

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

*PART I. Planning*

1. <b>Project title and project number:</b> Evaluation of the UNECE programme					
2. <b>Expected timing/ duration:</b> 1 January 2015 – 30 June 2022					
3. <b>Objective and brief summary of the project:</b> The UNECE Evaluation Policy (2014) envisages one programme level and three subprogramme level evaluations each biennium. The areas for subprogramme level evaluations identified in consultations with the Sectoral Committees are included in the Biennial Evaluation Work plan which is approved by EXCOM. This project will fund a total of thirteen subprogramme evaluations in the period from 2015 to 2022. UNECE is one of 45 members of the UN Evaluation Group (UNEG), an inter-agency professional network that brings together the evaluation units of the UN system. Until 2014, membership of UNEG was free. From 1 January 2015, UNEG has introduced membership fees to provide reasonable and predictable resources for developing standards and the sharing of best practices for evaluation in the UN. As a small entity, the membership fee for UNECE is \$1,000 per annum. Participation in UNEG will ensure UNECE with unlimited access to rich international expertise. The objective of the project is to strengthen the independence of UNECE internal evaluations and bring them in line with UNEG norms and standards. This objective will be achieved through the following strategy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluation by an independent consultant at the subprogramme level</li> <li>2. UNECE participation in the work of UNEG</li> </ol>					
4. <b>Expected results of the project:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of UNECE subprogrammes</li> <li>2. Increased compliance of UNECE evaluations with UNEG norms and standards.</li> </ol>					
5. <b>Target group and beneficiaries of the project:</b> All UNECE member States are beneficiaries of the project.					
6. <b>Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:</b> The UNECE Evaluation Policy adopted by EXCOM on 3 October 2014, called for the strengthening of independent evaluation in UNECE. Improving the quality and independence of evaluations requires the engagement of experts with sufficient separation from the area of work being evaluated (UNEG Norms 6 & 8). While these evaluations will be managed by substantive programme managers, the centralised evaluation function located in the Programme Management Unit will identify experienced evaluators and provide quality assurance throughout the evaluation process. Evaluation contributes to the expected accomplishment a) <i>the programme of work is effectively managed and implemented</i> under the Executive Direction and Management component of the UNECE Programme Budget.					
7. <b>Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):</b> 2 months of RB (P5, P4/3) per a biennium.					
8. <b>Estimated extra budgetary resources:</b>					
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9. <b>Project Manager:</b> Catherine Haswell  Date <b>1 May 2015</b>	10. <b>Section/Division:</b> Programme Management Unit Office of the Executive Secretary				
11. <b>Cleared by Programme Management Unit:</b> Zamira Eshmambetova <b>Chief of PMU</b> Date <b>1 May 2015</b>	12. <b>Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup></b>  Date				

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

## Annex

## Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

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) <sup>1,2</sup>	
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Actual expenditures <sup>4</sup> (US\$)
E.A.1. Increased relevance, effectiveness and efficiency of UNECE subprogrammes	A.1.1. Evaluation "Review of the role of UNECE Country Profiles on Housing and Land Management and related follow-up activities in developing of national housing legislation and programmes" (2015)	10,000	
	A.1.2. Review of UNECE activities under the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) (2015)	10,000	
	A.1.3. Assessment of the global and regional impact of the UN regulations on transport of dangerous goods (2015)	20,000	
	A.1.4. Assessment of the relevance of the 2014-2017 UNECE/FAO Integrated Programme of Work to the needs of member States and the challenges of the forest sector (2016)	10,000	
	A.1.5. Review of the case studies of the application of best practice guidance for coal mine methane management (2017)	10,000	

<sup>1</sup> The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation.

<sup>2</sup> Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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.

	A.1.6. Review of UNECE work on measuring sustainable development and related areas (2016)	10,000	
	A.1.7. To be determined (2018)	15,000	
	A.1.8. To be determined (2018)	15,000	
	A.1.9. To be determined (2019)	15,000	
	A.1.10. To be determined (2020)	17,000	
	A.1.11. To be determined (2021)	17,000	
	A.1.12. To be determined (2021)	17,000	
	A.1.13. To be determined (2022)	17,000	
E.A.2. Increased compliance of UNECE evaluations with UNEG norms and standards.	A.2.1. Membership fees 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022	8,000	
	A.2.2. Miscellaneous expenses	12,000	
<b>Total (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)</b>		<b>229,390</b>	<b>Total:</b>