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Extrabudgetary Project

Support to the Network of Russian-speaking Water Management Organizations

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

PART I. Planning

(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)

1. Project title/number: Support to the Network of Russian-speaking Water Management Organizations

2. Expected timing/ duration: 2014-2017

3. Objective and brief summary of the project:

The project objective is to facilitate exchange of water-related information and experience between countries in Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia with focus on integrated water resources management (IWRM).

For the support of information generation and exchange in the water management sector, the Network of Russianspeaking Water Management Organizations was established on May 31, 2010 with the support of ECE. Presently the network includes 75 organizations and institutions. Participation in the network is voluntary and is organized in the form of exchange of views, experiences and information on various aspects of water-management activities.

The Scientific Information Centre, International Commission for Water Coordination, Uzbekistan (SIC-ICWC) provides the Secretariat for the Network. The website www.eecca-water.net provides the network's "knowledge hub", accumulating and communicating available research and policy development of its members. Annually, seminars are organised to discuss matters related to water management and the development and provision of water information.

The project will support the SIC-ICWC to serve as the Secretariat to the network, including the management of the website and the organisation of annual seminars. A strengthened cooperation with other relevant organizations such as Global Water Partnership will be a priority in the continued work.

4. Expected results of the project:

1. Improved exchange of water-related information between the involved countries and institutions.

2. Capacity building of experts involved in the network.

5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

The target group are water managers and experts in the beneficiary countries of the project: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russian Federation, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

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

The project is directly linked to expected accomplishment (c) "Strengthened national capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe" of Subprogramme 1 - Environment in the ECE Strategic Framework for 2014-2015 and has been developed in response to official requests from the beneficiary institutions.

7. *Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):* One month of RB staff (P5 Regional Adviser) time

8. Estimated extrabudgetary resources: Donors Russian Federation		Amount (US\$) 75,000
9. Project Manager:		10. Division:
Bo Libert	17.06.2014	Environment
Name and signature	Date	
11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:		12. Approved by EXCOM ¹ :
Zamira Eshmambetova	17.06.2014	
Chief of PMU	Date	Date

¹ EXCOM is the responsible Committee for further decision making, reporting and oversight.

Annex

Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project "Support to the Network of Russian-speaking Water Management Organizations"

Part I. Planning (to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)		Part II. Implementation (to be used for reporting on progress in the implementation of the project in real time) ^{1,2}		
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Implemented activities ³	Actual expenditures ⁴ (US\$)
E.A.1 - Improved exchange of water-related information between the involved countries and institutions.	A.1.1 Provision of information (through a publication and a network portal) on the water situation and experience from Central Asia, South Caucasus, Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine on the portal CA Water- Info and in printed format.	45,000		
E.A.2 - Capacity building of experts involved in the network.	A.2.1 Joint training workshops to facilitate the exchange of experiences of CAREWIB and other water related information systems among countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.	30,000		
Total (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)		75,000		

¹ The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation;

² Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat;

³ Relevant information should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity and include the following:

⁽a) For an advisory service (including at a workshop/seminar/training organized by other organizations): title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlink(s) to presentation(s) and other relevant documents;

⁽b) For a workshop/conference/training organized by UNECE: title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlinks to the meeting agenda, list of participants, presentation(s) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;

⁽c) For a consultancy: project expenditures; hyperlinks to the consultancy ToR and main outputs (study, report, training material, presentation, etc.) produced by the consultant/s;

⁽d) For other outputs not included under bullet points above: hyperlink to relevant documents.

⁴ Relevant financial information – certified by the Executive Office - should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity.