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Extrabudgetary projects

**Strengthening statistical capacity of the CIS countries for providing high quality statistics
and indicators to monitor progress towards SDGs**

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

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| Project title: Strengthening statistical capacity of the CIS countries for providing high quality statistics and indicators to monitor progress towards SDGs | | |
| Expected timing/ duration: April 2019 – December 2021 | | |
| Objective and brief summary of the project: <p>The project aims to strengthen statistical capacity of CIS countries to provide high quality statistics and indicators to monitor progress towards SDGs. The project focuses on environmental statistics as the data availability in this area is the lowest among the three pillars of sustainable development (economic, social and environmental pillar). The objective will be achieved through a series of workshops, development of guidelines and translation of key reference documents in this area into Russian. The main activities to be implemented are as follows:</p> <p>A1.1. Workshop on environmental statistics and indicators related to SDGs (back-to-back with the meeting of the UNECE Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators);</p> <p>A1.2. Expert meeting and workshop for CIS countries on measuring hazardous events and disasters;</p> <p>A1.3. Workshop on producing and using climate change related indicators to measure SDGs;</p> <p>A1.4. Seminar on implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA);</p> <p>A1.5. Workshop on producing and communicating statistics for SDGs (back-to-back with the Expert Meeting on statistics for SDGs);</p> <p>A2.1. Development of guidelines for communication and use of environmental statistics for SDGs;</p> <p>A2.2. Translating key reference documents on statistics for SDGs into Russian, such as guidelines and recommendations on producing, communicating and using SDG indicators, metadata for SDG indicators, and other relevant material.</p> <p>The project will build on outcomes of UNECE work in the areas related to environment statistics, including the Joint Task Force on Environmental Statistics and Indicators, and the United Nations Development Account 10th tranche Programme on Statistics and Data (2016-2019). The project will be implemented in cooperation with Rosstat, other government agencies of the Russian Federation, and CISSTAT. It will benefit from the contributions of UNSD, UN Environment, UNECE Environment Division, ESCAP and UNISDR.</p> | | |
| Expected results of the project: <p>EA1. Strengthened capacity of national statistical offices of CIS countries to produce environmental statistics for SDGs;</p> <p>EA2. Improved communication and use of statistics and indicators for monitoring progress towards SDGs</p> | | |
| Target group and beneficiaries of the project: <p>National statistical offices and government agencies working on statistics for SDGs in CIS countries. Beneficiary countries are Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Republic of Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.</p> | | |
| Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: <p>The project contributes to the Expected accomplishment (c) “Improved national capacity to implement international standards and recommendations in official statistics, including on SDGs and gender-sensitive indicators” of the Subprogramme 3 “Statistics” of the UNECE programme budget for the period 2018-2019 and the objective “to advance official statistics at the national and international levels” of the Subprogramme 3 “Statistics” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2020. The Global Assessments of statistical systems in CIS countries have identified environment statistics as one of the areas that requires the most capacity development support. Furthermore, in a survey that UNECE Statistical Division carried out in June 2018, countries indicated statistics for SDGs and environmental statistics as the priority areas for capacity development within the next 3-4 years.</p> | | |
| Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): <p>1 month P5/ RB staff; 1 month/P4 RB staff, 1 month/ G6 for the project duration</p> | | |
| Estimated extra budgetary resources: | | |
| Donor: Russian Federation | Amount (US\$): 200,000 | |
| Project Manager: Tiina Luige 15.02.2019 | Section/Division: Environment and multi-domain Statistics Section, UNECE Statistical Division | |
| Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell Chief 15.02.2019 | 12. Approved by EXCOM | 11.03.2019 |

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

| Expected Accomplishments | Planned activities | Estimated costs (US\$) |
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| EA1. Strengthened capacity of national statistical offices of CIS countries to produce statistics and indicators for monitoring progress towards SDGs with special focus on indicators related to environment | A1.1. Workshop on environmental statistics and indicators related to SDGs Travel of 2 staff x 1 mission x \$2000 Travel of 9 participants from CIS countries x \$1,800 Contractual services (interpretation, translation) Other operational costs (rental of rooms, equipment, etc.) | 27,100 4,000 16,200 4,500 2,400 |
| | A1.2. Expert Meeting and workshop for CIS countries on measuring hazardous events and disasters Travel of 2 staff x 1 mission x \$2,000 Travel of 9 participants from CIS countries x \$1,800 Contractual services (interpretation, translation) Other operational costs (rental of rooms, equipment, etc.) | 27,100 4,000 16,200 4,500 2,400 |
| | A1.3. Workshop on producing and using climate change related indicators to measure SDGs Consultant travel 1 mission x 2000 to participate in the workshop to collect input for guidelines on communication on use of statistics for SDGs Travel of 2 staff x 1 mission x \$2,000 Travel of 9 participants from CIS countries x \$1,800 Contractual services (interpretation, translation) Other operational costs (rental of rooms, equipment, etc.) | 29,100 2,000 4,000 16,200 4,500 2,400 |
| | A1.4. Seminar on implementation of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) Travel of 2 staff x 1 mission x \$2,000 Travel of 9 participants from CIS countries x \$1,800 Contractual services (interpretation, translation) Other operational costs (rental of rooms, equipment, etc.) | 27,100 4,000 16,200 4,500 2,400 |
| | A1.5. Workshop on producing and communicating statistics for SDGs (Geneva) Consultant travel to participate in the workshop to promote the guidelines on communication and use of statistics for SDGs x1 mission x \$2,000 Travel of 9 participants from CIS countries x \$2,500 Contractual services (interpretation, translation) Other operational costs (rental of rooms, equipment, etc.) | 35,600 2000 22500 8,700 2400 |
| EA2. Improved communication and use of statistics and indicators for monitoring progress towards achievement of SDGs | A2.1. Development of guidelines for communication and use of statistics for SDGs 1 international consultant to prepare guidelines on communication and use of statistics for SDGs x 3 months x \$5,000 | 15,000 |
| | A2.2. Translation of key reference documents on statistics for SDGs into Russian (such as guidelines and recommendations on producing, communicating and using SDG indicators, metadata for SDG indicators, and other relevant material) Contractual services (translation, approximately 1600 pages x \$10) | 16,000 |
| Budget summary | | 177,000 |
| 13% of Programme Support Costs | | 23,000 |
| Total | | 200,000 |