

AFRICAN SOLUTIONS FOR AFRICA'S CHALLENGES UNDP STRENGTHENS ITS COMMITMENT TO SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION



UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative, Ms. Rosa Malango, joins the Government of Uganda in promoting Uganda's refugee hosting approach with African States in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA – “Good practice does not have to come from outside Africa”, said Ms. Rosa Malango, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative at the South- South Cooperation event in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Ms. Malango and officials from the Office of the Prime Minister (OPM) presented Uganda's refugee hosting approach to fellow African States at the inaugural African South-South Cooperation Match-Making event for SDG Achievement in Addis Ababa on 15 and 16 November 2017.

Mr. Charles Bafaki, Principal Settlement Officer at OPM's Department for Refugees, told delegates that Uganda seeks to leverage the potential of refugees as contributors to the nation's development. Presenting the Refugee and Host Population Empowerment (ReHoPE) strategic framework, Mr. Bafaki outlined the advantages of working with partners on development-oriented solutions for refugees and their host communities.

Outlining the conducive policy environment, Ms. Malango presented the UN in Uganda's 'whole of system' approach to implementing ReHoPE, and the UN's revised footprint to achieve this. She highlighted UNDP's recent re-positioning, including the development of its 'Emergency Response and Resilience Strategy for Refugees and Host Communities', the establishment of an office in Yumbe and requests from the Government to leverage UNDP's convening power with local and national stakeholders, as examples of how development approaches within a humanitarian context can drive forward durable solutions in Uganda.

Committing to take forward south-south cooperation in refugee hosting and innovative financing, Ms. Malango invited delegations from Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia and Zambia to visit Uganda to see the approach first-hand.