

Mr. President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and
Gentlemen,

On behalf of Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator of UNDP, I am
pleased to present to you the following statement:

The world community agreed at Rio that climate change objectives,
poverty eradication and sustainable development can and must be
harmonised, and supported by sustained capacity building. While
progress is being made in reconciling these objectives, much remains to
be done.

The solution to these enormous challenges hinges on improved
governance and on participatory decision making processes that involve
all segments of society. This must include better, more targeted
sustainable energy, forestry, and economic policies, institutional
mechanisms and capacity-building programmes. UNDP sees its
comparative advantage--articulated in Agenda 21-- as building the
necessary capacities for, by and in developing countries so that they can
meet their sustainable development objectives while at the same time
contributing to climate change mitigation. Through its network of 136
country offices, UNDP employs thousands of national and regional