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Extrabudgetary project

**Enhance awareness and political commitment
of the Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe
on forest landscape restoration under “ECCA30” and the Bonn Challenge**

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

Project title: Enhance awareness and political commitment of the Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe on forest landscape restoration under “ECCA30” and the Bonn Challenge		
Expected timing/ duration: February 2020 – February 2021		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to enhance awareness and political commitment of countries of the Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern Europe and South-East Europe to restore forest landscapes. This will be achieved by raising awareness on the Bonn Challenge - a global effort to restore 350 million hectares of the world's degraded and deforested lands by 2030 and “ECCA30” - a regional initiative to restore 30 million hectares of degraded and deforested land in Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia under the Bonn Challenge. The countries covered by “ECCA30” contain almost 25% of the world’s forests. These forests provide numerous economic, environmental and social benefits. Implementation of the ECCA30 initiative under the Bonn Challenge will contribute to sustainable forest management and climate mitigation through restoration of deforested and degraded land. This project builds on the successful outcome of the project “Strengthening capacity of Caucasus and Central Asia to restore deforested and degraded lands in support of the international Bonn Challenge and the achievement of SDG 13 & 15” (January – December 2018). Within this project, the first Ministerial Roundtable on Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) and the Bonn Challenge in the Caucasus and Central Asia (21-22 June 2018) led to pledges to restore over 2.5 million hectares of forest landscape under the Bonn Challenge by 2030 by Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan and to the adoption of the Astana Resolution (https://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/timber/meetings/2018/20180621/Resolution_ENG.pdf), committing the Caucasus and Central Asia region to go beyond 2.5 million hectares through strengthened partnerships and regional cooperation. Azerbaijan joined the Bonn Challenge in 2019, with the additional pledge of 170,000 ha, and Turkmenistan expressed interest to join the Bonn Challenge in the future. The proposed project will also complement the ongoing project “Strengthening the capacity of the Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe to restore forest landscapes under the Bonn Challenge” (February 2019- March 2020), as in the framework of this ongoing project the regional preparatory meeting on the FLR and the Bonn Challenge for Eastern and South-East Europe (16-17 December 2019) was organized in Serbia and the publication on FLR opportunities for the region is under finalization. The objective of the proposed project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Organization of 3 awareness rising events on “ECCA30” for countries of Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe; A2.1. Organization of a high-level meeting on forest landscape restoration and the Bonn Challenge for Eastern and South-East Europe. The project will be implemented with other partners and international organizations including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF) and the Global Forest Financing Facilitation Network (GFFFN) and Global Partnership on Forest Landscape Restoration (GPFLR). The project contributes to SDGs 13 and 15.		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Raised awareness of national stakeholders on ECCA30 and the Bonn Challenge; EA2. Enhanced commitment and strengthened cooperation of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe to restore degraded forest landscapes under ECCA30 and the Bonn Challenge.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group are staff of forest related ministries, national forest agencies, research institutes, and NGOs. Beneficiary countries are UNECE member States (countries of the Caucasus, Central Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe)		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project directly contributes to the objective of the Subprogramme 7 “Forestry and timber” of the UNECE programme budget for 2020 “to strengthen sustainable management of forests and enhance the contribution of forests and forest products to sustainable development in the ECE region”. The project is a part of the implementation of the ECE/FAO Integrated programme of Work 2018-2021, Work Area 2: Policy Dialogue and Advise and Work Area 4: Capacity Building.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month of RB/P5		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
Germany	145,000 (124,300 €)	
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1 See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (USD)
EA1. Raised awareness of national stakeholder on ECCA30 and the Bonn Challenge.	A1.1. Organization of 3 events on the dissemination of information on “ECCA30” P2 staff to provide substantive support for organization of the events x 1month x \$11,000 Travel of 8 meeting participants xx \$2,000 2 missions of 1 staff member x \$2,500 Contractual services (venue, hospitality, interpretation)	38,000 11,000 16,000 5,000 6,000
EA2. Enhanced commitment and strengthened cooperation of Eastern and South-Eastern Europe to restore degraded forest landscapes under ECCA30 and the Bonn Challenge.	A2.1. Organization of a high-level meeting on forest landscape restoration and the Bonn Challenge for Eastern and South-East Europe. P2 staff to provide substantive support for organization of the events (3 months x \$11,000) Travel of 18 meeting participants x \$2,000 Travel of 2 staff x \$2,000 Contractual services (venue, interpretation, hospitality)	89,000 33,000 36,000 4,000 16,000
Budget summary		127,000
13% of Programme Support Costs		16,510
1% levy		1,450
Total (rounded)		145,000