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### **The Government of Montenegro to sign Country Programme Documents with the UNICEF and the UNDP**

**What:** Representatives of the Government of Montenegro, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will sign the Country Programme Action Plans (CPAPs). The CPAPs were developed through a highly consultative process in cooperation with the Government of Montenegro.

**The Country Programme Action Plans will be signed by:**  
**H.E. Mr. Milan Roćen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro**  
**Ms. Noala Skinner, UNICEF Representative to Montenegro**  
**Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro**

**When:** **Wednesday, September 10th, 2008, at 11.30 am**  
**Where:** **Vila Gorica, Podgorica**

**Statements will be given after the signing ceremony.**

**Media outlets should send their credential requests to the Government of Montenegro PR Bureau,  
Tel. +382 20 242 566.**

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The joint signing ceremony of the Country Programme Action Plans of the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Children's Fund with the Government of Montenegro is an important step towards harmonizing of the work of different UN agencies aimed at fostering Montenegro's development and integration into the EU.

The UNICEF and UNDP programmes will support the Government of Montenegro to address key priority areas on its way to EU membership such as alleviation of poverty, economic development, youth empowerment, child development, good governance and environmental protection.

UNICEF CPAP focuses on strengthening national capacities for the realization and protection of the rights of all children, especially the most vulnerable. Children are the most valuable resource that any country has and ensuring that they achieve their full potential is the best investment a country can make.



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Through an emphasis on the strategic leadership areas of child protection and social inclusion UNICEF will support the government and civil society to bring positive, lasting and sustainable changes for children, Montenegro's first and future generations of European citizens.

UNDP CPAP focuses on the key strategic goal of Montenegro to become a prosperous state, and a fully fledged EU member. It reconciles the needs of the country for more equitable human development and stronger institutional capacity development. The proposed programme is divided in three major areas: 1) Social inclusion and poverty alleviation; 2) Enhanced capacity development for public management; 3) Sustainable development with focus on economic growth and environmental protection. The programme is to be implemented in partnership and coordination with the Government, civil society, private sector, international partners and other relevant stakeholders.

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