



UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

PART I. Planning

(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM) maximum 1 page

1. Project title and project number Strengthening national capacities of the UNECE member States for the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy (RAP)						
2. Expected timing/ duration April 2016 - March 2017 (1 year)						
3. Objective and brief summary of the project The objective of the project is to strengthen national capacities of the UNECE member States for the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy (RAP). The RAP describes how the forest sector could lead the way towards and contribute to the emerging green economy in the UNECE region. The RAP provides suggestions meant to support and stimulate national strategies and activities that enhance the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy. The objective of the project will be achieved through the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1.1. Organization of a workshop on the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy The workshop will analyze the consistency of the present forest sector valuation systems with approaches developed by other sectors in the context of green economy and Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. The meeting will contribute to the implementation of actions under RAP Pillar D (Long-term provision of forest ecosystem services) and Pillar E (Policy development and monitoring of the forest sector in relation to a green economy). The workshop will be held in Geneva. • A2.1. Preparing a study on Forests and Water: Valuation and Payments for Forests Ecosystem Services This study will focus on valuation of and payments for forest ecosystem services and the provision of water. The study will review the state of knowledge on the topic and present best practices in promoting PES. It will also include analyses of possible linkages between the water (including the UN Water Convention) and the forest sector in the region. The study will contribute to the implementation of the Rovaniemi Action Plan (Pillar D - Long term provision of forest ecosystem services), and it will be preceded by a survey on the state of knowledge on the topic amongst the member States and academia. • A3.1. Preparing a study on Green Jobs in the forest sector (education and employment) This study on Green Jobs in the forest sector aims to examine good practices, national policies and action plans for the creation, implementation and promotion of Green Jobs in the forest sector, and will review the forest education curricula. 						
4. Expected results of the project EA.1. Increased knowledge of the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy EA.2. Increased knowledge of the status of forest water related ecosystem services EA.3. Increased knowledge of the status of forest jobs and education						
5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project in the UNECE region The project targets policy and decision makers, research institutions and specialized agencies, governmental & non-governmental organizations as well as users, practitioners and the general public. Beneficiary countries will be all UNECE member States.						
6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work The project is directly linked to the expected accomplishment (a) "Improved monitoring and assessment of the forest sector, to support sustainable forest management" and (b) "Increased national capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-East Europe in sustainable forest management" of the Subprogramme 7 "Forestry and Timber" of the strategic framework for the period 2016–2017. The project contributes to the Integrated Programme of Work 2014–17 for the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and FAO European Forestry Commission adopted 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) Annex IV (paragraph 8, 14 and 19) and Annex III, "The Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy" Pillars C, D and E).						
7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff) 0.5 months of RB P-2 (green economy workshop); 1 month RB P-2 (ecosystem services); 1 month of RB P-2 (social aspects)						
8. Estimated extra budgetary resources <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Donors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Amount (US\$)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Switzerland</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50,000</td> </tr> </table>			Donors	Amount (US\$)	Switzerland	50,000
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9. Project Manager Elina Warsta  04.03.2016 Name Date		10. Section/Division Forestry and Timber Section / Forests, Land and Housing Division				
11. Cleared by the Programme Management Unit Zamira Eshmambetova  04.03.2016 Chief of PMU Date		12. EXCOM¹ for approval Date:				

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

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

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Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Implemented activities³	Actual expenditures⁴ (US\$)
EA1. Increased knowledge of the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy	A.1.1. Organization of a workshop on the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy Travel of participants (1,875 x 8 participants) Travel of experts (speakers) (1,350 x 2 experts)	17,700 15,000 2,700		
EA2. Increased knowledge of the status of forest water related ecosystem services	A.2.1. Preparing a study on Forests and Water: Valuation and Payments for Forests Ecosystem Services 1 consultant (4,425 x 2 months)	8,850		
EA3. Increased knowledge of the status of forest jobs and education	A.3.1. Preparing a study on Green Jobs in the forest sector (education and employment) 1 consultant (5,900 x 3 months)	17,700		
Subtotal		44,250		
13% of the Programme Support Costs		5,750		
Total (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)		50,000	Total:	

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.