FAST FACTS
UNDP Action for Cooperation & Trust in Cyprus
Support to Confidence-Building Measures

This project aims to provide diverse technical and financial support to the ongoing peace process, and in particular to confidence-building measures proposed by the Technical Committees. A new round of UN-facilitated peace talks started in March 2008 between the leaders of the two communities and continued throughout 2009 and 2010. This process is different from the previous processes in that it is Cypriot-led. The Technical Committees emerged from an agreement between the Leaders as a way to provide impetus and support to the current round of peace talks. The Technical Committees are a mechanism to implement concrete confidence-building measures and provide technical input to the peace process and wider reconciliation efforts in the two communities. The project has also supported other key confidence-building measures outside of the peace process that have been vital in increasing confidence and paving the way for increased contact between the communities.

Project Objectives
This project contributes to building a conducive environment for the peace process. In particular, the implementation of the confidence-building measures proposed by the Technical Committees helps build trust between the two communities while demonstrating to the public at large that the two communities can work together on critical issues that are of importance to all inhabitants of Cyprus.

MAIN ACTIVITIES
Confidence-building measures supported by UNDP-ACT include:

- Campaign on cooperation for the prevention of wildfires within the buffer zone by the Technical Committee on Environment (October 2012 to June 2013)
- Asthma Awareness initiative by the Technical Committee on Health Matters (September 2012)
- Launch of the Joint Communications Room (JCR) under the Technical Committee on Crime and Criminal Matters (TCCCM) (July 2010)
- Seminars on children at risk and on prevention of illegal drug use and abuse by the TCCCM (April 2011)
- Campaign on Awareness-Raising Measures for Water Saving by the Technical Committee on Environment (November 2010 to June 2011)
- World AIDS Day event, Cyprus Against AIDS by the Technical Committee on Health Matters (December 2010)
- World Diabetes Day event by the Technical Committee on Health Matters (November 2011)
- UNCOVERED, an art project, focused on the old Nicosia International Airport (September to October 2011)
- Opening of the Limnitis/ Yesilirmak crossing point (October 2010)

Opening speech at the Water-Saving Technology Exhibition by Team Leaders of the Technical Committee on Environment (March 2011)

Voices from Members of the Technical Committees:

“...” – Member of the Technical Committee on Health Matters on the World Diabetes Day event.

“The lack of water is one of the most serious environmental problems we face in Cyprus. Nature does not recognise dividing lines. That is why I am convinced that this project will contribute towards addressing this issue effectively through cooperation between two communities...” – Member of the Technical Committee on Environment on the water campaign.

Project Partners: Implemented by UNDP-ACT in collaboration with the Technical Committees, the Office of the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General in Cyprus, and UNFICYP.
Budget: 1,360,500 USD
Duration: 2008-2013

Distributing awareness-raising materials during the Cyprus Against AIDS event held by the Technical Committee on Health Matters (December 2010)