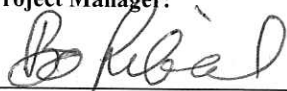



UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

PART I. Planning

1. Project title and project number: Third Phase of the Programme "Regional dialogue and cooperation on water resources management in Central Asia"	
2. Expected timing/ duration: 15 May 2015- 30 April 2016	
3. Objective and brief summary of the project: <p>The Programme builds on a mandate to work on institutional strengthening and reform of legal frameworks of IFAS from the 2009 Summit Meeting of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS). A more detailed mandate was provided by the Governments of IFAS member countries in the Third Aral Sea Basin Programme in 2012. Both documents support the institutional and legal strengthening of IFAS, which provides a framework for the joint management of trans-boundary water resources in Central Asia and for cooperation to achieve sustainable development in the Aral Sea Basin.</p> <p>The overall objective of the Programme is to provide assistance to the development of a comprehensive, unified and modern legal basis for IFAS, improve information flows, operational planning, policy making, donor coordination and programme implementation in its framework as well as to strengthen the understanding and application of international water law in the region through capacity building.</p> <p>The objectives of the Third Phase of the Programme are to improve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional cooperation on water and the environment: information management at the regional level as decision support tool to IFAS and its institutions is improved. Decision making and program implementation by the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development as well as the Executive Committee of the International Fund for the Saving the Aral Sea becomes more effective. The capacity of Central Asian governments to understand and apply international water law and conventions is improved and the relevant instruments and best practices are increasingly used in interstate relations. <p>The planned activities will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support to the preparation and holding of one meeting of ICSD. Preparing and supporting at least two meetings of the coordination group on the regional space for water and environmental information. Seminars and consultancy support to build the capacity of SIC ICSD in the field of information management as a decision support tool for ICSD, and Support of representatives from Central Asia to participate in events organized by the UNECE Water Convention (tentatively the IWRM Working Group, Geneva in June and the Meeting of the Parties in Budapest in November 2015) where also separate workshops for Central Asian participants are organized. 	
4. Expected results of the project: <p>E.A.1. Decision making and effectiveness of program implementation by the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development is improved.</p> <p>E.A.2. A master plan for the development of a decentralized regional space for water and environmental information is elaborated and agreed upon.</p> <p>E.A.3. The capacity of the Scientific and Information Centre of the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development to provide decision to ICSD and to actively contribute to the development of the regional information space is strengthened.</p> <p>E.A.4 The capacity of IFAS member countries to apply international water law, in particular on the issues of water management and protect planned projects (EIA)/policies (SEA), and hazardous activities is strengthened.</p>	
5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project:	
Target group: policy makers and experts in national and regional water management institutions and the Foreign Offices of the respective countries. Beneficiary countries are Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.	
6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:	
<p>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/MP.WAT/37/Add.1) adopted at the sixth session of the Meeting of the Parties (ECE/MP.WAT/37)</p> <p>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 2016-2017.</p>	
7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):	
In total 1 month of P5 staff funded under the RPTC	
8. Estimated extra budgetary resources:	
Donor: GIZ	Amount (EURO) 113 000
9. Project Manager:	10. Section/Division:
Bo Libert Name  Date 29.04.2015	Environment Division
11. Cleared by Programme Management Unit:	12. EXCOM¹ for information
Zamira Eshmambetova Chief of PMU  Date 29.04.2015	Date 18 May 2015

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

Annex
Estimated results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project
Third Phase of the Programme “Regional dialogue and cooperation on water resources management in Central Asia”

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 activities³	Estimated costs (EURO)	Implemented activities⁴	Actual expenditures⁵ (US\$)
E.A.1. Decision making and effectiveness of program implementation by the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development is improved.	A1. Support to the preparation and holding of one meeting of ICSD	10,000		
E.A.2. A master plan for the development of a decentralized regional space for water and environmental information is elaborated and agreed upon.	A2. Preparing and supporting at least two meetings of the coordination group on the regional space for water and environmental information.	38,000		
E.A.3. The capacity of the Scientific and Information Centre of the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development to provide decision support to ICSD and to actively contribute to the development of the regional information space is strengthened.	A3. Seminars and consultancy support to build the capacity of SIC ICSD in the field of information management as a decision support tool for ICSD.	20,000		

- 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 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) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;
 (b) For a workshop/conference/training organized by UNECE: title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlink(s) to presentation(s) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;
 (c) For a consultancy: project expenditures; hyperlinks to the consultancy ToK 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.

E.A.4 The capacity of IFAS member countries to apply international water law, in particular on the issues of water management and protection, planned projects (EIA)/policies (SEA), and hazardous activities is strengthened.	A4. Support of representatives from Central Asia to participate in events organized by the UNECE Water Convention (tentatively the IWRM Working Group, Geneva in June and the Meeting of the Parties in Budapest in November 2015) where also separate workshops for Central Asian participants are organized.	32,000	
Total (including 13% of Programme Support Costs)		113,000	