UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Enhancing usage and uptake of standards for sustainable development, gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls

Expected timing/ duration: July 2019 – December 2021

Objective and brief summary of the project:

The objective of the project is to enhance the usage and uptake of the voluntary standards developed by UNECE and other international, regional and national standards bodies by policymakers as a vital tool to support the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Standards are a foundation for gender equality; global resource efficiency in consumption and production, the decoupling of economic growth from environmental degradation and full and productive employment. Policymakers must be enabled and empowered to adopt and implement standards as part of their strategies for sustainable development. The project builds on the policy-oriented analytical research, and educational resources (e.g. online training courses, standards mapping database) that were developed as part of the ongoing project "Enhancing Usage and Uptake of Standards for Achieving the SDGs" to enhance the usage and uptake of standards as tools for sustainable development (July 2018 - July 2019). The objective of the proposed project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:

A1.1. Development of an information, research and training portal, "Standards for the SDGs" and gender responsive standards, which will host e-learning training programmes and support the dissemination of research and training on the role of standards in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

A1.2. Developing awareness-raising and training materials on "Standards for the SDGs" and gender responsive standards (e.g. online training courses, training manuals and analytical tools);

A2.1. Organization of 2 high-level events and 4 national/regional workshops on the topic of "Standards for the SDGs" and gender responsive standards;

A2.2. Support local and national stakeholders in the development, dissemination and implementation of best practice for gender responsive standards (approximately two advisory missions).

Expected results of the project:

EA1. Increased understanding by policy makers on the role of standards in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;

EA2. Strengthened cooperation for the achievement of sustainable development, gender equality and inclusive economic growth across standards bodies, national governments and the United Nations system.

Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

The target group includes policymakers, local and national authorities, standards bodies, institutions that support the implementation of standards, industry, and other standards users. Beneficiary countries are all UN member States.

Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:

The project is directly linked to Expected accomplishment (b) "Increased consensus on the development of ECE recommendations and guidelines for regulatory cooperation" of the Subprogramme 6 "Trade" of the UNECE programme budget for the period 2018-2019 and the objective "to enhance trade facilitation, agricultural quality standards, regulatory and trade-related economic cooperation for the transition to sustainable economic growth and sustainable production and consumption in the ECE region and beyond" of the Subprogramme 6 "Trade" of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2020. The project implemented under the Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies (WP.6) (ECE/CTCS/WP.6/2018/2, Decision 4, 5, 7 and 10).

Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):

2months/P4 for the duration of the project

Estimated extra budgetary resources:

Donor

Germany (Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt)

Amount (US\$) 400,000

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¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected accomplishments	Planned activities		Estimated costs (US\$)	
EA1. Increased understanding of the policy makers on the	A1.1. Development of an information, research and training portal, "Standards for the SDGs" and Gender responsive standards, which will host existing and tailor-made e-learning training programmes and support the dissemination of research and training on the role of standards in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.		140,000	
role of standards in the implementation of the	1 international consultant x 24 months x \$5,000	120,000		
2030 Agenda	Contractual services (licences, hosting, ICT, web support) x \$20,000	20,000		
	A1.2. Developing awareness raising and training materials on "Standards for the SDGs" and "Gender Responsive Standards"		30,000	
	1 international consultant to deliver research for gender responsive standards x 4 months x \$5,000	20,000		
	Contractual services (printing, editing etc)	10,000		
EA2. Strengthened cooperation for the	A2.1. Organization of 2 high-level events and 4 national/regional workshops on the topic of "Standards for the SDGs" and gender responsive standards		161,000	
achievement of	4 national consultants for adaptation of training materials to different sub-regions (to be further identified) x \$5,000	20,000		
sustainable	4 national consultants for adaptation of training materials to different sub-regions (to be further identified) x \$5,000 4 national gender consultants to lead local/regional workshops s x 1 month x \$5,000	20,000		
development, gender	Travel of 24 meeting participants x \$2,500	60,000		
equality and inclusive economic growth	Contractual services (hospitality, venue, etc)	15,000		
across standards	Travel of staff x 4 missions x \$2,500	10,000		
bodies, national governments and the	Administrative support/ G5 x 6 months x \$6,000	36,000		
United Nations system	A2.2. Support local and national stakeholders in the development, dissemination and implementation of best practice for gender		15,000	
	responsive standards			
	Contractual services (production of video) x \$10,000	10,000		
Travel of staff x 2 missions x \$2,500		5,000		
Budget summary		-	346,000	
Project evaluation			8,000	
13% of Programme Sup	port Costs		46,000	
Total (rounded)			400,000	