



Presentation of the key issues arising from the Initial Scoping Report of the Strategic Environmental Assessment on the Draft Energy Strategy

What: The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the World Bank (WB) are jointly organizing the presentation of the key issues arising from the Initial scoping report of the Strategic Environmental Assessment on the Draft Energy Strategy. **The presentation will be given by Mr. Peter Nelson, Principal, Land Use Consultants (LUC).**

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

Invitees to the presentation are representatives of the Government of Montenegro (the Ministry for Economic Development, the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Protection, Deputy Prime Minister Cabinets for Economic Issues and European Integration, Energy Regulatory Agency, etc.); **international organizations** (EAR, EC, GTZ, NDI, OSCE, REC, UN Agencies, etc.); **diplomatic corps** (American Embassy; British Embassy; Italian Ministry for Environment and Territory); **representatives of academia** (School of Electrical Engineering, Montenegrin Academy of Sciences and Arts); **NGO representatives** (Green Home, MANS, Expedio, MOST); **representatives of regional and international energy enterprises** (IPA Energy Consulting, EIHP, ENSI, IREET, etc.) as well as **private sector representatives** (Montenegrin Union of Employers, MBA, etc.).

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Strategic Environmental Assessment is an iterative process, which should be carried out alongside the development of the plan or programme and therefore seen as a key tool for sustainable development. Acknowledging the importance of the process, the UNDP and the World Bank are giving its contribution to the process of public debates on the Draft Energy Strategy as one of the key development documents for the country.

UNDP Montenegro supports the process of the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) on the Draft Energy Strategy, which will be implemented by the international consulting company, the Land Use Consultants (LUC).

Complementary to the UNDP's work, the World Bank also secured the funds for conducting the components of the SEA on the Draft Energy Strategy. The UNDP and the World Bank agreed on the respective areas of responsibility to ensure the highest level of cooperation and most effective use of the resources by both organizations.

The presentation will have a simultaneous translation service, thus the media representatives are kindly requested to bring banana jacks.

When: 18 July (Wednesday) 2007, 9am – noon
Where: Restaurant Ribnica, Podgorica, Montenegro

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