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Extrabudgetary projects

**Support to the organization of the Day of Cities
(8 April 2019; Geneva)**

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

Project title: Support to the organisation of the Day of Cities (8 April 2019, Geneva)		
Expected timing/ duration: February – April 2019		
Objective and brief summary of the project: To inform inter-governmental discussions of the 68 th Commission Session, the Day of Cities is organised promote the exchange of knowledge and best practices on urban sustainability and in implementation of global agreements, such as the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development and others, through peer-exchange between mayors and key urban stakeholders. This will be achieved through the organization of one-day event with the participation of cities' mayors and practitioners in Geneva on 8 April 2019. The event will be organized as a pre-meeting to the UNECE 68 th Commission Session which will take place on 9 and 10 April 2019. The Day of Cities will bring together mayors, vice-mayors and other key urban authorities to exchange their views and knowledge diverse topics, including integrated urban planning, environmental sustainability, housing affordability, smart sustainable cities, and so on. In addition to providing the chance to familiarise mayors with some successful examples of transition towards smart sustainable cities, this event will also represent an opportunity for urban authorities to learn more about the existing UNECE instruments that support sustainable practices and measure progress towards creating smart sustainable cities. The Day of Cities will take place on 8 April 2019, and as of 27 February 2019, has 40 confirmed mayors and deputy mayors, the number of which is expected to increase to around 60. The event will include two roundtables: one on improving the quality of life in cities and the other on improving the efficiency of urban operations, services and competitiveness. These roundtables will be complemented by information exchange through holding an exhibition where the mayors and their staff will showcase examples of some of their notable urban practices. To ensure balanced geographical and gendered representation and that participants from all UNECE countries are given the opportunity to benefit from the exchange of knowledge and best practices at the Day of Cities, financial support is required to bring the mayors and vice mayors from selected countries, namely from the CIS region and the Balkans. The proposed project will support the organisation of the Day of the Cities and in particular will cover travel expenses and daily subsistence allowance (DSA) of the mayors to Geneva from the beneficiary cities.		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased peer-learning, and exchange of knowledge on sustainability of cities in the UNECE region; EA2. Improved understanding of policy-makers at the city level of the UNECE tools for sustainable urban development (including measuring progress towards smart sustainable cities) and successful urban policies and practices; EA3. Improved cooperation at the city level to contribute to the achievement of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in the UNECE region.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries include Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Armenia, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Belarus. The target group are policy makers at the city level (mayors of Bishkek, Tashkent, Dushanbe, Ashgabat, Chisinau, Yerevan, Sarajevo, Belgrade, Polotsk and Novopolotsk) and vice-mayor of Tbilisi). More mayors from the UNECE member States might confirm their participation.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The proposed project is in line with the EXCOM approval of the preparations for the 2019 Commission Session during its 100 th meeting on 21 September 2018, and its support for making "Smart Sustainable Cities" as its overall theme, as well as its invitation to the member States to facilitate high level attendance at the Session and propose cities from the UNECE that should be invited to showcase good practices in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the proposed "Day of Cities".		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 0.5 months of P5/ RB		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donors	Amount (US\$)	
Switzerland	20,000	
Project Manager: Paola Deda Chief, Forests, Housing and Land Management 27.02.2019	Section/Division: Forests, Land and Housing Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Catherine Haswell Chief of PMU 27.02.2019	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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Budget summary		17,700
13% of Programme Support Costs		2,300
Total		20,000