



**Ministry of Justice of Montenegro  
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**

***Joint Media Advisory***

**What:** The Ministry of Justice of Montenegro and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro wish to announce the official signing of the Cost Sharing Agreement which will enable extension of the “Programme for Strengthening the Capacities of Judiciary in Montenegro to Fight Corruption and Organized Crime”. The Agreement will be signed between the Kingdom of Norway and the UNDP. This project is implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Justice of Montenegro through the Anti-corruption Training Programme for Judges and Prosecutors.

**Before signing the Agreement, the participants and media representatives will be addressed by:**

**H. E. Mr. Miraš Radović, Minister of Justice at the Government of Montenegro**

**H.E. Mr. Haakon Blankenborg, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway**

**Mr. Francisco Roquette, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Montenegro**

**When: Friday, 14 august, 10:00 a.m.**

**Where: Hotel Podgorica (small conference room), Podgorica**

**Note:** After the opening remarks and official signing there will be no additional media statements.

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“**Strengthening the Capacities of Judiciary in Montenegro to Fight Corruption and Organized Crime**“, within its **Anti-corruption Training Programme for Judges and Prosecutors**, is a joint project of the Ministry of Justice of Montenegro, UNDP and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway, and has been implemented since 2008. Within this project, among other, support was provided for drafting of the new **Criminal Procedure Code and Criminal Code**; education of judges and prosecutors for fight against organized crime and corruption; creation of a database for the needs of the judiciary, as well as for the provision of equipment for the work of specialized departments for fight against organized crime and corruption in the courts and prosecutors’ offices.

The Project will be continued through the support for the implementation of the **Anti-corruption training programme for judges and prosecutors** in the Judicial Training Center. This programme contains analyses of the current situation in the area of education of judges and prosecutors, evaluation of the needs for training and suggestions for their improvement and development, as well as concrete curriculum. The project realization will start in October this year. Financial resources for the Programme were provided by the Government of the Kingdom of Norway and UNDP.

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