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Extrabudgetary Project

**Study on progress towards the achievement of the global objectives on forests in
the ECE region**

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: Study on progress towards the achievement of the global objectives on forests in the ECE region										
2. Expected timing/ duration: 1 July 2014 – 31 May 2015										
3. Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective is to examine progress towards the achievement of the global objectives on forests (GOFs) and Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and to identify challenges for forests and the forest sector in the ECE region. In 2006, UNFF member States agreed to work globally and nationally to achieve progress towards the achievement of GOFs by 2015 (E/2006/42 - E/CN.18/2006/18). They decided to undertake the review of the progress towards the achievement of GOFs at the 11th session of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) in May 2015 in New York. The study will provide a thorough assessment of the status of implementation of the GOFs in the ECE region and identify challenges for forests and the forest sector. This information will feed back into the ECE-FAO integrated Programme of Work on forests. The study will be presented at the 11th session of the UNFF as a contribution to the analysis of reaching GOFs at the global level; as well as an input to the discussions on the future of international forest arrangements and related objectives. It could also provide a format for regional reporting on sustainable forest management in the future. The primary source of information will be the ECE/FAO datasets on forests, forest management, products and energy. The ECE/FAO data will be supplemented by information from other sources (national reports, yearbooks and research studies) as appropriate. Furthermore, the study will include analysis of the overall progress toward SFM and challenges faced by the forest sector in the ECE region. The draft study will be developed in consultation with member States, in particular with the ECE-FAO Team of Specialists on Monitoring SFM.										
4. Expected results of the project: 1. Improved understanding of experts and policy makers on the state of forests and the contribution of the forest sector to sustainable development. 2. Improved management of forest related knowledge and enhanced forest information systems in countries of ECE region.										
5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group includes policymakers, national and international experts dealing with environmental and economic matters, and specialists in the forest sector. ECE member States and UNFF members are beneficiaries of the study.										
6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The study is an activity within the approved programme of work of the subprogramme, as mandated by the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission at their joint session in Rovaniemi, Finland on 9-13 December 2013 (ECE/TIM/2013/2 – FO:EFC/2013/2). This study is part of Work Area 1 of the ECE-FAO Integrated Programme of Work on Data, Monitoring and Assessment (ECE/TIM/2013/2 – FO:EFC/2013/2; Annex IV, Items 8-12). The activity is directly linked to expected accomplishment on the “Increased understanding and better monitoring of the forest sector, to support sustainable forest managements” of Subprogramme 7. Forestry and Timber of the ECE Strategic Framework for 2014-2015. It will focus on the ECE region and take into account the work of other international actors.										
7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): Two months of RB staff (P4) time										
8. Estimated extrabudgetary resources: <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;"><i>Donors</i></th> <th style="text-align: right;"><i>Amount (US\$)</i></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Russian Federation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finland (25,000 Euro)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">35,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Switzerland</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			<i>Donors</i>	<i>Amount (US\$)</i>	Russian Federation	50,000	Finland (25,000 Euro)	35,000	Switzerland	10,000
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9. Project Manager: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Paola Deda <hr/> <i>Name and signature</i> </div> <div> 17.06.2014 <hr/> <i>Date</i> </div> </div>		10. Division: Economic Cooperation, Trade, and Land Management								
11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Zamira Eshmambetova <hr/> <i>Chief of PMU</i> </div> <div> 17.06.2014 <hr/> <i>Date</i> </div> </div>		12. Approved by EXCOM¹: <div style="text-align: right;"> <hr/> <i>Date</i> </div>								

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

Annex

Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project “Study on progress towards the achievement of the global objectives on forests in the ECE region”

Part I. Planning <i>(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)</i>			Part II. Implementation <i>(to be used for reporting on progress in the implementation of the project in real time)^{1, 2}</i>	
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Implemented activities³	Actual expenditures⁴ (US\$)
E.A.1 - Improved understanding of experts and policy makers on the state of forests and the contribution of the forest sector to sustainable development	A.1.1 Compilation, analysis and processing of internationally and nationally available information.	29,000		
	A.1.2 Production of the study	55,000		
E.A.2 - Improved management of forest related knowledge and enhanced forest information systems in countries of ECE region	A.2.1 Workshop for national experts to share experience and discuss challenges for Sustainable Forest Management in ECE countries.	11,000		
Total (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)		95,000		

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.