

Media Advisory

20th anniversary of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

What: The **United Nations Organizations in Montenegro** - The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (**FAO**), The International Organization for Migration (**IOM**), The United Nations Development Programme (**UNDP**), The United Nations Refugee Agency (**UNHCR**), The United Nations Children's Fund (**UNICEF**), The World Health Organization (**WHO**) and The World Bank (**WB**) - the UN consultants) – **will hold a press conference to commemorate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.**

Speakers at the conference will be:

Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly, UNDP Resident Representative a.i./UN Interagency Focal Point in Montenegro

Ms. Dušica Živković, IOM Head of Office in Montenegro

Mr. Miodrag Dragišić, UNDP Social Inclusion Team Leader

Mr. Serge Ducasse, UNHCR Representative in Montenegro

Ms. Noala Skinner, UNICEF Representative in Montenegro

The commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty chiefly serves as the vehicle for transmission of the voices of the poor. To this end, the tributes often include testimonies from people living in poverty about their own experiences or those of the people they know. In this regard, after the official opening by the Heads of UN agencies in Montenegro, a 17-minute documentary, 'Five Tales,' will be shown addressing some poverty issues in Montenegro. The documentary was directed by famous Montenegrin film maker **Mr. Nikola Vukčević**.

When: **October 17th (Wednesday), at 1pm**

Where: **Karver Bookstore, Obala Ribnice, Podgorica**

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The "International Day for the Eradication of Poverty" is celebrated every year on October 17 throughout the world. It was officially recognised by the United Nations in 1992, but the first commemoration of the event took place in 1987, when people around the world came together to commemorate the signing of the International Declaration of Human Rights and to affirm that extreme poverty is one of the world violations of these rights.

The official theme proposed by the United Nations for the year 2007 is "People living in poverty as agents of change: 20th anniversary of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty", and hundreds of events are planned for the day in all parts of the world .

This year, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty falls just after the midpoint in the race to reach the Millennium Development Goals -- by the target date of 2015. The Day provides an important opportunity to take stock of our progress, and to re-energize our efforts.