

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Project number and title of the project	ECE-E298 - Improving national capacities of Central Asian countries to harmonize and implement internationally applicable system of classification and sustainable management of energy and mineral resources
Project manager	Charlotte Griffiths
Project duration	1 October 2017 – 30 September 2019
Reporting period covered	1 October – 31 December 2017
Financial implementation rate (in % of total project budget)	-
Summary of impact/outcomes	The Project activities were initiated by contact counterparts in member States, especially towards analysing the current situation in sustainable energy and mineral resource management in Central Asian countries and the use of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (UNFC). Identification of appropriate institutions and experts, who could provide inputs for the situation analysis and identifying gaps in managing market cyclicity and sustainable resource progression has been initiated. Discussions on the organization of a sub-regional workshop in Moscow, 30-31 May 2018, have been initiated. The event will be organized in partnership with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation, Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Not for Profit Partnership for the Promotion of Mining Industries. This project is expected to improve national capacities in dealing with uncertainties in resource management and to develop innovative strategies for bringing resilience in the sector.
REVIEW OF EXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES AS PER PROJECT DOCUMENT	
Expected Accomplishment 1 (EA1)	Improved national capacities to develop a national system for classification and sustainable management of all energy and mineral resources based on UNFC.
Main Activity A.1.1 Develop five assessment reports on the status of energy and mineral classification systems	Initiated identification of appropriate institutions and experts, who could provide inputs for the situation analysis and identify gaps in managing market cyclicity and sustainable resource progression. To be completed.
Main Activity A.1.2 Organize one sub-regional workshop to validate the assessment reports and to develop policy recommendations for adoption of UNFC to countries' national regulatory framework.	Discussions on the organization of a sub-regional workshop 30-31 May 2018 in Moscow have been initiated with the key partners, including the Russian Federation State Commission on Mineral Resources (GKZ) and the Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation. To be completed.
Expected Accomplishment 2 (EA2)	Improved knowledge and skill of national stakeholders to apply UNFC for energy and mineral resource projects.
Main Activity A.2.1 Prepare 5 case studies on application of UNFC to energy and mineral	This activity will be discussed in the first sub-regional workshop proposed to be organized during 30-31 May 2018 in Moscow and subsequently will be carried out starting from Q3 2018 to Q1 2019. To be completed.

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<p>Main Activity A.2.2 Organize a concluding workshop to discuss the case studies and follow-up actions to implement policy recommendations on application of the national UNFC aligned systems</p>	<p>Will be organized during Q2 2019. To be completed.</p>
COMMENTS	
<p>No challenges were encountered in the initiation stage that would necessitate a significant change to project planning and execution. However, the project foresees significant follow-up to ensure that the benefits to recipient countries are permanently embedded in the national systems and to address the challenges in aligning resource development to the Sustainable Development Goals.</p>	