The Administrator



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Dear Mr. Dill

Thank you for your message of 2 December 2010 with a proposal for UNDP to facilitate surveys intended to inform the first World Social Capital Monitor and reflect resulting indicators in the Human Development Index.

Your attention to the role of social capital in human development is important and interesting. If you are passing through New York, the UNDP Human Development Report Office (HDRO) would be happy to host a presentation of the ideas and findings around this new report.

My colleagues at the HDRO, however, have advised that the inclusion of an additional dimension about social capital in the Human Development Index is very unlikely. Unfortunately, UNDP is also unable to provide funding for this initiative at this time.

Please accept my best wishes for success in taking this forward.

Yours sincerely,

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