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MEDIA ADVISORY

Ministry for Spatial Planning and Environment and UNDP will present joint projects

What: Representatives of the Ministry for Spatial Planning and Environment and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Montenegro will hold a coordination meeting in order to exchange opinions on the previous progress and analyze future joint projects in the area of spatial planning and environmental protection. A media conference will be held after the meeting.

At the media conference, statements on the current situation and perspectives of the mentioned joint projects will be given by:

Mr. Branimir Gvozdenović, Minister of Spatial Planning and Environment
Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UNDP Resident Representative/UN Resident Coordinator in Montenegro

When: Tuesday, 29. September 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
Where: Government of Montenegro, Media Conference Room

Photographers and Cameramen may film part of the meeting (room 167, 1st floor, Government of Montenegro), at 09: 45 a.m.

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Joint projects and plans of the Ministry for Spatial Planning and Environment and UNDP in Montenegro:

Spatial Planning

Apart from the financial and technical support for development of spatial plans for eleven municipalities in the northern Montenegro and the municipality of Cetinje, UNDP will provide expertise and financial support to the Ministry for drafting of the Spatial plan of special purpose for the Durmitor area.

Also, the Ministry and UNDP will continue their cooperation towards improvement of the relevant legislation in the area of urban planning, through development of relevant bylaws and regulations with the aim of alleviating business barriers and harmonization with the EU standards.



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UNDP and the Ministry will continue to work on improving capacities in the sector of urban planning on both national and local levels, and it is planned to draft a study for the assessment of human capacities in the sector of urban planning for the purpose of creating a strategy for quality customized capacity building and to keep young personnel in the mentioned areas.

The stated activities which Ministry and UNDP are implementing in the field of urban planning are a part of the “Spatial planning support project in Montenegro” which is financed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

Environmental Protection

Apart from the projects in the domain of renewable energy resources, climate change and protected area systems that UNDP is implementing in partnership with the Ministry, there is a number of new pipeline projects related to financing in the field of protected area systems, as well as to the development of “Global Environmental Fund Strategy (GEF) 5 for Montenegro”. The follow up to the “National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA) – a set of environmental indicators” is also expected. Furthermore, it will be worked more intensively on the donor coordination related to the protected area systems.

Regional Environmental Protection Programmes

Montenegro is hosting a 15 million regional environmental hot spots programme covering 6 countries/territories that has been implemented/coordinated by UNDP Montenegro successfully since November 2007. Within this Programme, project for remediation of the tailing mine impoundment in Mojkovac is implemented and the progress is evident. To promote the results of the regional programme Montenegro will host a regional conference on November 19th devoted to challenges and priorities in relation to dealing with “brownfields”, remediation of environment environmental hot spots.

Based on the positive experience with the above regional programme the Ministry and UNDP developed three new regional programmes on climate change, ecosystem services valuation and remediation of environmental hot spots and are working together on promoting Montenegro as the center for implementation/coordination of regional (Western Balkans) initiatives and projects. The upcoming regional conference on climate change at which UNDP will be represented, as well as the fact that Montenegro, with the UNDP support, hosted the Regional Climate Change FORUM constitution are two other examples of Montenegro’s assuming leadership on sustainable development/environment issues/initiatives in the region.

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