

Meeting at the APRC



UNDP Assistant Administrator and Director of the Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific Dr. Ajay Chhibber met the staff of the Asia-Pacific Regional Centre and the UNDP Thailand Country Office for an hour long Q&A session on development priorities and organizational issues. Dr. Chhibber talked about the UNDP's new brand that captures better the vision and mission of the organization, namely 'Empowered Lives, Resilient Nations'. He emphasized the need to link programmes and projects to policies while keeping the focus on transformational themes. Dr. Chhibber outlined future important directions for UNDP's work in the region: new strategic partnerships with the Middle Income Countries, new South cooperation, stronger knowledge practice architecture that highlights good practices a la Solution Exchange, and expansion of Teamworks to external professionals.

The RBAP Gender Equality Fund Works

A Roundtable discussion on the Law Against Domestic Violence in Timor-Leste marks today, March 4th, the start of a series of consultations on the future National Action Plan on the UN Security Council Resolution 1325. The consultative process is the result of advocacy by the national working group on the landmark resolution and the Timor-Leste members of the multi-country network N-PEACE (Engage for peace, equality, access, community and empowerment). Initiated by the Asia-Pacific Regional Centre, the network includes members from Indonesia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Timor-Leste who work together to strengthen the role of women in building and restoring peace. The Roundtable is supported by the UNDP Regional Crisis Prevention and Recovery Team in partnership with the UNDP Country Office in Timor-Leste, through the RBAP's Gender Equality Fund.

The UN Regional Team outlines 2011 priorities

The [United Nations Development Group Asia-Pacific](#) held a two days meeting on March 1-2, to discuss the UNDG strategic priorities and to fine tune a 2011 plan of actions for the regional team. The Team reviewed the division of labour amongst its 18 members and deliberated on 4 strategic positioning papers that outline the priority areas of work for the UN DG in the Asia-Pacific region: Climate Change, Social Protection, UN in Middle Income Countries, Health MDGs.

New Publication

The [February 2011 Newsletter](#) of the [Capacity Development for Development Effectiveness \(CDDE\) Facility](#) is published. The issue looks ahead to the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness and features opinions from partner countries and donors on strengthening development coordination in the Asia-Pacific region. A new series of the CDDE Newsletter will focus in 2011 on the country preparations for the Forum in S. Korea.

