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## **NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MONTENEGRO - LATEST OUTCOME OF DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

Within development process of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development in Montenegro (NSSDM), the third and final workshop will be held on June 12, 2006, at 9:30am, at 'Zeleni salon' of the Crna Gora Hotel. The Workshop will present the final NSSDM draft which was developed over the past year within the cooperation process between the Montenegrin Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning, the Mediterranean Action Plan operating under the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP/MAP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Podgorica Office, also financially supported by the Italian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Territory.

As one of key partners and through the «NGO Capacity Building Programme», UNDP Office Podgorica supports organized and coordinated involvement of the respective NGOs and CSOs in shaping, development and implementation of national strategy documents. This particularly in organizing participatory processes, local conferences and round table discussions, as well as in providing technical expertise and specialist advice.

A national team of experts, international consultants and representatives from civil sector, local government, scientific and expert institutions participated in creation of the Strategy final draft.

The Workshop will be opened by **Mr. Boro Vučinić**, Minister of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning of Montenegro, and the floor will also be given to **Mr. Branko Lukovac**, Head of Office for Sustainable Development; **Mr. Philippe Alirol**, the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development; **Mr. Paolo Soprano**, Director of RAS Ministry of Environment and Territory of Italy; and **Mr. Garret Tankosić Kelly**, Head of UNDP Office Podgorica.

Sustainable Development Strategy is generally defined as a coordinated, participatory and interactive process for achieving economic, environmental and social balance in an

integrated manner. **The emphasis is on managing the process towards achieving sustainable goals rather than producing a «strategic plan» as an end product.**

There is no single formula for enforcement of sustainable development strategy and each country needs to determine, for itself, how best to approach considering the prevailing political, historical, cultural and ecological circumstances.

Based on what already exists and not looking for re-inventing the wheel, the Sustainable Development Strategy should look for adopting existing processes to comply with sustainable development principles. Also, the Sustainable Development Strategy is used to institutionalize the process for consultation, mediation and consensus building on priority social, economic and ecological issues where interests differ or conflict; but it is also used as a platform for the association and harmonisation with EU process.

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**UNDP in Montenegro promotes sustainable development, which is economically viable, socially inclusive and environmentally friendly.**

***National Strategy for Sustainable Development in Montenegro (NSSDM)  
Third and Final workshop, June 12th, 2006***

**Agenda:**

10:35–10:45 **Presentation of the challenges, achievements and constraints in the project «Development of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development of Montenegro»:** Jelena Knežević, Coordinator of the process, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning

10:45 -11:00 **Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development as the regional strategy framework:** Philippe Alirol, Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development

11:15–11:30 **National Strategy for Sustainable Development of Montenegro - implementation challenges in the context of regional and global processes:** Michele Grimaldi, Leader International Expert

11:30 -11:40 **From the first to the second draft of NSSD Montenegro:** Marina Marković, Leader National Expert

11:40 -11:50 **Main outputs from participatory process in the framework of NSSD Montenegro development:** Siniša Stevović, NGO «MOST»

11.50 -12.15 **General comments on the II draft of NSSD Montenegro:** Andrzej Kassenberg, President of the Institute for Sustainable Development in Warshaw - Poland and UNDP Consultant

12:15 - 12:30 **Action plan - environmental field:** Vasilije Bušković, member of the Working Group for Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Management

14.30-14.45 **Action plan - social field:** Olivera Vukadinović, Social Development Working Group Coordinator

15.30-15.45 **Action plan - economy field:** Milivoje Radović, Economy Development Working Group Coordinator

16.45-17.00 **WRAP UP - Conclusions and recommendations:** Michele Grimaldi, Leader International Expert