

## **Presentation/Public Hearings: Draft National Human Development Report: Social exclusion in Montenegro**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Country Office Montenegro, in cooperation with the Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses (ISSP), has created a **Draft National Human Development Report: Social exclusion in Montenegro (NHDR)**. In its final version this Report will represent the first comprehensive social exclusion research in Montenegro, to obtain data on social exclusion and poverty risks analyzed through the lens of human development.

The Presentation/public hearings on the Draft Report will be organized in Podgorica, Nikšić and Bijelo Polje, and participants will be representatives of the government, non-governmental sector, academia, international organizations, embassies, unions, employers, etc.. In addition, everyone who wish to participate in the public hearings can do it via internet. You can find the Report on <http://www.undp.org/me/nhdr.zip> and you can send your comments to Ms. Aleksandra Višnjić, UNDP Project Manager for the preparation of NHDR, at the e-mail [aleksandra.visnjic@undp.org](mailto:aleksandra.visnjic@undp.org)

### *When/Where:*

**(Note: All the sessions will be open to interested media representatives)**

### **Podgorica - Tuesday, Juni 2<sup>nd</sup>, at noon, Hotel “Crna Gora”**

12:00 – 12:15           Introductory speeches:

- Alexander Avanesov, UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro
- Snežana Mijušković, Assistant Minister – Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Welfare
- Ivana Vojinović, ISSP Manager

12:15 -13:30           Presentations:

- Human Development - Mihail Peleah, Programme and Human Development Analyst – Bratislava UNDP Regional centre
- Social Exclusion in Montenegro - Dragana Radević, ISSP Analyst
- Socially vulnerable groups – Tatjana Perić, Human Rights Expert

13:30 – 14:00           Coffee Break

14:00 – 14:45           Discussions in working groups:

- People with disabilities - Zoran Rajković, Association of Paraplegics of Montenegro
- Pensioners - Dijana Vuković, Gerontology Association of Montenegro
- RAE population – Veselj Beganaj, Romski krug Coalition
- Social assistance beneficiaries – Slobodan Živković, UNICEF
- Refugees – Gordana Popović and Aleksandar Čađenović, UNHCR
- Long-term unemployed – Tatjana Perić, Human Rights Expert

14:45 – 16:15 Presentations of working groups; discussion; conclusions

## **Nikšić - Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at noon, Restoran “Vukov most”**

12:00 – 13:30 Introductory speeches:

- Francisco Roquette, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative to Montenegro
- Anita Bilafer, Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Welfare
- Ivana Vojinović, ISSP Manager
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Presentations:

- Human Development - Mihail Peleah, Programme and Human Development Analyst – Bratislava UNDP Regional centre
- Social exclusion and poverty; regional disparities: ISSP
- Socially vulnerable groups – Aleksandra Višnjić, UNDP

13:30 – 14:00 Coffee Break

14:00 – 15:00 Questions and Answers; comments; discussion; conclusions

## **Bijelo Polje – Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at noon, Hotel “Bijela rada”**

12:00 – 13:30 Introductory speeches:

- Francisco Roquette, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative to Montenegro
- Anita Bilafer, Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Welfare
- Ivana Vojinović, ISSP Manager

Presentations:

- Human Development - Mihail Peleah, Programme and Human Development Analyst – Bratislava UNDP Regional centre
- Social exclusion and poverty; regional disparities: ISSP
- Socially vulnerable groups – Aleksandra Višnjić, UNDP

13:30 – 14:00 Coffee Break

14:00 – 15:00 Questions and Answers; comments; discussion; conclusions

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Special attention in the **National Human Development Report: Social exclusion in Montenegro** is paid to the socially vulnerable groups (long-term unemployed, people with disabilities, low income pensioners, social benefits recipients, Roma, Askalia and Egyptians, refugees). The Report is based on quantitative research but also on focus groups, expert interviews, and it contains the following indicators: poverty rates; Laeken indicators; social exclusion index; human development index, quality of life indicators and inequality indicators. The Report provides data, analyses and recommendations that will, hopefully, serve for policy development and programming to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Welfare and institutions in charge, civil society organizations and international actors. Through these public hearings we wish to collect the comments from the interested actors in order to make the Report as complete and comprehensive as possible, in order to get the best quality final version.

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