



## UNDP Kicks Off Training of Second Generation of RGSS Graduates



**Bucharest, 19 May 2008.** The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) kicked off the *Intensive Programme of Training and Integration in the Romanian Public Sector* for the second generation of graduates of the "Romanian Government" Special Scholarship (RGSS) programme. The ceremony took place at the The National Institute of Administration (INA) premises within the Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform.

These scholarships, funded 90% by the Government of Romania, are meant to foster a new generation of leaders in the public sector. Since 2004, 148 outstanding young men and women have been awarded RGSS grants to renowned international universities. Of these, a new group of 19 graduates returned home to be trained in the public

administration field and apply their acquired skills and knowledge to the benefit of Romania's public administration reform.

The graduation ceremony was presided over by Mr. Jan Sorensen, UN Resident Coordinator/ UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. Dragoş Dincă, State Secretary and Director General of the National Institute of Administration, Mrs. Miruna Mazurencu-Marinescu on behalf of Prof. Ion Roşca, President of the Romanian Government Special Scholarship Commission, Mr. Ion Ciucă, Project Director on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Research and Youth and Mr. Florin Bănăţeanu, Head of Socio-Economic Section, UNDP Romania.

The RGSS Programme is designed to transform Romania's public sector into a modern, efficient and accountable administration at the service of its citizens. RGSS is an investment in youth and an investment for the sustainable development of the country.

"UNDP has taken a catalytic role in assisting Romania's effort to invest in human capital. This reform needs to be carried out by competent people, with fresh ideas and a sound work ethic, doers able to transform the democratic values and principles into concrete actions", said Mr. Sorensen.



After the completion of their degrees, the students returned home and are now ready to pursue an intensive two-parts training: a theoretical overview of the particularities of the Romanian public administration and a practical stage within Romanian public institutions over the following 10 weeks. The President of the Commission for the Romanian Government Special Scholarship sent the graduates a message that was delivered by Ms. Miruna Mazurencu-Marinescu in which he expressed his "great satisfaction regarding the starting of this training programme which is intended to round up your theoretical studies with a thorough knowledge of the Romanian legal framework and mechanisms of the public administration."

The RGSS graduates who returned will be placed in key administrative positions upon successful completion of their intensive training programme. Trained to become the foundation of change and mentality shift in the public sector, they will bring positive contributions to the values and practices of the Romanian public administration as Director General Dincă declared: "This programme was designed to address a real need of the Romanian society, namely the professionalization of the public servants body. This can be done by infusing a fresh breath represented by people with a different reaction speed and a new working manner, true agents of change".

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