

Coordination Connection #24

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Chief Executives Board discusses global financial crisis and energy challenges



Formal meeting of members of the UN System CEB for Coordination, convened by Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

Members of the [UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination](#), chaired by the Secretary-General, convened for the second regular session of 2008 on 24-25 October in New York to discuss the financial crisis and global energy challenge, in addition to other political, economic and social issues topping the UN agenda. The Chairs of the three High-level Committees—[UNDG](#), [HLCM](#) and [HLCP](#)—briefed CEB members on their work's progress and put forward key issues for discussion and decision.

The Chair of the UN Development Group, **Kemal Derviş**, confirmed that the [Management and Accountability Framework](#) had been approved by the UNDG; the UNDG is now working on a concrete Implementation Plan. **Thoraya Obaid**, the Chair of the [High-level Committee on Management](#), reported that a **Trust Fund for Business Practices** was formally established and a positive response was expected from donors to the provision of extra-budgetary funding. In January 2009, Ms. **Josette Sheeran** of WFP will chair the HLCM. **Lennart Båge** gave his last briefing to the CEB as Chair of the [High-Level Committee on Programmes](#); in January 2009 Mr. **Juan Somavia** of ILO will act as HLCP chair. On climate change, the SG stressed that renewable energy and low carbon technologies would help re-launch the global economy. The CEB reviewed the draft publication, "[Acting on Climate Change: the UN System Delivering as One](#)," which was presented at the UN Climate Change Conference in Poznań, Poland, on 11 December. [Read CEB meeting report](#)

In challenging transitions, Myanmar RC Bishow Parajuli demonstrates by example



Myanmar RC Bishow Parajuli

On May 2, Myanmar was hit by Cyclone Nargis that left 140,000 dead and 2.4 million displaced. On May 18, **Bishow Parajuli** transitioned to his new post as Myanmar's Resident Coordinator. "When I arrived, I was the only person in the RC office," said Mr. Parajuli, the former head of the WFP in Egypt. "There was a major disaster, and in a week the Secretary-General was arriving." In the face of such adversity, Mr. Parajuli found the answers were clear: to build trust, to coordinate on the ground, stay positive, and stay focused on the fundamental mission. "For me the success of the UN is the key, and we needed a team effort," said Mr. Parajuli. "I am committed to doing my share to bring that success. I am behind that principle, and will make it happen." [Read full interview](#)

Monitoring & Evaluation section updated in CCA/UNDAF guidelines

The M&E segment of the CCA/UNDAF guidelines was recently updated to highlight UNDAF Annual Reviews, UNDAF evaluation, and critical, clear linkages between UNDAF M&E and M&E in agency country programming. According to the updated section, the UNDAF annual reviews are required for effective results-based management and planning for the subsequent year, while the UNDAF evaluation occurring at the end of the cycle should be performed using external consultation. The UNDG inter-agency working group will continue to work from the updated M&E section, and efforts are underway to revise the corresponding operational [UNDAF Annual Review Guidelines](#) to provide additional guidance to UN Country Teams. [Read updated sections here](#)

United Nations in Tanzania publishes Delivering as One info kit

The United Nations in Tanzania published a comprehensive information kit last month detailing how UN partners are working together to deliver greater impact in supporting the Government in the development and humanitarian challenges facing Tanzania. The publication, “Delivering as One: UN Reform in Tanzania,” details joint programmes currently underway in country, their national context, and their relation to international and national priorities. [Read UN Tanzania’s information kit](#) and [watch a video on how they are Delivering as One](#).



Seven UN entities working “together for local development in Iraq”



Seven UN entities (UNDP, ILO, UNOPS, UNHABITAT, WHO, UNIFEM and UNESCO) launched a joint initiative in an effort to improve the living conditions and contribute to sustainable poverty reduction in the areas of Sulaymaniyah, Babil and the Marshlands in Iraq. Operating under the slogan “Together for Local Development in Iraq,” the initiative aims to promote partnerships among the Government of Iraq, civil society and development organizations to strengthen local authority

capacities, stimulate local economic development and employment, and enhance the social and physical infrastructure. [Read article here](#)

Upcoming Meetings

UN Development Group *rescheduled,* New York, Jan 28

Quote of the Week

“We cannot solve our problems with the same level of thinking that created them.”

—Albert Einstein

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