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# Kòrsou Kapasitá: inkluí hende, inspirá mente!

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## PREFACE

Dear UNDP Friends and Colleagues,

We are pleased to present you with the second edition of our quarterly newsletter. We've had a busy first quarter with lots of activities and concrete results. I specifically mention our alignment with some of the current national initiatives that are driving the development of Curaçao as a newly autonomous nation state today. Our meetings with the Taskforce Nation Building, with Kòrsou Avansá (government, private sector and trade union representatives) and joining the Roadshow of the Long Term Economic Strategy (LTES) project team. These actions are crucial and we see our part as complementary to several of these initiatives, catalyzing where we can.

Well, before delving into this issue, allow me to share with you our poetic perspective of Kòrsou Kapasitá:

INCLUSION is what binds us.  
the National Development Plan, e Masterplan di Kòrsou, is what guides us,

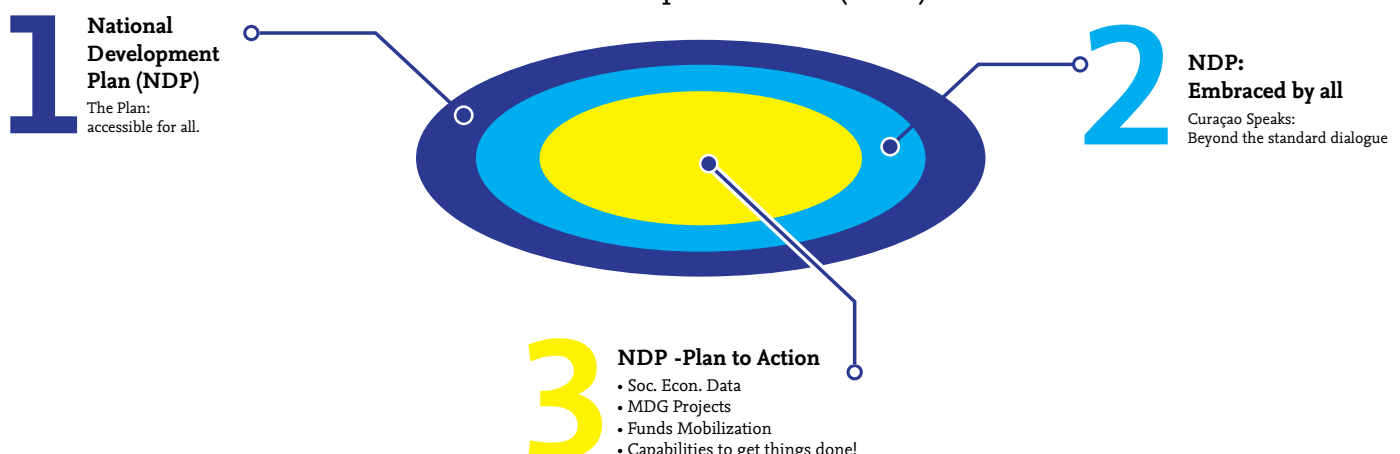
*Curaçao Speaks!* is what makes us unique, and our Inclusion Symbols will give it physiqe.  
Going beyond the standards in dialogue, towards a Plan embraced and accessible by All.

But at the end, it's all about going from Plan to Action: socio-economic database, MDG-projects, funding.....collaboration!  
The UNDP Young Leaders programme is our 'Ace in the Hole' and the development of Dushi Kòrsou is our common goal!

Iwan Zunder  
Program Manager UNDP Project Kòrsou Kapasitá

## 3 Levels of Kòrsou Kapasitá

National Development Plan (NDP) Process



# THE SOAPBOX TALKS®: 1<sup>ST</sup> EDITION

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, the UNDP project team, in collaboration with The Ministry of Economic Development (MED), held the first edition of the Soapbox Talks® series.

## The Soapbox Talks® : What is it?

According to Wikipedia, "a soapbox is a raised platform on which one stands to make an impromptu speech, often about a particular subject and getting your message across to a number of people".

The UNDP chose this concept aiming to:

- create awareness regarding certain important topics and stimulate engagement among various stakeholders e.g. government/civil society/private sector, etc.
- use the concept of a modern networking event based on old fashioned values and thus creating a platform where important issues (regarding the development of Curaçao) can informally be discussed.

