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## UNDP Supports Sudan to Accelerate its Climate Adaptation Practices

Khartoum- February 7, 2013- The Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Physical Development and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed today two grant agreements to fund two new Project ideas, the first Climate Risk Finance for Sustainable Rainfed Farming and Pastoral Systems in Sudan (USD150,000) and the second Promoting Low Carbon Development (USD200,000) respectively. Both projects have been developed in close collaboration with the Higher Council for Environment and Natural Resources (HCENR).

**Dr. Hassan Abdelgadir Hilal, Minister of Environment, Forests, and Physical Planning** said “We greatly appreciate the technical and financial assistance we receive from UNDP. We at the ministry are faced with many challenges as the environmental issues in Sudan are enormous and complex, like wise availability of funding to overcome them. We look forward to the speedy implementation of these initiatives for the benefit of Sudanese citizens. We are accountable and need to deliver as expected from us.”

**For the Climate Risk Finance Intervention-** UNDP and HCENR submission to the Least Developed Countries Fund for Adaptation to climate change (LDCF) has been approved for a total amount of USD 5.7million. The project is expected to focus on; institutional and technical capacity for climate observation and forecasting at national and local level, residual climate risk to rural livelihoods of greatest rainfall variability, and improved access of vulnerable farmers and pastoralists to financial services for climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction. The project is planned to operate where climate change adaptation measures are being piloted in the states of North Kordofan, Gedarif, South Darfur, and River Nile. An amount of USD150,000 has been allocated to develop the detailed plan that will start implementation in early 2014.

**Ali Al-Za'tari, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative** said “We understand the complexity of the pressing environmental problems in Sudan. We are providing assistance but obviously more is required. Therefore, an awareness campaign is needed to better inform donors about the huge environmental challenges facing Sudan.”

Further, **Amin Sharkawi, UNDP Deputy Country Director** acknowledged the close coordination between UNDP and the Ministry and stated that the Darfur Joint Assessment

Mission (DJAM) is paying a special focus, among others, on environmental resources management in Darfur hoping that the upcoming Doha conference will raise the necessary funds to address environmental and recovery challenges that benefit the Darfuri citizens.

**Promoting Low Carbon Development-** UNDP has allocated USD200,000 to support Sudan Green Development Strategy and to assist creating an enabling environment for investment in Green House Gas mitigation projects. The main focus will be on the power, industry, transport, and waste management sectors as identified in Sudan National reports to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNCCC). Additionally, a National Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMA) for Sudan will also be developed.

UNDP has already supported the government of Sudan to develop its National Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) strategy. The Strategy has created interest in Carbon financed projects and currently a couple of projects are in the pipeline for implementation. Within this context, UNDP interventions will focus on activities that create enabling environment in helping Sudan to follow green development path and be able to access global funding sources such as the Green Climate Fund and others.

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