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Richard Blewitt, Resident Representative - UNDP, Michiel Eman, Prime Minister of Aruba and Kees Rade, Ambassador for Sustainable Development – Min Foreign Affairs Netherlands, sign the project document for the COE.

UNDP Supports a Centre of Excellence in Aruba

The project “Towards Creating a Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States in Aruba” commonly called the Aruba Centre of Excellence (COE), aims to leverage Aruba’s technical expertise and experience in sustainable development for strengthening innovation and resilience among Small Island Developing States (SIDS). In October 2015, the COE project document was officially signed by UNDP and the Government of Aruba. [Continue reading](#)



Representatives from ILO, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, the United Nations, UNDP, REPSOL and Civil Society at the conference on the inclusion of persons with disabilities.

No One Left Behind: Social, Political and Economic Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in partnership with Repsol, hosted a Conference on the inclusion of persons with disabilities entitled, “No One Left Behind: Social, Political and Economic Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities” on Tuesday 26 April 2016, in Port of Spain, Trinidad. The conference facilitated discussions on practical measures and recommendations on improving the lives of persons with disabilities (PWDs). These discussions were geared towards human rights based approaches to implementing the U.N. Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCPRD). [Continue reading](#)

Talks with the TT Association of Psychologists

Many child offenders experience ADHD, mental health issues, family problems and learning challenges. This was one of many perspectives shared by members of the Trinidad and Tobago Association of Psychologists (TTAP) at a meeting hosted by the Juvenile Court Project. The purpose of the gathering was to elicit feedback from TTAP members on programmes that would be effective in steering children in conflict with the law back to the right path. [Continue reading](#)

Strengthening Regional Partnerships

In Suriname, after the departure of US Peace Corps, the Government in 2013 decided to set up a national volunteer organisation called Suricorps. The purpose of Suricorps is to lend support via volunteers to the less fortunate and remote communities. The programmes largely focused on the thematic areas of health, education, environment and culture. Roland Campen has been involved with volunteers in several areas and believes that volunteerism is very important for society. [Continue reading](#)