

the national level, each UNDP office director is generally appointed the resident United Nations system co-ordinator for operational development activities. UNDP-funded activities are carried out in large part by the recipient countries themselves, in keeping with the principle of capacity development; but if needed, UN specialized agencies or non-governmental organizations will contribute services.

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Since 1990, UNDP has become a major promoter of ideas through its annual *Human Development Report*. The 1998 edition again ranked Canada first on the human development index, for the fifth consecutive year.

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