



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Annual Meeting to review activities within the National Response to HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis**

**What:** The Institute for Public Health and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Montenegro, in cooperation with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria (GFATM) will organize annual review meeting of the National AIDS Commission and the Country Coordinating Mechanism for the implementation of the strategic national response to HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis.

**Speakers at the opening of the Annual Review Meeting will be:**

**Mr. Miodrag Radunović, Minister of Health in the Government of Montenegro**

**Mr. Valery Chernyavskiy, GFATM portfolio manager**

**Mr. Rastislav Vrbensky, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative to Montenegro**

**When: Monday, 17 October 2011, at 10:00 a.m.**

**Where: Hotel Maestral, Budva**

The following topics will be discussed at the meeting: progress in the implementation of the National Response to HIV/AIDS (Mr. Boban Mugoša, Director of the Institute for Public Health, Representative of the Country Coordinating Mechanism); activities within the project “Scale up of the HIV response among most at risk populations in Montenegro” (Ms. Itana Labović, Project Manager, UNDP Montenegro); progress in the implementation of the national response to tuberculosis (dr Olivera Bojović, Coordinator of the Country Coordinating Mechanism; Specialized hospital for pulmonary diseases, Brezovik); activities within the project “Establishing and pursuing a high quality of Tuberculosis Control Programme in Montenegro” (Mr. Milan Janković, Project Manager a.i., UNDP Montenegro), as well as a number of other topics related to national responses to HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis.

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In Montenegro, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria has financially supported three programmes so far - “Support to the implementation of the HIV/AIDS Strategy in Montenegro”, worth 2,4 million euros, successfully implemented in the period from 2006 -2010, and two programmes that are currently underway - “Scale up of the HIV response among most at risk populations in Montenegro” (for the period from 2010 –2015, worth 4,8 million euros) and “Establishing and pursuing a high quality of Tuberculosis Control Programme in Montenegro” (for the period from 2007 –2012, worth 1,3 million euros). The UNDP in Montenegro, as the primary recipient of the GFATM grants, has been successfully coordinating grants implementation for five years now and has been actively supporting the capacity building needed for adequate response to HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis at the national level.

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