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**Extrabudgetary projects**

**Workshop “Policies for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: exchange of good practices on the basis of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews”**

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

<b>Project title and project number:</b> Workshop “Policies for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: exchange of good practices on the basis of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews”		
<b>Expected timing/ duration:</b> 21–22 November 2018 (Minsk, Belarus)		
<p><b>Objective and brief summary of the project:</b></p> <p>The Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (Batumi, 2016) recognized the role that UNECE Environmental Performance Review (EPR) Programme can play in supporting the achievement and monitoring of SDGs in the UNECE region. Since 2017, EPRs has been assessing progress in the reviewed countries in achieving relevant SDGs. The review process has also been assisting these countries to identify systemic challenges related to the achievement of relevant SDGs and working to build their capacity to implement respective EPR recommendations in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In 2017, the EPR team organized the first workshop to support the countries in integration of SDGs in the EPRs and facilitated the discussion on first lessons learned. The proposed second workshop “Policies for implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: exchange of good practices on the basis of UNECE Environmental Performance Reviews” will be organized to strengthen the capacity of national stakeholders in the countries under review in implementation of the environment-related targets of the 2030 Agenda and integration of SDG targets in ongoing and future EPRs. In addition, the workshop will provide a platform for peer learning and networking between national environmental authorities on implementation of the 2030 Agenda. The workshop will be structured upon systemic issues for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, such as institutional setting, data availability, ownership, awareness, follow-up and review mechanisms, and preparation of voluntary national reports and will feature good practice in the reviewed countries.</p>		
<p><b>Expected results of the project:</b></p> <p>EA1. Strengthening capacities of national environmental authorities to integrate environmental considerations into sectoral policies in line with the 2030 Agenda;</p> <p>EA2. Enhancing the integration of SDG targets in EPRs.</p>		
<p><b>Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b></p> <p>Target group: senior policymakers and experts from relevant ministries and agencies responsible for development of national policy documents related to the achievement of SDGs. Beneficiary countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.</p>		
<p><b>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b></p> <p>The activity directly contributes to the Expected accomplishment (a) "Improved response to environmental challenges by ECE constituencies" and (d) "Improved environmental performance of interested countries" of the Subprogramme 1 “Environment” of the UNECE Strategic Framework for 2018–2019.</p>		
<b>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b>		
0.3 month of P3/RB		
<b>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b>		
<b>Donor</b>	<b>Amount (US\$)</b>	
Germany	17,650	
<b>Project Manager:</b>	<b>Section/Division:</b>	
Antoine Nunes	Environment	
	08.10.2018	
<b>Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b>	<b>Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>31.10.2018</b>
Catherine Haswell		
<b>Chief</b>	08.10.2018	

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

**Annex**  
**Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project**

<b>Part I. Planning</b> (to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)		
<b>Expected Accomplishments</b>	<b>Planned activities</b>	<b>Estimated costs (US\$)</b>
EA1. Strengthening capacities of national environmental authorities to integrate environmental considerations into sectoral policies in line with the 2030 Agenda; EA2. Enhancing integration of SDG targets in EPRs.	Travel of 3 experts x \$2,184	6,552
	Travel of 2 staff x \$2,184	4,368
	Contractual services to support organization of the workshop x \$4,700	4,700
Budget summary		15,620
13% of Programme Support Costs		2,030
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,650</b>