The UNDP is a new strategic partner:

**GEOPARK, UNDP SIGN ‘UNITED FOR REGIONAL RECOVERY’ PARTNERSHIP**

**Bogota, Colombia. April 21, 2021** – To promote sustainable development in Casanare, Meta and Putumayo, GeoPark and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) have combined technical and financial efforts to implement a Comprehensive Economic Recovery Strategy that will improve the quality of life of people in these three departments.

The partnership shows GeoPark's determined commitment to contribute to closing socioeconomic gaps and helping meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and will benefit seven municipalities and more than 28 villages in Colombia, focusing on planning activities related to:

- The strengthening of local capacities for the process of economic recovery and the promotion of sustainable development through the analysis of socioeconomic gaps and the design of action plans to reduce them.
- The recovery and empowerment of local urban enterprises, with an emphasis on the use of digital tools.
- The promotion of rural economic development through productive, technical and commercial strengthening of enterprises and organizations of producers.
- The consolidation of organizational and community activities that contribute to social and economic development through the implementation of works to improve local infrastructure.

The implementation of each of the activities will be carried out in coordination with local administrations and representatives of the communities that neighbor the Company's operations, and will contribute to meeting 11 SDGs:

"We thank the UNDP for joining us in this important initiative that will allow us to further develop the economic recovery of our neighboring municipalities,” GeoPark Nature and Neighbors Corporate Director Norma Sanchez said on signing the partnership. "We are sure that joining forces will contribute to significantly improving the quality of life of our neighboring communities and will allow us to deliver our commitment to becoming a sustainable development partner in these areas.”
“This strategic partnership will allow us to integrate GeoPark’s experience in the area with our comprehensive development solutions to accompany neighboring communities in their socio-economic recovery,” UNDP Colombia Poverty and Inequality Reduction Manager Javier Perez Burgos said. “In this way, we advance in closing human development gaps, we make sure that no one is left behind and we support the private sector in fulfilling the 2030 Agenda.”

GeoPark and UNDP will work together over two years on institutional matters to leverage and promote the planning and implementation of projects that in turn will influence the progress of the regional sustainable development agenda.

See more about this partnership at [https://bit.ly/3ti1Wqc](https://bit.ly/3ti1Wqc)

**ABOUT GEOPARK**

GeoPark is a leading independent Latin American oil and gas explorer, operator and consolidator with operations and growth platforms in Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, Chile and Argentina. As part of its mission to “Create Value and Give Back” the company develops sustainable social investment programs in conjunction with the State and local authorities and communities, which aim to promote positive changes in the areas in which it has activities.

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