



## Joint Media Advisory

**Theme:** The United Nations Country Team (UNCT) in Montenegro, the Governmental Office for Gender Equality and the Faculty of Law at the University of Montenegro are jointly organizing a **Panel Discussion “Women in Montenegro”** in order to mark the International Women's Day, 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**Panel speakers on women in Montenegrin society will be:**

Mr. Ranko Mujović, Dean of Faculty of Law  
Ms. Nada Drobñjak, Head of the Governmental Office for Gender Equality;  
Mr. Alexander Avanesov, UN Resident Coordinator in Montenegro;  
H.E. Ambassador Paraschiva Badescu, Head of the OSCE Mission to Montenegro

**When:** Friday, 6 March 2009, at noon

**Where:** Faculty of Law, Podgorica

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Each year around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Hundreds of events occur not just on this day but throughout March to mark the economic, political and social achievements of women.

In adopting its resolution on the observance of international Women's Day, the General Assembly cited two reasons: to recognize the fact that securing peace and social progress and the full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms require the active participation, equality and development of women; and to acknowledge the contribution of women to the strengthening of international peace and security. For the women of the world, the Day's symbolism has a wider meaning: It is an occasion to review how far they have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development. It is also an opportunity to unite, network and mobilize for meaningful change.

The empowerment and autonomy of women and the improvement of women's social, economic and political status is essential for sustainable human development.

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