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**Extrabudgetary project**

**Increase information exchange on development and implementation  
of air pollution policy in the UNECE region:  
forum for collaboration to reduce air pollution**

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

<b>Project title:</b> Increase information exchange on development and implementation of air pollution policy in the UNECE region: forum for collaboration to reduce air pollution		
<b>Expected timing/ duration:</b> 1 August - 31 December 2019		
<b>Objective and brief summary of the project:</b> The objective of the project is to increase information exchange among UNECE member States on developing and implementation of air pollution policy. This will be done through the establishment and launch of the forum for collaboration to reduce air pollution. Air pollution is a serious problem with far-reaching impacts due to its transport over long distances so the need for coordinated action is imperative. The 2016 Scientific Assessment Report under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention) showed that background levels of pollution within the UNECE region are still high. Coordination and cooperation beyond the UNECE region are necessary to reduce pollution that is transported at the hemispheric scale. The necessity for further cooperation has recently been expressed through the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) 3/8 and World Health Assembly resolutions 68/18. The Convention has 40 years of experience in tackling transboundary air pollution on a regional basis, from both the scientific and policy angles, and is keen to cooperate with other regions to ascertain common challenges, exchange experiences on developing and implementing air pollution policy, and cooperate as appropriate, to reduce emissions of air pollutants. As a first step, the Executive Body of the Air Convention, in a decision at its 38 <sup>th</sup> session (Geneva, 10-14 December 2018), agreed to establish a forum for collaboration on reducing air pollution and requested the Bureau of the Executive Body to further elaborate this proposal for discussion at the fifty-seventh session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and the fifth joint session of the Steering Body to Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (EMEP) and the Working Group on Effects (Geneva, 9–13 September 2019), with a view to making a recommendation for the consideration of the Executive Body at its thirty-ninth session (Geneva, 9-13 December 2019). The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Provide support for the establishment of forum for collaboration to reduce air pollution through a launch event at the 39th session of the Executive Body; A1.2. Provide support the development of a concept note, website and list of focal points for the forum; A1.3. Support the travel of participants to participate in the launch event (Geneva, Switzerland, 11-12 December 2019).		
<b>Expected results of the project:</b> EA1. Increased information exchange among participating countries on developing and implementing air pollution policy.		
<b>Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b> The beneficiaries are UNECE member States. The target groups are the national experts for air quality management.		
<b>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b> The project contributes to the Expected accomplishments (a) "Improved response to environmental challenges by ECE constituencies", and (b) "Strengthened implementation and increased geographical coverage of ECE multilateral environmental agreements" of the Subprogramme 1 "Environment" of the UNECE Strategic framework for 2018-2019. The Executive Body, in a decision at its 38 <sup>th</sup> session, agreed to establish a forum for collaboration on reducing air pollution and requested the Bureau of the Executive Body to further elaborate this proposal for discussion at the fifty-seventh session of the Working Group on Strategies and Review and the fifth joint session of the Steering Body to EMEP and the Working Group on Effects (Geneva, 9–13 September 2019), with a view to making a recommendation for the consideration of the Executive Body at its thirty-ninth session.		
<b>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b> 2 days of P4/ RB		
<b>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b>		
<b>Donor</b> Sweden	<b>Amount (US\$)</b> 50,000	
<b>Project Manager:</b> Krzysztof Olendrzynski 12.06.2019	<b>Section/Division:</b> Environment	
<b>Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b> Catherine Haswell <b>Chief</b> 12.06.2019	<b>Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>08.07.2019</b>

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

**Annex**  
**Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project**

<b>Expected Accomplishments</b>	<b>Planned activities</b>	<b>Estimated costs (US\$)</b>
EA1. Increased information exchange among participating countries on developing and implementing air pollution policy.	A1.1. Provide support for the establishment of forum for collaboration to reduce air pollution through a launch event at the 39 <sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Body Staff and personnel costs: P3 x 1 month x \$13,000	13,000
	A1.2. Provide support the development of a concept note, website and list of focal points for the forum Staff and personnel costs: P3 x 1 month x \$13,000	13,000
	A1.3. Support the travel of participants to participate in the launch event Staff and personnel costs: G5 (80%) x \$4,500 Travel of 5 participants x \$2,800	18,500 4,500 14,000
Budget summary		44,500
13% of Programme Support Costs		5,785
<b>Total (rounded)</b>		<b>50,000</b>