Remarks by the Country Director
at the opening of
Results Based Management, and M&E Training Workshop
14-17 May, 2012
UN House Conference Room

Colleagues from our counterpart Ministries and Partner Agencies
Colleagues from the various projects
UNDP Colleagues
Facilitators,

It is my pleasure to welcome and address you this morning at the start of our Results Based Management, and Monitoring and Evaluation Training Workshop.

First of all, let me extend our appreciation to the colleagues from our counterpart Ministries, Partner Agencies and projects, for being here and for participating in this training event.

I would also like extend our appreciation to the Evaluation Team of the UNDP Regional Service Centre (EVAL RSCLAC) for Latin America and the Caribbean, under the leadership of Ms. Inka Matilla, for their support and services in the preparation and facilitation of this training workshop; and to the Facilitators of this workshop.

UNDP Suriname is very mindful of the importance of our mandate to support capacity building as an indispensable underpinning and pre-requisite for development. We are similarly committed to UNDP’s corporate ambition to be a leading global learning organization.

This initiative is also grounded in our commitment to improve our performance in achieving development results. This training session should be seen as an effort to improve effectiveness, accountability, transparency and efficiency in programme management and delivery. We also recognize the need to develop knowledge and competence in our staff to properly apply the results-based management tools towards achieving desired project results.
Since our success in programme delivery is dependent on effective collaboration and cooperation from counterparts and development partners, we believe that it is also essential that key counterparts fully understand how to effectively use the RBM approach. It is for this reason that we have extended the invitation to you, as development partners, to take part in this training session, and to work together with our UNDP colleagues.

We are mindful that two days are not enough to build extensive knowledge on Results Based Management (RBM) and M&E. As such, the objective of this training exercise to introduce or re-introduce participants of the basics and key aspects of Results Based Management, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation for Results, as well as to foster an active understanding and collective reflection on the importance of these tools for attaining development results.

This workshop is in a sense the beginning of a number of training events that UNDP Suriname intends to undertake this year and during the current programme cycle 2012-2016 as we seek to strengthen our capacities to provide service to our clients in Suriname. We will seek to involve our UN colleagues, counterparts and development partners to the extent possible, since we recognize the importance of strengthening capacities among all partners and stakeholders.

As I mentioned before, such capacities are an indispensable underpinning for achieving the development results outlined in Suriname’s Development Plan, the UN Development Assistance Framework for Suriname, and for fullest achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Let me once again thank you and the facilitators for participating in this workshop making it happen.

In closing, I wish you all a fruitful and enjoyable learning experience. I now declare this workshop open.

I Thank you.