



Press-announce

United Nations Development Programme in Belarus

20 June, 2013

Roundtable on the advanced draft of the Concept Paper on improving the court system in Belarus will take place in Minsk

A Roundtable will be held on 25 June 2013 at the President-Hotel in Minsk devoted to the discussion of the advanced draft of the Concept Paper on improving the court system in the Republic of Belarus. This event falls within the framework of UNDP's project "Facilitating the Improvement of the Court System in Belarus through the Development of the Specialisation of Courts". The Concept Paper was developed by a team of national experts under the guidance of the project National Executing Agency – the Institute for Re-training and Qualification Upgrading of Judges, Prosecutors and Legal Professionals at the Belarusian State University.

The high level representatives of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, national educational institutions and academia, leaders of the ministries, authorities and organizations of the Republic of Belarus, mainly: the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Economy, the National Center of Legislation and Legal Research, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Belarus, the Supreme Court of the Republic of Belarus, the Supreme Economic Court of the Republic of Belarus, the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Belarus, the Republican Bar Association and other concerned authorities are invited to participate at the Roundtable.

The Project partners invited to participate include: representatives of the offices of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Children's Fund (UNICEF); representatives of regional international organizations: the Economic Court of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Court of the Eurasian Economic Community; and the international experts Mr. Vladimir Radchenko, the First Deputy of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation), Russell F. Canan, the Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia (USA), Mr. Eugene M. Hyman, the Honorable Judge of the Superior Court of Santa-Clara (California, USA), Ms. Jennifer A. Button, the Constitutional Solicitor in the British Columbia Ministry of Justice (Canada) and others.

The advanced draft of the Concept Paper on improving of the court system in Belarus has been developed from consultations and recommendations of more than 500 participants of the previous international research and practice seminars on specialized aspects of administration of justice in the Republic of Belarus held in the framework of the Project at the Institute for Re-training and

Qualification Upgrading of Judges, Prosecutors and Legal Professionals at the Belarusian State University in 2012-2013.

Background on the project: The UNDP project "Facilitating the Improvement of the Court System in Belarus through the Specialisation of Courts" promotes access to justice for the Belarusian people, and particularly for socially vulnerable population, by facilitating effective and professional performance of the judiciary system. It is implemented in cooperation with the Institute for Retraining and Qualification upgrading of Judges, Prosecutors and Legal professionals at the Belarusian State University.

Contact person for further inquiries: Iryna Serabrakova, Project Manager, tel.: +375 17 327-60-83, e-mail: iryna.serabrakova@undp.by

A special thanks to the [ABA-UNDP International Legal Resource Center \(ILRC\)](#) for their support in securing international experts for this endeavor. For further information about the ILRC and its technical legal assistance program, please contact Jacqueline Gichinga at Jacqueline.Gichinga@americanbar.org.