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### **The Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS concludes its visit to Haiti to reinforce the dialogue and the partnership in support of national development priorities**

*Port-au-Prince, 29 June 2018-* A delegation of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Program ([UNDP](#)), the United Nations Population Fund ([UNFPA](#)) and the United Nations Office for Project Services ([UNOPS](#)) concluded today a five-day work visit to Haiti, from 24 to 29 June 2018. The delegation was led by the president of the Executive Board UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS and permanent representative of the Republic of Mauritius to the United Nations, H. E. Jagdish Koonjul.

The objective of this mission is to reinforce the dialogue and the partnership with Haitian authorities under the umbrella of the United Nations system support to national development priorities through the [United Nations Development Assistance Framework \(UNDAF\) 2017-2021](#)., as well as to assess the impact of the UN programs -with a particular focus on the interventions of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS- on the living conditions of the Haitian population and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The mission did also pay special attention to the preparations for the transition post-MINUJUSTH and the support provided to Haiti's efforts to create the necessary conditions for sustainable economic and social development.

This partnership takes place as part of the United Nations support to the national development priorities reflected in Haiti's Strategic Development Plan (PSDH) and the priorities of the President of the Republic and the Government of Haiti through the UNDAF 2017-2021, signed on 30 June 2017 by the Government of Haiti and the United Nations. The five priority pillars of this development framework are: poverty reduction and employment, social services, resilience, gender equality/protection and governance.

In this context, the delegation welcomed the efforts to implement the general population and housing census launched by the Haitian Institute of Statistics (IHSI), which represents an opportunity to dispose of crucial data to better monitor the progress and the accomplishment of the Haitian development goals.

“The United Nations supports Haiti, founder member of the United Nations, in its engagement to accomplish the Sustainable Development Goals and its ambition to become an emergent country by 2030. This objective is possible and represents Haiti's commitment with its children and grand-children to build them a better future. UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, together with the UN family, will be standing side by side with Haiti on this path”, highlighted the president of the Executive Board UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, H. E. Jagdish Koonjul.

During the visit, the delegation met local authorities, the United Nations Country Team (composed of 19 agencies, funds and programmes) and the MINUJUSTH, as well Haiti's development partners, civil society organizations and NGOs. In addition, the programme of the delegation included field visits to several projects implemented by the three agencies and meetings with local authorities and beneficiaries of these interventions.

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