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Report of the Administrator

Summary

This report is submitted in compliance with Governing Council decision 79/19 and describes the actions taken to implement that decision, as well as the results achieved during 1980.

This report is submitted for the information of the Council.

INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with the request of the Governing Council (decision 79/19) to report annually on the implementation of the Guidelines Concerning Relations between the United Nations Development Programme and External Institutions, the Administrator submitted his first report (DP/475) to the twenty-seventh session. In reviewing the first year of experience with the Guidelines, the Administrator reiterated the intention of UNDP to apply them solely as a modus operandi for the attraction of additional resources to the development effort. Members of the Council and the administration shared a common desire to see the number of organizations co-operating under this scheme, increase steadily, and to attract, in particular, organizations from developing countries, in the spirit of Technical Co-operation among Developing Countries (TCDC). During the session, a representative of the Aga Khan Foundation, one of the organizations which is co-operating under the Guidelines, described its work and prospects for initiating a project to be mutually assisted by the Foundation and UNDP.

IMPLEMENTATION

2. Activities undertaken by co-operating organizations continued in strict adherence to the principles of the Guidelines. While recipient Governments have generally responded positively to offers of assistance from co-operating organizations, and have indicated satisfaction with the results, there exists a widespread lack of knowledge, at the field level, of what kinds of assistance can be made available. UNDP is undertaking further steps to more effectively bring to the attention of developing countries the availability of services from co-operating organizations, through its network of Resident Representatives. At the same time, it should be noted that most external institutions have their own areas of priority interest, as well as specialization, which is sometimes a limiting factor in matching a resource to a requirement.

3. Following are brief descriptions of activities undertaken by co-operating organizations:

(a) Aga Khan Foundation

In furtherance of the proposal announced to the Governing Council in June 1980, the Aga Khan Foundation is now actively working with the Government of Kenya on plans for the creation of a management training institute. Such an institute, which would be at the post graduate level and is expected to encompass national as well as regional training needs, will incorporate an institute of social administration, in which the support of the Aga Khan Foundation would be drawn upon. The Government of Kenya, the Foundation and UNDP are presently co-operating on implementation studies as a preparatory phase to the full scale institution building exercise;

(b) International Co-operative Alliance

The International Cooperative Alliance played an important role in providing technical advisory services in connexion with the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) project for slum clearance and rehabilitation in Haiti. (The total grand amount for the project is \$2 million.) Through its affiliated International Cooperative Housing Development Association, the Alliance is in a position to bring to this project a unique, and truly worldwide, body of experience and expertise in their field of competence;

(c) Catholic Relief Services

The work of the Catholic Relief Services is closely associated to another UNCDF grant in providing on-the-ground technical and administrative support to a village school construction project in Sierra Leone;

(d) International Federation of Consulting Engineers

In October 1980, the International Federation of Consulting Engineers sponsored a regional seminar in Nairobi on Development in Africa. The seminar's discussions focussed mainly on modalities of execution of large-scale development projects. This seminar was organized in close co-operation with UNDP, in the spirit of the Guidelines;

(e) Young Presidents' Organization

The Young Presidents' Organization has provided advisory services to UNDP in connexion with an International Labour Organization/UNDP conference of heads of management training institutions, held in Geneva in December 1980;

(f) International Federation of Insitututes of Advanced Study

The International Federation of Institutes of Advanced Study (IFIAS) is at present assisting the Interim Fund for Science and Technology for Development through various aspects of its work and, in particular, is carrying out studies on the mobilization of the potential of scientific research to address the fundamental problems of development. IFIAS will assist in identifying research objectives in such areas as agriculture, nutrition, health, environment and energy, which can make a special impact on the problems of development, highlighting the interdisciplinary aspects of these problems, as well as the need for world-wide research efforts to be reoriented towards development;

(g) Industry Council for Development

During 1980, the Industry Council for Development (ICD) offered assistance to developing countries, through UNDP, in a variety of areas:

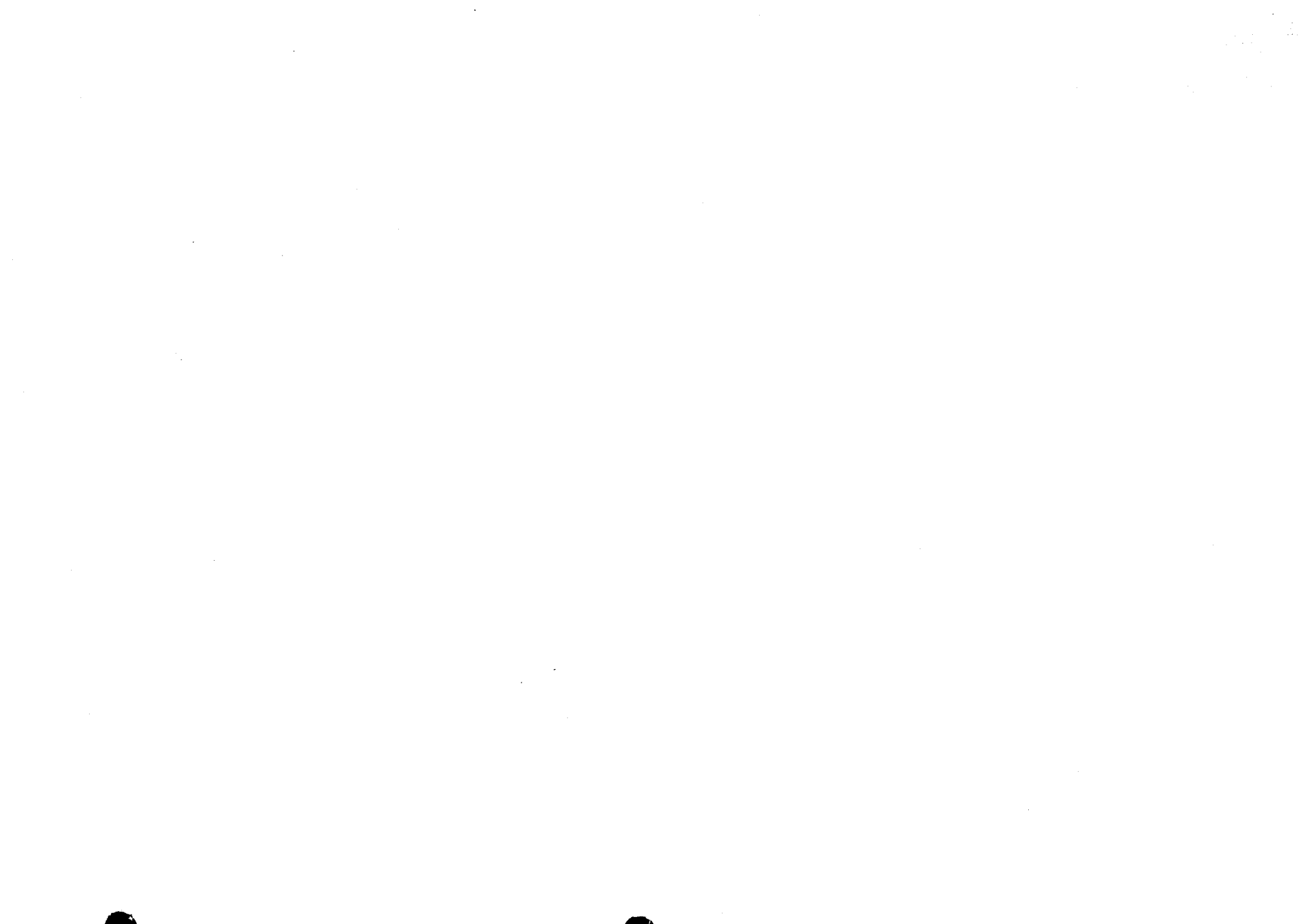
(i) In Swaziland, a high-level adviser assisted the Government in reviewing legislation and government/industry relations in the sugar industry, and advised on modalities for strengthening Government departments which deal with the industry;

(ii) In the Caribbean, ICD inputs were welcomed by the Caribbean Food Corporation (CFC) in three areas: establishment of a regional seeds industry (financed by a grant from USAID); technical assistance, through ICD member companies, for food industry development; and support to CFC in evaluation of project proposals, marketing plans and other activities. The assistance to the Caribbean region, which is provided by ICD, has attracted considerable interest from other donor organizations in both Europe and North America, thus having a certain catalytic effect;

(iii) In addition, ICD has begun a number of activities in co-operation with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). A joint UNDP/UNIDO/ICD workshop on selection of technology for developing country conditions is in the final stages of planning. Co-operation has been established in such disciplines as agricultural machinery and food processing. Finally, with funding from the United States Government, ICD is assisting UNIDO in the update and reissue of a basic manual on pesticides.

4. Efforts continue to be made to associate organizations from developing countries in undertaking activities in accordance with the Guidelines. While many such contacts have taken place within the framework of TCDC, the only official request to participate which has been made by a developing country institution, to date, has been that of the University of the South Pacific. Therefore, additional steps are being taken, through the world-wide network of UNDP Resident Representatives, with the purpose of locating organizations in the developing countries which meet the requirements of the Guidelines and to make arrangements for their co-operation with UNDP.

5. As more co-operating organizations become interested in working with UNDP and more active, the value of the Guidelines becomes increasingly more apparent. There has been faithful adherence to the criteria and principles laid down by the Governing Council, and UNDP has continued to monitor these activities scrupulously. The expanding diversity of activities, and of organizations which have expressed their readiness to work with the United Nations system provides a good, if modest, record of accomplishment.



Annex

Co-operating organizations
and potential participants^{a/}

Participation confirmed:

- Aga Khan Foundation (Geneva)
- Catholic Relief Services (New York)
- International Co-operative Alliance (London)
- Industry Council for Development (New York)
- International Council of Scientific Unions (Paris)
- International Federation of Consulting Engineers - FIDIC (The Hague)
- International Federation of Institutes of Advanced Studies (Stockholm)
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (Washington, D.C.)
- The University of the South Pacific (Suva)
- Voluntary and Christian Services Trust/Help the Aged/Christian Action in Distress (London)
- Young Presidents Organization (New York)

Potential participants:

- Fund for Research and Investment for the Development of Africa (London)
- International Council of Voluntary Organizations (Geneva)
- International Development Research Centre (Ottawa)
- International Institute of Administrative Sciences (Brussels)
- Population Crisis Committee (Washington, D.C.)
- Technical Office for International Studies and Cooperation - OTECI (Paris)
- World Confederation of Labour (Brussels)

^{a/} Confirmed participation identifies those organizations with which agreement has been reached on co-operation under the terms of the Guidelines; potential participants are organizations which have exchanged correspondence with UNDP on such co-operation, but active participation has not yet been agreed upon.