The topic of the 1<sup>st</sup> edition of The Soapbox Talks was:

The importance, role and effectiveness of a Competition Authority for Curaçao. Currently, the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) is developing policy, and providing guidance and support in order to establish a Competition Authority for Curaçao.

The main objectives regarding the Competition Authority for Curaçao are to establish a policy and regulatory framework for an independent competition and consumer protection agency. In line with this, the agency will be tasked with:

- investigating anti-competitive business practices on the island,
- evaluating the negative impact of said practices on the proper functioning of the local market, and
- enforcing fair competition practices and conditions in the commercial sectors.

The keynote speaker for the event was Mr. Albert Scholten, who has worked with competition policy for over thirty years. Mr. Scholten was, for example, instrumental in establishing the Competition Authority of the Netherlands. As of 1 January 2014, he started as the Implementation Manager for the Competition Authority for Curaçao. During the event, Mr. Scholten discussed key aspects of the establishment of a Competition Authority for Curaçao, and how Curaçao would benefit from such an authority. The MED team, who are working with Mr. Scholten on this project, were also presented to the audience.

## Impressions of the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Soapbox Talks®



# UNDP YOUNG LEADERS

## MS. VIANNY HENRIQUEZ: MATCH MADE!

### The Start

Vianny became acquainted with the UNDP Young Leaders Program (UNDP YL) in late 2013. "I was writing my master's thesis on collaboration in Curaçao and was invited to a meeting with the UNDP Young Leaders."

### The Experience

The experience has been very beneficial. Through the UNDP YL program, I was introduced to many interesting people and organizations, like United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

As a UNDP YL, I was given the opportunity to become part of a research team looking at Media Development Indicators (MDI) in Curaçao. As such, I was able to further develop my research skills by working with highly educated and experienced professionals. The UNDP YL Program brings together skilled people, providing them with a platform where they can play a hands-on role in various



From left to right lead researcher MDI/UNESCO Dr. Renske Pin and Ms. Vianny Henriquez

projects, via positions such as research officers, funding support officers, hands-on volunteers for MDG projects, debate practitioners, and members of event teams.

Asking her to sum up her experiences as a UNDP YL thus far, Vianny quoted Dr. Seuss: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not."

## TOWARDS A CURAÇAO DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTE (CDFI)

One of the priorities of the government program 2013-2016 'Speransa i Konfiansa', is the creation of a development finance organization that will serve to finance sustainable development practices on the island.

In order to jumpstart the new development finance organization, the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) enlisted the technical support of the Financing for Development division of the Economic Commission for Latin America and Caribbean (ECLAC).

The UNDP project, Kòrsou Kapasità, facilitated this important step. From 24-28 March, a delegation from ECLAC conducted a fact-finding mission to explore the possibility of establishing a Development Finance Institute for Curaçao. Mr. Daniel Titelman, director of the Finance Division for Development, and Mr. Esteban Perez, Economic Officer, conducted the mission out of Santiago, Chile.



The Minister of Economic Development, Mr. Stanley Palm, accompanied by the executives of the Financing for Development Division of ECLAC, the team of the Ministry involved with the management of the project, and UNDP Program Manager, Mr. Iwan Zunder.

The main responsibility for CDFI lies with the Ministry of Economic Development, Foreign Economic Cooperation Division, which also serves as the secretariat. Mr. George H. Curiel is the project leader.





## CURAÇAO INCLUSION SYMBOL: ART TO STIMULATE COLLABORATION

What if an Art Piece could be used as a symbol for collaboration on different levels in our society?

The Curaçao Inclusion Symbol (CIS) is about using Art to create a tangible symbol that demonstrates the inclusion and collaboration of people, businesses and organizations in a community.

The Curaçao Inclusion Symbol (CIS) serves as a tool to empower people to work together in creating inspiring community art, while addressing serious issues such as poverty reduction and a sustainable environment (according to Millennium Development Goals #1 & #7). The goal with the Inclusion Symbols is to inspire different neighborhoods in Curaçao to work more closely together.

