# UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

#### TECHNICAL COOPERATION FORM

**Project title:** Promoting accession to the Water Convention

Expected timing/duration: April 2019-March 2021

#### Objective and brief summary of the project:

In 2016, the Water Convention, serviced by UNECE, was opened to all United Nations Member States. Chad and Senegal acceded as the first countries outside of the pan-European region in 2018. The universalization of the Convention provides great opportunities to support achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular target 6.5. The overall objective of the project is to strengthen transboundary water cooperation and the sustainable and peaceful management of shared water resources, in particular in non-UNECE countries/ regions/ basins having shown an interest in the Convention. This includes but is not limited to the countries of the Mékrou basin (Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger). The specific objective of the action is to promote accession to the Water Convention by:

- Building capacity on transboundary water cooperation, accession and implementation of the Water Convention at the global, regional and national level through regional capacity-building workshops, two train the trainer events, sessions at global events;
- Providing teclinical and legal advice to support at least five countries which have requested assistance to accede to the Water Convention, through legal advice, consultations, studies, national workshops.

The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:

- A1.1. Organization of two information sessions at global events;
- A1.2. Contribution to other global events;
- A2.1. Organization of three regional events on the Water Convention/ transboundary water cooperation;
- A3.1. Support to 5 national accession processes;
- A3.2. Organization of 5 national workshops.

The project is expected to result in accession by at least two countries from outside the Pan-European region to the Water Convention and progress towards accession by at least 5 other countries.

#### Expected results of the project:

- EA1. Awareness increased on the Convention at the global level
- EA2. Regional processes towards accession supported
- EA3. Countries prepared for accession

Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries are countries outside the UNECE region.

- Experts in water authorities responsible for transboundary water management;
- Decision makers in ministries of foreign affairs, environment and waters responsible for water cooperation;
- Experts and decision makers from water-dependent sectors (e.g. agriculture, energy production, etc.);
- Experts and decision makers in joint bodies, such as rivers and lakes commissions;
- NGOs active in the area of transboundary waters;
- Experts from regional organizations such as regional economic communities and other regional organizations.

### Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work:

Water Convention's Programme of work for 2019-2021 (ECE/MP.WAT/54/Add.1) areas 1.1., UNECE Strategic Framework, area 1 on environment para 1b ii

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

1 month of P4 RB staff and 2 months of P3 RB staff time for the duration of the project.

## Estimated extra budgetary resources:

Donor

Amount (EUR)

**European Commission** 

700,000

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Section/Division: Environment Division,

25.03.2018

Transboundary cooperation section

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25.03.2018

Approved by EXCOM<sup>1</sup> Date: -

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

Annex
Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

<b>Expected Accomplishments</b>	Planned activities		ted costs UR)
EA1. Awareness increased on the Convention at the global level	A1.1. Organization of two information sessions at global events P3 staff to organize the sessions: 2 months P3: 2x14,250 EUR 2 Travels by staff members/ external experts to arrange and service the events: 2x2,040 Room rents, hospitality, interpretation etc. for the organization of the events: 5x4,000		
	A1.2. Contribution to other global events  Travel: 2 missions to global events to present and discuss the project 2,040	4,080	4,080
EA2. Regional processes towards accession supported	A2.1. Organization of three regional events on the Water Convention/ transboundary water cooperation P3 Staff to prepare and organize the regional events: 6 months P3: 6x 14,250 G 5 staff to prepare the events logistically (including travel of participants etc.): 3 months x9,000 Travel by national and regional experts to attend the events: 40 persons x 2,040 Travel by staff to attend and service the events: 2 staff x 3 missions x2,040 Individual contractors to arrange translations etc. for the events: 6 contractors x 2,000 Grant to a regional organization to arrange one or two regional events: 30,000	85,500 27,000 81,600 12,240 12,000 30,000	248,040
EA3. Countries prepared for accession	A3.1. Support to 5 national accession processes P3 staff to support 5 countries having shown officially interest in acceding to the Water Convention x 5 months x 14,250 2 international Consultants to support other interested countries through legal advice, studies, etc. x 5 months x 6,000 Office Equipment for the staff (computer, software, telecommunications etc.): 1x4,500	71,250 60,000 4,500	135,750
	A3.2. Organization of 5 national workshops P3 Staff to prepare and organize the national workshops: 5 months P3x 14,250 G 5 staff to prepare the events logistically (including travel of participants etc.)x 3 months x9,000 Travel by staff to attend and service the events: 2 staff x 5 missions x2,040 Arrangements for the national workshops (room rent, hospitality, interpretation etc.): 5x15,800	71,250 27,000 20,400 94,800	213,450
Budget summary		71,000	654,200
Project evaluation (will be done	e according to the evaluation policy for EU Development Cooperation)	-	0
7% of Programme Support Cos	sts		45,800
Total			700,000

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PART II - (for ECE internal use)

A. Cleared by Executive Office:	
Name and Signature:	
	1 April 2019
Michael Sylver, Executive Officer	Date
B. Approved by the Executive Secretary:	
Name and Signature:	
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Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary	Date

C. For Executive Office use only: Establish project WBSE ID and Umoja Coding Block						
Budget Period	Fund	Cost Center	WBSE	Functional Area		
M99	32ECE	13807	SB-012509	20AC0001		
IMIS Short ID	External Symbol/Org/Prog	Grant	Sponsored Programme	Name of Sponsored Programme		
ECE-E328	ECE-E328	M1-32ECE- 000XXX	ECE-ECE-00003	Water Convention		

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Note: This project is related to Programme of Work under Convention related activities (see paragraph 31

(a) of Commission decision A(65)

Date: 26 March 2019

