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**Extrabudgetary projects**  
**UN-Water inter-agency cooperation**

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

<b>1. Project title and project number:</b> UN-Water inter-agency cooperation								
<b>2. Expected timing/ duration:</b> July 2017 – December 2020								
<b>3. Objective and brief summary of the project:</b> The objective of the project is to facilitate the UNECE contribution to system-wide coordinated actions and coherence on water-related issues. UN-Water is the United Nations inter-agency coordination mechanism for all freshwater related issues, which was formalized in 2003 by the United Nations High Level Committee on Programmes. The work of UN-Water is defined by the senior programme managers representing the heads of water programmes in UN organizations, agencies and programmes. The work is organized around thematic priority areas, task forces and monitoring programmes. UN-Water activities are financed by a multi-donor interagency trust fund which is administered by UNOPS. UNECE is a party to the MoU on the interagency trust fund since March 2013. On the basis of its mandate and work on transboundary water management and on water and health issues, UNECE actively contributes to several UN-Water activities. In particular, UNECE co-leads with UNESCO the UN-Water Thematic Priority Area on transboundary waters. Moreover, given its role as custodian agency for SDG global indicator 6.5.2 (including jointly with UNESCO), UNECE contributes to UN-Water efforts for an integrated framework for monitoring and reporting on SDG 6 on water and sanitation. The project will be implemented by delivering the following groups of activities: A1.1. Providing substantive inputs to policy briefs and other publications as defined by UN-Water Senior Programme Managers; A1.2. Providing substantive inputs, including the development of promotional and capacity-building activities, to the 2018-2028 International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” as decided by UN-Water Senior Programme Managers; A2.1. Analysing data provided by countries for indicator 6.5.2, preparing different inputs and reports on the progress of transboundary water cooperation and promoting the results; A2.2. Organising capacity-building activities to strengthen national monitoring for indicator 6.5.2.								
<b>4. Expected results of the project:</b> EA1. Improved synergies and partnerships in providing technical and policy advice on ongoing and emerging water-related challenges; EA2. Enhanced capacities to support the monitoring of SDG 6, in particular indicator 6.5.2.								
<b>5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b> The target group is national authorities responsible for environment and water management, international organisations including members of the UN-Water inter-agency cooperation. The beneficiaries are all UN Member States.								
<b>6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b> The project will support the achievement of the expected accomplishment (a) “Improved response to environmental challenges”, (b) “Strengthened implementation of ECE multilateral commitments and increased geographical coverage”, (c) Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe, and (d) “Improved environmental performance of interested countries” of Subprogramme 1 “Environment” of the UNECE proposed strategic frameworks for 2016-2017 and 2018-2019. As stated in the para 17.5 “ECE will also pursue system-wide coherence in its programme delivery to avoid overlap, reduce duplication, multiply effect, increase impact and ensure sustainability of its work in the region” of the overall orientation of the UNECE proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019.								
<b>7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b> 0.8 months per year of 1 RB/P4								
<b>8. Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b> <table style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Donor</th> <th style="text-align: right;">Amount (US\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Contribution from the UN-Water multi-donor trust fund (mostly Switzerland and Germany) in 2017</td> <td style="text-align: right;">82,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Estimated expected contribution from the UN-Water multi-donor trust fund in 2018-2020</td> <td style="text-align: right;">159,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Donor	Amount (US\$)	Contribution from the UN-Water multi-donor trust fund (mostly Switzerland and Germany) in 2017	82,000	Estimated expected contribution from the UN-Water multi-donor trust fund in 2018-2020	159,000
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<b>9. Project Manager:</b> Francesca Bernardini  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>29 May 2017</b></p>	<b>10. Section/Division:</b> Environment Division							
<b>11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b> Catherine Haswell OiC of PMU  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>29 May 2017</b></p>	<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>	
<b>Expected accomplishments</b>	<b>Planned activities *</b> Fill-in with the same activities as defined in the section 3.	<b>Estimated costs (US\$)</b>	<b>Implemented activities<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Actual expenditures<sup>4</sup> (US\$)</b>
EA.1. Improved synergies and partnerships in providing technical and policy advice on ongoing and emerging water-related challenges to UN Member States	A1.1. Providing substantive inputs to policy briefs and other publications P3 staff x \$15,000 x 1 month 1 international consultant x 1 month x \$10,000	<b>25,000</b>  15,000 10,000		
	A1.2. Providing substantive inputs, including the development of promotional and capacity-building activities, to the 2018-2028 International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development” as decided by UN-Water Senior Programme Managers P3 staff x \$15,000 x 1 month	<b>15,000</b>		
EA.2. Enhanced capacity to support the monitoring of SDG 6, in particular indicator 6.5.2	A2.1. Analysing data provided by countries for indicator 6.5.2, preparing different inputs and reports on the progress of transboundary water cooperation and promoting the results P3 staff x \$15,000 x 9 months Travel of staff x 5 missions x \$2,000 1 international consultant x 2.5 months x \$10,000	<b>170,000</b>  135,000 10,000 25,000		
	A2.2. Organising capacity-building activities to strengthen national monitoring for indicator 6.5.2. P3 staff x \$15,000 x 1 month	<b>15,000</b>		
Budget summary		225,000		
7% of Programme Support Costs		16,000		
<b>Total</b>		<b>241,000</b>	<b>Total:</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.