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Presentation of Action Plans for assessment of capacities for implementation of Convention on Biological Diversity, Convention to Combat Desertification and Framework Convention on Climate Change

Podgorica, December 14th 2007 – At a workshop within the project **National Capacity Self Assessment for Implementation of Environmental Conventions** were presented the Report on National Capacity Self Assessment and Action Plans for assessment of capacities for implementation of UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, UN Convention on Biological Diversity and UN Convention to Combat Desertification. Also, a website was presented containing all the information on project realization as well as the documents made within the project. The website is in Montenegrin and in English.

The workshop was opened by **Mr. Predrag Nenezić**, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Protection of Montenegro and **Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly**, UNDP Resident Representative a.i./UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro.

Regarding the presentations, **Ms. Marina Marković**, Independent Environmental Expert spoke about the Report on National Capacity Self Assessment. **Mr. Nebojša Jablan**, Project Team Leader presented the Action Plan for assessment of capacities for implementation of Framework Convention on Climate Change; the Action Plan for assessment of capacities for implementation of Convention on Biological Diversity was presented by **Ms. Gordana Kasom**, Member of the Project Working Group, and **Mr. Srđan Šoškić**, Project Team Leader presented the Action Plan for assessment of capacities for implementation of Convention to Combat Desertification.

The project National Capacity Self Assessment for Implementation of Environmental Conventions (NCSA) was realized by the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Protection, coordinated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and financially supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) with USD 62.664.

The fundamental goal of the Project was to determine existing capacities, evaluate priority needs and prepare action plans to implement the environmental conventions and fulfill obligations in accordance with global environmental management.

The NCSA covers **three thematic areas**:

- Biodiversity (Convention on Biological Diversity)

- Climate Change (Framework Convention on Climate Change)
- Desertification (Convention to Combat Desertification)

The Project benefits:

- building of national and local capacities, both institutionally and individually, in the way to take into consideration the problems of global environmental management when planning and formulating strategies;
- strengthening the dialogue, information and cooperation among stakeholders including governmental and nongovernmental sectors, academia, private sector, etc.;
- support to the transition from preparatory activities up to practical application of identified measures regarding global environmental management;
- respect for obligations under conventions;
- strengthening control mechanisms in domain of global environmental management;
- improved information sharing and increased public participation in resolving problems in connection with global environmental management.

Key Project stakeholders are governmental institutions, scientific institutions, business sector, NGO sector and local government.