**COMMENTS ON THE UNDP DRAFT COUNTRY PROGRAMME DOCUMENT FOR URUGUAY (2021-2025)**

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|  **Comments by the European Union** | **Country Office response**  |
| * There is a potential for synergies with EU priorities, notably digital transformation, sustainable production and low-carbon mobility.
 | The CO takes due note of the comment. When the EUD in Uruguay undertook consultations in June 2020 on its future flagship initiatives, UNDP provided extensive comments and inputs on synergies and opportunities linked to its current and upcoming program, particularly in relation to what the EUD was proposing relating to the ”Green Deal - Environmental Protection & Paris Agreement” and “Digital Transformation”.  |
| * Similarly, it will be important to coordinate between the EU and UNDP on transversal issues like gender equality and youth rights and opportunities.
 | The CO takes due note of the comment and will engage with the EUD in Uruguay to explore how to ensure this coordination, which is in the interest of both organizations. |
| * In the absence of a wider donor coordination mechanism, ad hoc bilateral meetings between UNDP and the EU in Uruguay can provide the platform for coordination. The meeting on 7 October 2020 between the Resident Representative of UNDP and the Head of Cooperation of the EU was a good starting point.
 | The CO takes due note of the comment. The October meeting was indeed a good starting point and UNDP would be interested to explore having regular programmatic exchanges with the EUD given all the areas of common interest.   |

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