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MDTF-JSS Achievements in 2016

Multi Donor Trust Fund for Justice Sector Support in Serbia

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Implementation of the Unified BLR Program

- Revision of the Unified Backlog Reduction Program
  - Courts' workload analysis performed
  - Case management tools for backlogged cases – analysis performed
    - ICT tools
    - Memoranda of Understanding
    - Functional BLR Teams
  - Aligned with Action Plan for CH 23 and Judicial Functional Review recommendations
  - Comprises measures from earlier Unified BLR Plan and Special Program for Backlog Enfocement Cases

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Implementation of the Unified BLR Program

- Support to the SCC BLR Working Group Meetings
  - April 2016 – review and analysis of the 2015 Annual Report
  - July 2016 – review and adoption of the Revised Unified BLR Program

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Support to the SCC Case Law Harmonization Activities

- Implementation of the new Law on Enforcement and Security through four round tables for judges of basic and commercial courts – these served for collecting disputed legal issues to which SCC will dedicate a special session during Annual Judges' Conference, Oct. 9-12, 2016
- Continued implementation of the Appellate Courts' Joint Meetings' Plan

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Support to the SCC Capacity Building

- Study visit to The Netherlands for SCC justices and staff
  - Case-law issues in local and international courts
    - Access to case law database
    - Rules of anonymization/pseudonymization
  - Backlog prevention in Dutch courts

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Support to the SCC Capacity Building

- Statistical processing and reporting for SCC, appellate courts and larger basic courts
- Performance measurement and management for SCC and appellate courts
- Identification of most common issues that courts have in preparation of statistical reports requested by SCC and Appellate courts.

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Support to the SCC Capacity Building

- Workshops for SCC and appellate courts advisors on the recent ECHR case-law with skills training on interpreting ECHR decisions in domestic jurisprudence
- Study visit for case-law departments' advisors to Croatia and Slovenia to be focused on:
  - Challenges and best practices in case-law harmonization
  - Tools on decision exchange

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Support to the SCC Capacity Building

- SCC court staff has been trained how to use office software applications
- Continuous training of SCC and Appellate court statisticians and ICT staff in using advanced Excel features through showcase based on standardized report

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Support to SCC New Initiatives

- SCC participation and presentation at 11th Regional IACA Conference
- New format of the SCC Annual Report on the Work of Courts
  - redesigned reporting categories
  - user-friendly outline and content
- Courts Award Program
  - awards for the most successful courts in 2016
  - sustainability provided through SCC Book of Rules and Act on Rewards and Recognitions

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Thank you for your attention!