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Voortouwcommissie: **vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken**

Activiteit: **Gesprek**
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Onderwerp: Helen Clark, hoofd UNDP

Agendapunt: **Gesprek met mevrouw Helen Clark, Administrator van het United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

Zaak: Brief derden - Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken - Afdeling Sociale & Economische VN zaken te Den Haag - 21 februari 2011
Verzoek ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken, namens de functionaris van UNDP Helen Clark, om gesprek met vaste commissie voor Buitenlandse Zaken - 2011Z03956

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Helen Clark, Administrator UNDP

Helen Clark became the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on 17 April 2009, and is the first woman to lead the organization. She is also the Chair of the United Nations Development Group, a committee consisting of the heads of all UN funds, programmes and departments working on development issues.

Prior to her appointment with UNDP, Helen Clark served for nine years as Prime Minister of New Zealand, serving three successive terms from 1999 - 2008. Throughout her tenure as Prime Minister, Helen Clark engaged widely in policy development and advocacy across the international, economic, social and cultural spheres.

Helen Clark advocated strongly for New Zealand's comprehensive programme on sustainability and for tackling the problems of climate change. Her objectives have been to establish New Zealand as being among the world's leading nations in dealing with these challenges. Helen Clark was also an active leader of her country's foreign relations and policies, engaging in a wide range of international issues. As Prime Minister, Helen Clark was a member of the Council of Women World Leaders, an international network of current and former women presidents and prime ministers whose mission is to mobilize the highest-level women leaders globally for collective action on issues of critical importance to women and equitable development.

Helen Clark held ministerial responsibility during her nine years as Prime Minister for New Zealand's intelligence agencies and for the portfolio of arts, culture and heritage. Helen Clark came to the role of Prime Minister after an extensive parliamentary and ministerial career. First elected to Parliament in 1981, Helen Clark was re-elected to her multicultural Auckland constituency for the tenth time in November 2008. Earlier in her career, she chaired Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee.

Between 1987 and 1990, she was a Minister responsible for first, the portfolios of Conservation and Housing, and then Health and Labour. She was Deputy Prime Minister between August 1989 and November 1990. From that date until December 1993 she served as Deputy Leader of the Opposition, and then as Leader of the Opposition until winning the election in November 1999.

Prior to entering the New Zealand Parliament, Helen Clark taught in the Political Studies Department of the University of Auckland. She graduated with a BA in 1971 and an MA with First Class Honours in 1974. She is married to Peter Davis, a Professor at Auckland University.