

Celebration of the International Human Rights Day

Conference Human rights and freedoms in Montenegro

Seventy years of adoption of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights are celebrated this year. The Universal Declaration is the first and most important international document for protection of human rights, which defines standards relevant for each person, which should be observed in all states. Even if it was adopted as a political, and not as a legally binding document, the Universal Declaration has in time become a part of international custom law. Values contained in the Declaration are relevant and timeless 70 years after its adoption, and it is only by observing them and applying them fully in national political systems that it is possible to build just and inclusive societies.

The conference themed 'Protection of human rights and freedoms in Montenegro' organised to celebrate the International Human Rights Day, aims at taking stock of the level of observance and protection of human rights and freedoms in Montenegro, focusing on areas recognised as challenging and demanding more intensive efforts by all the involved parties to achieve highest standards.

10 December 2018 Rectorate of the University of Montenegro Podgorica, Montenegro

| AGENDA | |
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| 09:45 - 10:00 | Registration of participants |
| 10:00 - 10:05 | Opening remarks Dr Branimir Radulović , President of the Association of Lawyers |
| 10:05 - 10:30 | Introductory addressesMr Zoran Pažin, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Justice Mr Šućko Baković, Protector of human rights and freedoms H.E. Aivo Orav, EU ambassador to Montenegro H.E. Ambassador Maryse Daviet, Head of OSCE Mission to Montenegro |
| 10:30 - 11:45 | FIRST SESSION Prevention of violence against women Panellists: Ms Vesna Medenica, President of the Supreme Court of Montenegro Ms Valentina Pavličić, National Agent before the European Court of Human Rights Mr Halil Duković, President of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms, Parliament of Montenegro Mr. Pol Planas, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights Mr Bojan Božović, member of the Steering Board of the Association of Lawyers of Montenegro Discussion Moderator: Ms Maja Raičević, Women's Rights Centre |
| 11:45 - 12:00 | Coffee break |
| 12:00- 13:15 | SECOND SESSION Protection against torture and inhuman treatment Panellists: MrDaniel Schmidt, Head of Unit for South-East Europe and Turkey, Council of Europe, chairman Ms Zdenka Perović, Deputy Ombudsperson, and a member of UN subcommittee for prevention of torture Ms Nataša Radonjić, General Director of the Directorate execution of criminal sanctions in the Ministry of Justice of Montenegro Dr Nebojša Vučinić, Professor at Law Faculty, and former judge of the European Court of Human Rights Mr Aleksandar Zeković, member of the Council for the Civic Control of the Police Discussion Moderator: Ms Tea Gorjanc Prelević, Executive Director of the Human Rights Action |
| 13:15 | Cocktail |