The Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System’s Operational Activities for Development, and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme, Dr. Marcia De Castro, will host a ceremony on December 13th, 2010 from 19:00 to 22:00 at the Royal Ball Room of the Hotel Torarica in Paramaribo, to launch and hand over to the Government of Suriname the following reports:

2010 Global Human Development Report - The Real Wealth of Nations: Pathways to Human Development. The 2010 HDR is the 20th edition of the report, and continues the tradition of pushing the frontiers of development thinking. The 2010 HDR reaffirms the concept of human development, with a renewed emphasis on the dimensions of empowerment, equity and sustainability. The Report reviews key trends and patterns in human development over the past forty years, with some surprising results. Looking beyond 2010, this Report surveys critical aspects of human development, from political freedoms and empowerment to sustainability and human security, and outlines a broader agenda for research and policies to respond to these challenges.

Summary of the report

Latin America and the Caribbean: A biodiversity superpower. The Latin American and Caribbean region is a biodiversity superpower. It has one of the greatest endowments of natural capital in the world, which is a source of economic growth and has the potential to become the world leader in offering the services its ecosystems and biodiversity provide, and in return receive new benefits from the conservation and sustainable management. The Report aims to inform policy makers and businesses in Latin America and the Caribbean about the economic risks and opportunities of undertaking productive activities that impact on and are influenced by biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. The Report is a tool to assist governments and stakeholders in analyzing the role of Ecosystem Services in order to incorporate these services into economic planning, policy, and investment at the sectoral level.

Summary of the report

During the ceremony the following report will be introduced:
Caribbean Human Development Report on Citizen’s Security. The main objective of this initiative is to analytically examine how, in the context of the English and Dutch speaking Caribbean Countries and within the development context of Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS), insecurity and violence have negative impacts on human development. The report will aim at better understanding the issue of citizens’ security in the SIDS and the region as a whole and to provide policy and other recommendations to programme countries on how to address it, regionally and nationally.