

**MULTI-DONOR TRUST FUND FOR JUSTICE SECTOR SUPPORT PROJECT IN SERBIA
(MDTF-JSS)
Implementation Support Mission**

**AIDE MEMOIRE
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A. INTRODUCTION

1. **A World Bank team visited Serbia from 2 to 6 February and then Brussels from 9 to 11 February 2015 for the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Justice Sector Support in Serbia (MDTF-JSS).** The mission was led by Mr. Klaus Decker (Senior Public Sector Specialist, GGODR and Task Team Leader) and included Ms. Georgia Harley (Justice Reform Specialist and co-Task Team Leader, GGODR). Mr. Adrian Fozzard (Practice Manager, GGODR) joined select meetings. The team was joined in Belgrade by Mr. Srdjan Svircev (Public Sector Specialist, GGODR) and supported from the Country Office by Ms. Hermina Vukovic Tasic (Program Assistant, ECCYU) and Mr. Kornel Drazilov (ETT Program Assistant, ECCY).
2. **The objectives of the mission were to:** a) launch the Serbia Judicial Functional Review in Belgrade and host dissemination workshops with a broad group of stakeholders in Novi Sad, Kragujevac and Brussels; b) discuss next steps for the Functional Review process and commence updating the program framework to support the implementation of recommendations; and c) monitor the implementation of other existing MDTF-JSS activities.
3. **The list of persons met is at Annex 1.** The Bank thanks stakeholders for their active participation in the mission, especially the Judiciary who led the dissemination events in Serbia and to the Serbian stakeholders who travelled to Brussels to participate in discussions there.

B. KEY FINDINGS AND AGREED NEXT STEPS

4. **The MDTF-JSS task team met with the Minister of Justice, who conveyed strong support for the work of the MDTF-JSS.** In particular, the Minister expressed appreciation for the Judicial Functional Review and requested support to implement its recommendations. A written request to extend the MDTF beyond its closing date of 31 December 2015 is expected to be conveyed by late February 2015. The Ministry of Justice (MOJ) also suggested that additional donor contributions should be made to the MDTF to enable it to carry through its work in support of the Chapter 23 process.
5. **Dissemination of the Judicial Functional Review is underway across the Serbia justice sector.** The Supreme Court of Cassation organized a launch event in Belgrade on 3 February (see <http://www.mdtfjss.org.rs/en/news/2015/launch-of-the-serbia-judicial-functional-review-in-belgrade>) and dissemination events in Novi Sad and Kragujevac on 4 and 5 February respectively (see <http://www.mdtfjss.org.rs/en/news/2015/dissemination-events-in-novi-sad-and-kragujevac>). Attendance at each event exceeded expectations. Hard copies of the Review are now in their third print run. The active participation among stakeholders at these events confirmed again the high level of consensus that has been built for the Review's finding and recommendations. Support was particularly strong among Court

Presidents, Judges and court staff, which bodes well for the implementation of the Review's recommendations.

6. **In response to requests, further dissemination events will be held across Serbia in coming months.** A dissemination event will be held in Nis in late February 2015 and at the four Law Schools in Belgrade, Nis, Novi Sad and Kragujevac in March and April 2015. A series of tailored dissemination workshops will also be held in coming months for specific target audiences in the sector (i.e. a workshop on management for court presidents; a workshop for the administrative offices of the High Judicial Council and State Prosecutorial Council; an ICT workshop for ICT professionals working in the sector; a financial management workshop for finance professionals etc.)

7. **A dissemination event in Brussels on 10 February provided the opportunity for Serbian stakeholders and the MDTF task team to discuss the Functional Review with EC colleagues.** The event was attended by a delegation of Serbian stakeholders who had been actively engaged in the Functional Review, including representatives from the Supreme Court of Cassation, High Judicial Council, MOJ and YUCOM (a local human rights NGO). The delegation shared their experiences of participating in the Functional Review and expressed their commitment to implement its recommendations. The MDTF task team outlined the methodology of the Review and links to the Chapter 23 process. EC colleagues included representatives of DG NEAR, DG Justice, and the General Secretariat. The MOJ and EC reiterated that the Review will be a key document in the development of Serbia's Chapter 23 Accession Action Plan and will enable progress to be measured against the current baseline of performance.

8. **The MDTF-JSS work plan is out of date and requires revision.** The Management Committee had previously signaled that the work plan could be updated based on an analysis of the final Serbia's Chapter 23 Accession Action Plan. However, finalization of the Chapter 23 Action Plan may take several months.

9. **To maintain the current positive momentum, the Bank team met with representatives of the MOJ, Supreme Court of Cassation and High Judicial Council to develop a package of activities that could be implemented in the near term pending the finalization of the Chapter 23 Action Plan and a possible extension and restructure of the MDTF.** It was agreed that a small number (5-10) activities should be selected on the basis that they are: non-contentious; recommended in the Functional Review; contained in the draft Chapter 23 Accession Action Plan; and in line with the MDTF-JSS's objectives and scope. The Bank team will finalize consultations and convey proposals to the MDTF-JSS Management Committee for approval.

10. **Progress toward the Project Development Objectives remains satisfactory.** The launch of the Judicial Functional Review has increased momentum within the sector and is expected to accelerate progress in implementation. The next supervision mission is tentatively scheduled for May 2015.

11. **The following Action Plan has been agreed.**

ITEM	NEXT STEP	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMEFRAME
1.	Dissemination event in Nis appellate region	World Bank & Supreme Court	February 2015
2.	Tailored workshops for target groups	World Bank, Supreme Court, High Judicial Council & MOJ	March – April 2015
3.	Dissemination to Law Faculties	World Bank & Supreme Court	March – April 2015
4.	Develop a list of activities for implementation in 2015	World Bank	February 2015
5.	Submit written request to extend MDTF-JSS closing date	MOJ	February 2015
6.	Develop MDTF-JSS work plan	World Bank & MOJ	May 2015

List of Persons Met

Last Name	First Name	Title/Organization
Government and Justice Officials		
Mr. Milojević	Dragomir	President of the Supreme Court of Cassation
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Ms. Mašić	Suzana	Ministry of Justice
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Ms. Kovačević	Vesna	Ministry of Justice
Mr. Davidović	Vladimir	Ministry of Justice
Mr. Bojković	Milan	Republic Public Prosecutors Office
Ms. Puzović	Mirjana	Chief of Cabinet, Supreme Court of Cassation
Mr. Golubovć	Miloš	Program Manager, Serbian European Integration Office
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Mr. Mudrenić	Nikola	President of Basic Court in Ruma

Ms. Petrić	Ljubica	President of Basic Court in Šid
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Mr. Lazarević	Gojko	President of Higher Court in Šabac
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