



GOVERNMENT OF
MONTENEGRO



Montenegro

Memorandum of Understanding

between

THE GOVERNMENT OF MONTENEGRO

and

THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

on establishment of Center for Sustainable Development

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ("MoU") is entered into by, as follows:

THE GOVERNMENT OF MONTENEGRO having its representative office at Karadjordjeva bb, Podgorica, and represented by Mr. Branimir Gvozdenovic, Minister of Sustainable Development and Tourism

AND

THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP) – having its representative office at Svetlane Kane Radevic 3, Podgorica, Montenegro, and represented by Mr. Rastislav Urbensky, UNDP Resident Representative,

WHEREAS the Government of Montenegro and United Nations Development Programme (Hereinafter all referred to as the "Parties) signed on 15th day of December 2006 the Standard Basic Assistance Agreement (SBAA) embodying basic conditions under which UNDP and its Executive Agencies shall assist the Government in carrying out its development projects and under which such UNDP-assisted projects shall be executed.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSE OF THE MoU

The signatory parties, in their capacities and joint endeavors hereby agree to establish the Center for Sustainable Development, as a joint initiative of the Government and UNDP.

The mission of the Center for Sustainable Development will be tailored to the specific needs of Montenegro and the Western Balkan region with initial focus on the specific areas of (i) sustainable tourism, (ii) sustainable energy (including energy efficiency and renewable energy), (iii) resource and ecosystem management and (iv) resilience to climate change and environmental security.

The Parties agree that the Center would start to work as UNDP executed programme, by transforming UNDP Economy and Environment Cluster (and Country Programme Document Outcome 3) into a Nationally-Implemented (NIM) Programme, overseen by the Steering Committee.

Initially, the Center for Sustainable Development will be presented as a Programme implemented jointly by the Government of Montenegro and UNDP, however the clear definition of the future legal status of the Center and process of gradual transition towards it will be one of the key activities of the work plan for 2014.

The work of the Center would focus, first and foremost, on issues of interest to Montenegro with the objective of gradually bringing other countries in the sub-region/ region with similar interest as partners and clients of its services.