In creating the Inclusion Symbol we also engage the Private Sector to finance the construction of the Art-piece. The Inclusion Symbol provides an inspiring and personal process to achieve the collaboration between the community, private sector and other stakeholders, which is the essence of the symbol.

The Art-piece will be created under the guidance of the independent artist Ellen Spijkstra, in collaboration with the UNDP Creative Team (painter Avantia Damberg and construction professional Zico 'Pintero' Alves).

### Garden of our DNA (Kurá di nos DNA).

The Art-piece will be a ground artwork which will have the feel of a garden in the form of a DNA structure when viewed from above. This garden consists of about 500 "DNA trees". Each individual DNA-tree will be around 80-100 cm high, consisting of a stone-base, a metal stem and topped of with a Clay-print, small balls of clay with an individual finger/thumb-prints (Clay-prints). When viewed from above the DNA-trees will look like the double helix strand of the human DNA in a multi-colored structure.

What does an Inclusion Symbol teach us as a community? It teaches us that no matter the objective, we can achieve a lot if we work together (the power of inclusion) and focus on defining and accomplishing our common goals. The official "groundbreaking" of the first Curaçao Inclusion Symbol will be in July 2014. The UNDP team will harvest additional Clay-prints during the Curaçao Color Walk on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.



### CREATIVE TEAM UNDP

From left to right: Avantia Damberg, Natisha Emperador, Ellen Spijkstra (independent artist) and Zico 'Pintero' Alves





# CURAÇAO SPEAKS!® GOING BEYOND THE STANDARD IN DIALOGUE

The main output for the UNDP project Kòrsou Kapasità is the National Development Plan (NDP) or as we like to call it “Plan di Kòrsou”. The UNDP project aims to go beyond the Plan, with a NDP embraced by All through *Curaçao Speaks!*®!

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In order to fulfill this purpose we have acquired the support from the UNDP Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama and from international dialogue experts, Mr. Philip Thomas and Mr. Jesse Sostrin.

On 17 April, the UNDP organized an introduction session guided by Mr. Gaston Ain, a conflict prevention regional adviser based at the UNDP Regional Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean in Panama. Mr. Ain gave an outline regarding UNDP experiences in previous multi-stakeholder dialogue initiatives and informed participants on the exact role of dialogue practitioners, dialogue secretariat members and members of the event team.

## Impressions: sesSion with Mr. Gaston Ain



PLANNING:

## CURAÇAO SPEAKS

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

Kickoff Curaçao Speaks

May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Curaçao Speaks Otrobanda

## CALL FOR PRACTITIONERS

If you want to join the UNDP practitioners' team please contact us!



# Next Steps

## Kòrsou Kapasità


### Experts to be acquired in May 2014:

1. National Development Plan (NDP) Expert;
2. International Consultant *Collaborative Leadership*;
3. Program Assistant (a National UN Volunteer).

DATES 2014	ACTIVITY
May 24 - 26	Training Dialogue Practitioners & Team
May 26	Start 5 MDGs projects: hands-on support by UNDP YLs
May 28	2 <sup>nd</sup> Soapbox Talks: Curaçao Speaks® : the Beginning
May 29 - June 6	Collaborative Leadership training: Part 1: YL's, Government & other stakeholders
May 31	Curaçao Speaks® : Otrobanda

DATES 2014	ACTIVITY
June 1	Curaçao Color Walk
June 10 - July 9	Collaborative Leadership training: Part 2: YL's, Government & other stakeholders
June 11 - June 15	High Level Alignment mission with UNDP regional Panama

July	Launch website Kòrsou Kapasità
July	The first Curaçao Inclusion Symbol Otrobanda




## Do you WANT TO BE INCLUDED?

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## IMPRESSIONS: UNDP & CURADOET



The UNDP Curaçao teamed up with Curaçao Cares in order to foster improved social cohesion in Curaçao.

Curaçao Cares organized its first event, CURADOET, on 20-22 March, which aimed to provide the community with numerous volunteer opportunities.



The CURADOET event on 20-22 March, was the beginning of what we see as a possible Strategic Partnership for more long term collaboration with organisations, such as Curaçao Cares.

The UNDP supported CURADOET through its Young Leader Program.

