

**MDG Achievement Fund – “From Migration Options to
Decent Work for Youth”**

1st Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes

14. April 2008

List of attendees: Mr. Hajredin Kuçi, Deputy Prime Minister (member of the Steering Committee); Mr. Frode Muring, UNDC (member of the Steering Committee); Mr. Levent Koro, UNDP; Ms. Valerie Wolff, UNDCO

1. Opening Remarks by the United Nations Development Coordinator, Mr. Frode Muring

- Mr. Muring opened the meeting. He continued the meeting by introducing himself, in his dual function as Resident Representative and United Nations Development Coordinator. The very different mandate of the UNKT and of UNMIK’s was highlighted followed by some background information of the UN Agencies and affiliates in Kosovo.
- A short briefing on the MDG Achievement Fund was presented: its establishment, objectives, priority areas, operating principles, application, review and approval process.
- The importance and relevance of the Millennium Development Goals for Kosovo was highlighted and the role of Kosovo Parliament to the MDG commitments was emphasized.
- Finally, the inclusiveness of the drafting process of the Joint Programme was emphasized by reiterating that the Project Management Committee was established to coordinate the drafting process, comprising representatives from participating UN Agencies and affiliates, the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Statistical Office of Kosovo and the Chamber of Commerce. Intensive consultations were undertaken to discuss in detail each output and corresponding activities of the Programme individually with each Ministry and with all representatives within the Project Management Committee.

2. Presentation of the Joint Programme “From Migration Options to Decent Work for Youth” by Mr. Levent Koro, Programme Analyst, Economic Development/UNDP

- Mr. Koro provided a brief background description of the consultation process that took place to finalize the draft of the Joint Programme document.

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- The results matrix of the joint programme was presented: highlighting the main outcomes, outputs, corresponding activities and responsible parties.
- Finally, it was highlighted that the Joint Programme was presented to the line ministries and agreed upon.

3. Comments/feedback from Mr. Kuçi and Mr. Mauring

Mr. Kuçi:

- Highlighted the good cooperation on many levels between the government and the United Nations.
- Emphasized the importance of the partnership with United Nations Kosovo Team in addressing the youth employment and migration challenges.
- Welcomed this programme and emphasized that addresses the government priorities.
- Finally, he stated a very strong interest to continue to be part of the Steering Committee and the willingness to collaborate closely and give support where needed.

Mr. Mauring:

- Mentioned that the level of cooperation with the government has been excellent and that the United Nations Kosovo Team mission is to work with the Government to accelerate progress on the national goals on the basis of good practice and comparative advantage.

4. Conclusion and Endorsement:

The Steering Committee fully endorsed the Joint Programme Document and requested for it to be formally submitted to the Millennium Development Goals Achievement Fund.

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