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**Extrabudgetary projects**

**Strengthening cooperation on hydrology and environment between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the upper Amu Darya River basin**

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE**  
**TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

<b>Project title and project number:</b> Strengthening cooperation on hydrology and environment between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the upper Amu Darya River basin		
<b>1. Expected timing/ duration:</b> 1 September 2017 – 30 June 2020		
<b>2. Objective and brief summary of the project:</b> The objective of the project is to strengthen cooperation on hydrology and environment between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the upper Amu Darya River basin. The project will continue working on establishment of long-term cooperation on environment and hydrology between Afghanistan and Tajikistan. It will contribute to the practical implementation of the existing cooperation frameworks and protocols, such as the bilateral agreement on hydrology cooperation from 2010, the Protocol on hydrology data exchange from 2014, the work programmes on hydrology and environment from 2015, and the Memorandum of Understanding on Environment under negotiation. Building on previous activities supported by the UNECE the objective of the project will be achieved through the following activities: A1.1 Organization of 3 annual bilateral meetings to discuss environmental cooperation and implementation of the bilateral environmental Memorandum. (back-to-back with A2.1); A1.2 Support to implementation of the bilateral environmental Memorandum as agreed during the annual bilateral meetings (3 trainings, including 1 joint expedition); A2.1 Organization of 3 annual bilateral meetings to discuss hydrology cooperation (back-to-back with A1.1); A2.2. Support to broadening of the hydrology cooperation including trainings and establishment of data transfer platforms (2 training/ capacity building events).		
<b>3. Expected results of the project:</b> EA1. Improved environmental cooperation between Tajikistan and Afghanistan EA2. Improved bilateral cooperation on hydrology including the exchange of data on the Pyanj basin between Tajikistan and Afghanistan		
<b>4. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b> Main target groups are: Afghanistan - Ministry of Energy and Water (Hydrological Dept.), and National Environmental Protection Agency; Tajikistan - State Committee on Environmental Protection and its Agency on Hydrometeorology. Beneficiaries are Afghanistan and Tajikistan.		
<b>5. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b> The project is directly linked to the Expected Accomplishment (a) “Improved response to environmental challenges by ECE constituencies” of the Subprogramme 1 “Environment” of the proposed Strategic Framework for 2016-2017 and 2018-2019. The bilateral meeting of senior officials in October 2015 reviewed the progress that has been made since the Afghan and Tajik Agreement on water sources has been signed in 2010. The meeting participants expressed appreciation to UNECE for its technical support and advice in the organization of bilateral meetings and contribution to the preparation of documentation. Furthermore, UNECE was requested to continue to provide such technical support. The proposed project is a part of the Programme of Work of the UNECE Water Convention as well as the SPECA Work Programme and its Working Group on Water, Energy and Environment.		
<b>6. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b> 2 months of P5/Regional Advisor and 2 month of P3 (ECE-ESCAP office in Almaty)		
<b>7. Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b>		
<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount (US\$)</b>	
Russian Federation	160,460	
<b>8. Project Manager:</b> Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa  23.05.2017	<b>9. Section/Division:</b> Environment	
<b>11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b> Catherine Haswell OiC of PMU 29.05.2017	<b>12. Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>23.06.2017</b>

<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

**Annex**  
**Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project**

<b>Part I. Planning</b> (to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)			<b>Part II. Implementation</b> (to be used for reporting on progress in the implementation of the project in real time) <sup>1,2</sup>	
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Implemented activities <sup>3</sup>	Actual expenditures <sup>4</sup> (US\$)
E.A.1. Improved environmental cooperation between Tajikistan and Afghanistan	A.1.1. Organization of 3 annual bilateral meetings to discuss environmental cooperation and implementation of the bilateral environmental Memorandum. (back-to-back with A2.1) P3 staff to support implementation of the project x \$12,000 x 0.75% 1 International consultant x 1 work month x \$3,000; 1 National Consultant x 1 work month x \$1,000 2 missions of consultant x \$2,250 2 missions of 1 staff x \$2,500 Contractual services for organization of 3 bilateral meetings	<b>32,750</b>		
	A.1.2. Support to implementation of the bilateral environmental Memorandum as agreed during the annual bilateral meetings (3 trainings, including 1 joint expedition) P3 staff to support implementation of the project x \$12,000 x 0.75% 1 International consultant 1 work month x \$3,000; 1 National Consultant x 1 work month x \$1,000 Contractual services for organization of 3 training 8 participants x 2 trainings x \$500 per participant 9 participants x 1 training x \$500 per participant	<b>35,750</b>		

<sup>1</sup> The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation.

<sup>2</sup> Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat.

<sup>3</sup> Relevant information should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity and include the following:

(a) For an advisory service (including at a workshop/seminar/training organized by other organizations): title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlink(s) to presentation(s) and other relevant documents;

(b) For a workshop/conference/training organized by UNECE: title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlinks to the meeting agenda, list of participants, presentation(s) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;

(c) For a consultancy: project expenditures; hyperlinks to the consultancy ToR and main outputs (study, report, training material, presentation, etc.) produced by the consultant/s;

(d) For other outputs not included under bullet points above: hyperlink to relevant documents.

<sup>4</sup> Relevant financial information – certified by the Executive Office - should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity.

E.A.2. Improved bilateral cooperation on hydrology including the exchange of data on the Pyanj basin between Tajikistan and Afghanistan	A.2.1. Organization of 3 annual bilateral meetings to discuss hydrology cooperation. (back-to-back with A1.1) P3 staff to support implementation of the project x \$12,000 x 0.75% 1 International consultant 1 work month x \$3,000; 1 National Consultant x 1 work month x \$1,000 2 missions of consultant x \$2,250 2 missions of 1 staff x \$2,500 Contractual services for organization of 3 bilateral meetings	<b>32,750</b>  9,000 3,000 1,000 4,500 5,000 10,250		
	A.2.2. Support to broadening of the hydrology cooperation including trainings and establishment of data transfer platforms (2 training/ capacity building events) P3 staff to support implementation of the project x \$12,000 per month x 0.75% 1 International consultant 1 work month x \$3,000; 1 National Consultant x 1 work month x \$1,000 Monitoring equipment 8 participants x 2 trainings x \$500 per participant 9 participants x 1 training x \$500 per participant Contractual services for organization of 3 training	<b>40,750</b>  9,000 3,000 1,000 8,000 8,000 4,500 7,250		
Budget summary		142,000		
13% of Programme Support Costs		18,460		
<b>Total</b>		<b>160,460</b>		<b>Total:</b>