

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM
PART I. Planning

1. Project title and project number:

Enabling Transboundary Cooperation and Integrated Water Resources Management in the Chu and Talas River Basins

2. Expected timing/duration: 5 October 2015 - 31 December 2018

3. Objective and brief summary of the project:

The objective of the project is to strengthen transboundary cooperation by promoting integrated water resources management in the Chu and Talas River Basins and empowering the Water Commission of Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic. The project will strengthen coordination and enhance the role of joint institutions established for balancing transboundary water uses, improving water quality and conservation of aquatic ecosystems, strengthening their monitoring capacity and technologies of these two countries.

The project is implemented by UNECE, in partnership between UNDP Kyrgyzstan, and is funded by the Global Environmental Facility (GEF). In particular, UNECE will contribute to the following specific outputs:

- 1.1 Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and scenarios of water futures
- 2.1 Strategic Action Programme including its approval and coordination
- 2.2 Revised Statutes of the Commission/Secretariat and establishment of a joint Environmental Expert Group
- 3.1 Quantity and quality monitoring assessment including agreement on coordinated monitoring and data exchange

The UNECE will mainly contribute staff expertise to the following activities:

- Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and scenarios of water futures
- Strategic Action Programme including its approval and coordination
- Revised statutes of the Commission/Secretariat and establishment of a joint Environmental Expert Group
- Quantity and quality monitoring assessment including agreement on coordinated monitoring and data exchange

Overall management of the project, including the administration of the main part of the GEF funding will be ensured by UNDP, Kyrgyzstan.

4. Expected results of the project:

EA1. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis, including climate scenario analyses to inform adaptive integrated management of the Chu-Talas shared water resources, is prepared.

EA2. Bilateral water cooperation is further strengthened and expanded.

EA3. Capacity of water resources monitoring in the Chu and Talas River Basins is strengthened.

5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

Target group: policy makers and experts in national and regional water management and environmental institutions, MFAs.

Beneficiary countries: Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

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

The project is part of the programme of work of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes for 2013-2015 (ECE/MR.WAT/37/Add.1) adopted at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MR.WAT/37). It is also part of the programme of work of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes for 2016 - 2018 to be submitted at the seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties (17-19 November 2015).

The project is directly linked to expected accomplishment (a) "Improved response to environmental challenges in the ECE region by ECE constituencies" of the UNECE Strategic Framework for 2014-2015 and UNECE Strategic Framework for 2016-2017.

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

In total 2 month of P5 staff funded from the Regular Programme for Technical Cooperation (RPTC)

8. Estimated extra budgetary resources:

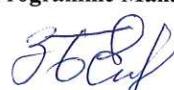
Donor:	Amount (USD)
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Global Environmental Facility	133,000
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9. Project Manager:

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11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:

Zamira Eshmambetova Chief of PMU 	18.09.2015 Date	12. Approved by EXCOM¹
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¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex

Estimated results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected accomplishments	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}		
	Planned activities ³	Estimated costs (USD)	Implemented activities ⁴	Actual expenditures ⁵ (US\$)		
EA.1. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis, including climate scenario analyses to inform adaptive integrated management of the Chu-Talas shared water resources, is prepared	A1.1. Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and scenarios of water futures 2 months of P3 XB staff 2 missions to Kyrgyzstan/Kazakhstan	38,000 33,000 5,000				
EA.2. Bilateral water cooperation is further strengthened and expanded	A2.1. Strategic Action Programme including its approval and coordination 2 months of P3 XB staff 2 missions to Kyrgyzstan/Kazakhstan	38,000 33,000 5,000				
EA.3. Capacity of water resources monitoring in the Chu and Talas River Basins is strengthened	A2.2. Revised statutes of the Commission/Secretariat and establishment of a joint Environmental Expert Group 2 months of P3 XB staff 2 missions to Kyrgyzstan/Kazakhstan A3.1. Quantity and quality monitoring assessment including agreement on coordinated monitoring and data exchange 1 month of P3 XB staff 1 mission to Kyrgyzstan/Kazakhstan	38,000 33,000 5,000 19,000 16,000 3,000				
Total (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)			133,000			

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 Detailed planning of the activities will take place during the inception phase of the project.

⁴ Relevant information should be uploaded by the project manager on 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 hyperlinks 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.

⁵ 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.