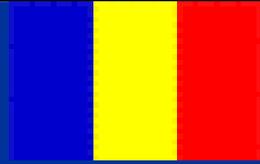
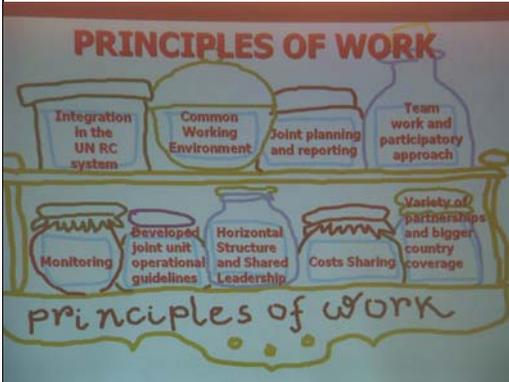




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## Fighting HIV/AIDS – stronger together!



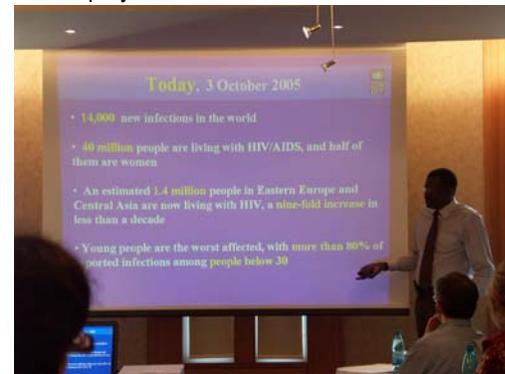
UNDP Romania, in cooperation with UNDP’s Regional Bureau for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the Bureau for Development Policies, hosted in Bucharest, 3–6 October, the 3<sup>rd</sup> regional HIV/AIDS Community of Practice Meeting.

The meeting was a continuation of discussions on the region specific challenges, opportunities and tools in the area of HIV/AIDS, and gave participants from 19 countries in the region the opportunity to share their best practices and to learn from each other’s experience the modalities for better responding to HIV/AIDS prevention, non-discrimination and treatment. Equally, the meeting focused on mainstreaming in development and in programming, as well as on updating participants on latest global events in the field of HIV/AIDS. Worth mentioning is also the

inclusion of a one-and-half-day Communication Training aimed at building capacity of HIV/AIDS Focal points in the region to perform their work more effectively and hence make UNDP an even more relevant player.

Mr. Elhadj Amadou Sy, Director of the Bureau for Development Policy, underlined that “UNDP should unite its forces in the region for being able to tackle the HIV/AIDS challenges”.

“It is due to the efforts by the UNDP Community of Practice that HIV/AIDS has become a major field of UNDP intervention both in the region and worldwide. UNDP is working closely with its UN partners, specifically UNAIDS, in order to ensure a cohesive and coherent UN response, to alleviate the socio-economic and human impact of HIV/AIDS in Romania. In doing so, UNDP and the UN system agencies have supported the Romanian Government in elaborating its National Strategy and in setting-up the Multi-sectoral Commission for Combating HIV/AIDS”, stated Ms. Soknan Han Jung, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in her introductory remarks made during the opening session of the workshop.



Soknan Han Jung, UN RC / UNDP RR,  
and Elhadj Amadou Sy, Director BDP

Increased collaboration among HIV/AIDS focal points over the past two years has resulted in a substantive and successful meeting that was concluded with a set of key actions and recommendations agreed upon among participants: improved communications with Bratislava Regional Center and concentration of regional priorities on human rights/vulnerabilities, improved knowledge management based on exchange at local/municipal level, and capacity development for GFATM. Finally, the group reiterated the importance of holding the Community of Practice Meeting once a year.

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