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**Extrabudgetary projects**

**Strengthening the capacity of UNECE member States in implementation  
of the UNECE Strategy for Education on Sustainable Development**

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

<b>1. Project title and project number:</b> Strengthening the capacity of UNECE member States in implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education on Sustainable Development						
<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 strengthen the capacity of the UNECE member States in implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development (the Strategy). The Strategy was adopted in March 2005 at the High-level Meeting of Environment and Education Ministries (Vilnius, Lithuania) and covers all levels of education from primary to tertiary, including vocational and adult learning. The meeting established the Steering Committee on ESD in order to review the progress in implementation of the Strategy and mandated UNECE to provide the secretarial support to the Steering Committee. In 2016, by the decision of the High-Level Meeting of the Ministries of Education and Environment in the framework of the 8 <sup>th</sup> Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, Georgia, 08-10 June 2016) the mandate of the Steering Committee has been extended until 2030 and UNECE was requested to continue providing secretarial functions. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A1.1. Participation of the beneficiary countries in the planned annual intergovernmental sessions of the Steering Committee on ESD;</li> <li>A1.2. Conducting periodic assessment of ESD integration in the region and in selected beneficiary countries based on the national reporting;</li> <li>A1.3. Organization of three capacity building workshops, in particular in lower-and upper- middle income countries;</li> <li>A2.1. Participation in regional and international events (such as Partner Networks meetings of the UNESCO Global Action Programme (GAP) on Education for Sustainable Development) to continue cooperation on the implementation of GAP;</li> <li>A2.2. Organisation of consultations with relevant regional and international partners in order to develop joint technical cooperation projects to support the implementation of the Strategy.</li> </ul>						
<b>4. Expected results of the project:</b> EA1. Enhanced national implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development; EA2. Strengthened cooperation and partnerships with key stakeholders (especially with UNESCO) on the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development at the national, regional and international levels.						
<b>5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b> Target group is relevant government and other institutions with responsibilities for achieving SDGs in the sectors of the environment, sustainable development, and education. Beneficiary countries are the UNECE member States.						
<b>6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b> The proposed project directly contributes to the implementation of the Subprogramme 1 “Environment” of the UNECE Strategic Frameworks for 2016-2017 and 2018-2019. Specifically, the project contributes to the Expected Accomplishment (a) “Improved response to environmental challenges by ECE constituencies” and other expected accomplishments, given a cross-cutting nature of the ESD process. Since their commencement in 2005, the activities related to the Strategy are supported by the existing project EIA-E911 “Environment for Europe” trust fund. The UNECE Steering Committee on ESD at its 11 <sup>th</sup> Meeting in February 2016 requested the secretariat to facilitate the establishment of a separate trust fund for ESD activities as reflected in the report of the meeting (ECE/CEP/AC.13/2016/2, para 70): “... Following a unanimous and strong recommendation of the Steering Committee, the secretariat was mandated to request the ECE Executive Office that a new accounting procedure be created for a separate education for sustainable development fund”.						
<b>7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b> 0.5 work months of P5						
<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: center;">Amount (US\$)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Austria, Canada, Estonia, Hungary, Georgia, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, Switzerland</td> <td style="text-align: center;">234,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Donor	Amount (US\$)	Austria, Canada, Estonia, Hungary, Georgia, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, Switzerland	234,000
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<b>9. Project Manager:</b> Zaal Lomtadze <p style="text-align: right;">23 May 2017</p>	<b>10. Section/Division:</b> Environment for Europe and Sustainable Development Section, Environment Division					
<b>11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b> Catherine Haswell OiC of PMU <p style="text-align: right;">23 May 2017</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>	<b>Estimated costs (US\$)</b>	<b>Implemented activities<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>Actual expenditures<sup>4</sup> (US\$)</b>
E.A.1. Enhanced national implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development	A.1.1. Participation of the beneficiary countries in the planned annual intergovernmental sessions of the Steering Committee on ESD  P3 staff to support implementation of the project x \$15,000 x 2 work months 10 participants x \$1,500	<b>45,000</b>  30,000 15,000		
	A.1.2. Conducting periodic assessment (once per 3 years) of ESD integration in the region and in selected beneficiary countries based on the national reporting  1 international consultant x \$4,000 x 1 months	<b>4,000</b>		
	A.1.3. Organization of three capacity building workshop (2018-2020), in particular in lower-and upper- middle income countries; P3 staff to support implementation of the project x \$15,000 x 4.5 work months 2 international consultants x \$3,000 x 3 months 3 missions of 1 staff x \$2,000 Contractual services to organise workshops	<b>146,500</b>  67,500 18,000 6,000 55,000		
E.A.2. Strengthened cooperation and partnerships with key stakeholders (especially with UNESCO) on the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development at the national, regional and international levels	A2.1. Participation in regional and international events (such as Partner Networks meetings of the UNESCO Global Action Programme (GAP) on Education for Sustainable Development) to continue cooperation on the implementation of GAP  3 missions of 1 staff x \$2,000	<b>6,000</b>		
	A2.2. Organisation of consultations with relevant regional and international partners in order to develop joint technical cooperation projects to support the implementation of the Strategy  3 missions of 1 staff x \$2,000	<b>6,000</b>		
Budget summary		207,500		
13% of Programme Support Costs		26,975		
<b>Total (rounded)</b>		<b>234,000</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.