, the lead will be assumed by

Vice-President Alvarez. Is the proposal of a Committee around Alvarez a proposal from the Senate or it is already the result of a negotiation between the Alliance (UCR and FREPASO) and the Peronist opposition? I do not think that UNDP can intervene in this matter. What we can hope is that a consensus is reached to have a plural Consultative Committee at the highest academic level to allow the NHDR to become an important tool for policy debate of future Argentine development.

3. Jana Ricasio jana.ricasio@undp.org, UNDP Philippines

There is no equivalent initiative in the Philippines. However, what we have here are:

(a) a Philippines Human Development Network which is an NGO composed of eminent professionals/development practitioners whose main mission is to produce the Philippines Human Development Report (every 2-3 years) and to organize forums as policy dialogues.

(b) Within government, an Inter-Agency Committee on International Human Development Commitments was organized to ensure that compliance with the international commitments (Copenhagen, Beijing, Cairo, etc.) are regularly monitored and discussed.

(c) Within the legislature, a group of legislators formed themselves as a foundation called Philippine Legislators' Committee for Population and Development. They started out in support of the Parliamentarian's conference on Population and Development but gradually expanded to include other international commitments. Their task is to advocate for legislative awareness and support for the international commitments.

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