



## **ANNEX 1: Conclusions from Panels organized within the framework of the First Montenegrin Forest Forum**

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The following proposals were given by participants in discussions held within the framework of the First Montenegrin Forest Forum, which can be considered as joint conclusions from these hearings:

- 1) It would be desirable within the process of the National Forest Programme to provide possibilities for higher participation of non-governmental organizations, especially ecological ones;
- 2) It is necessary, in accordance with the Law on Free Access to Information and appropriate EU Directive, to ensure more adequate access to information of Forest Administration. Appointment of a person to deal with public relations (PR) in Forest Administration, is a good step in improving exchange of information and total information of civil society on Forest Administration activities;
- 3) It would be necessary to do the review of financial impact of the new Forest Law (financial study), and it would be also necessary to prepare the detailed plan of implementation of the new Forest law;
- 4) It is the priority to prepare conditions for executors of professional jobs in forestry, including conditions for obtaining licences;
- 5) Emphasize the need (within the framework of the Joint Statement from the First Montenegrin Forest Forum) for development of forestry center for training of forestry staff, Contractors and forest owners, as well as the need to support the Secondary Vocational School "Vukadin Vukadinović" from Berane, the only one in Montenegro, which carries out the program for educational profile – forestry technician;
- 6) It would be necessary to return scholarship into the system of incenting education of forestry staff, that is, to find the best model of scholarship in accordance with the legal regulations;
- 7) We should ensure and build professional competencies of leading staff in forestry, having in mind the numerous challenges in the forestry sector reform;
- 8) Provide conditions for overcoming insolvencies of forestry budget (if possible , in a form of a regulation), because of uneven inflows of financial assets (because of

the seasonal character of forestry activities), in order to be able to carry out planned jobs and activities in forests even then when inflows are actually missing;

- 9) The concept of forest development planning in forest area level (municipality or more municipalities) should be developed and tested by application of integrated, multi-purpose concept of planning as well as defining and participation of all the stakeholders, especially through the Local Forest Council;
- 10) National inventory should be repeated in 2020. In order to have the comparative results on basis of the control method;
- 11) It is necessary to modernize methodology of preparing the operational plan for state forests, and develop the adjusted concept for private forests (private estate), as well as the method of monitoring and control of their execution;
- 12) Methodology (and process) of participatory management planning in case of the private forests (as compositional part of the joint methodology of planning) should be developed, that is, adjusted, using experiences and methodology developed for state forests;
- 13) It is necessary to institutionalize training for all planning levels, promote profession and school and create better conditions for staff development;
- 14) Clearly define tasks and responsibilities of institutions in connection to planning, implementation and monitoring of plans;
- 15) As the priority, private forest owners (PFO) should be included in preparation, development and implementation of plans for levels of estate and management unit;
- 16) Plan of activities within the framework of the NFP process which has been presented during this Forum, is needed to be updated and harmonized among the institutions and donors, and make it available for public in the first half of 2010. as the coherent framework for enforcement of the NFP;
- 17) It is necessary to put additional efforts in promotion of forests, forestry and forest profession in order to more appreciate activities of forest workers and present them adequately and realistically to wider public;
- 18) Organizing Forum – Montenegrin Forest Forum should be held each year, in the first quarter. Organizers of the Forum will be the state institutions – Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management and Forest Administration, with assistance of international institutions/projects. In connection to that, we should elect the Organizational Committee which will be in charge of Forum preparation. Each year, the Forum will deal with topics that are actualized and have marked or will mark the sector reform in that period.