

**UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM**

E333
SB-012796

Project title: Strengthening the capacity of the SPECA to support countries in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through subregional cooperation

Expected timing/ duration: June 2019 – December 2022

Objective and brief summary of the project:

The objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of SPECA to support countries to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through sub-regional cooperation. The United Nations launched the SPECA programme in 1998 to strengthen subregional cooperation in Central Asia and its integration into the world economy. UNECE and UNESCAP jointly support the Programme. The SPECA participating countries (Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) attach high importance to the Programme as a unique instrument bringing them together in the search of joint solutions. The Programme operates through six thematic working groups on water, energy and environment, transport, trade, knowledge-based development, gender and economy, and statistics. In 2015, after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the SPECA Governing Council decided that the Programme would become a platform for sub-regional cooperation for the implementation of SDGs. Since 2018 Kazakhstan makes voluntary contributions aiming to strengthen the Programme as a platform for subregional cooperation to achieve the SDGs. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities:

- A1.1. Provide support for the organization of four SPECA Economic Forums and Governing Council sessions;
- A2.1. Organize six (approximately) meetings of SPECA thematic working groups.

This project is linked to the Russian-funded project E262 providing support to SPECA.

Expected results of the project:

- EA1. Improved cooperation among the SPECA countries;
- EA2. Improved capacities of SPECA countries to adopt policy recommendations for subregional cooperation in support of achieving the SDGs in the specific area of the SPECA thematic working groups.

Target group and beneficiaries of the project: This project targets policy makers dealing with policy issues on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Beneficiary countries are Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

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

The project is directly linked to the UNECE programme budget for the period 2018-2019 paragraphs 17.6 “The United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, jointly implemented by ECE and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, will continue to serve as the major framework for ECE cooperation with other relevant stakeholders in Central Asia” and 17.7 “Within its mandate, the programme will contribute to the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including within the framework of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly” and paragraph 14 “With regard to cooperation with other entities, the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA), jointly implemented by ECE and the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), will continue to serve as the major framework for ECE cooperation with other relevant stakeholders in Central Asia and support to SPECA countries in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” of the UNECE proposed programme budget for 2020.

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

1.5 months/ P4 (Regional Advisor); 1.5 months/ G7.

Estimated extra budgetary resources:

Donor	Amount (US\$)
Kazakhstan	20,000
Kazakhstan and other donors (estimate)	80,000
Total	100,000

Project Manager:

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03.05.2019

Section/Division:

Economic Cooperation and Trade

Cleared by Programme Management Unit:

Catherine Haswell

Chief of PMU

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Approved by EXCOM¹

29.05.2019

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

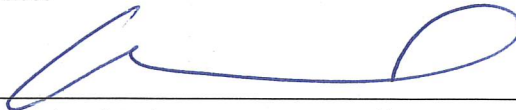
Annex
Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Improved cooperation of SPECA countries	<p>A1.1. Provide support to the organization of SPECA preparatory events and the actual SPECA Economic Forum and the Governing Council (Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, November 2019).</p> <p>Travel of 1 staff x 1 mission x \$3,000 Travel of 3 experts x \$2,500</p> <p>Provide support to the organization of SPECA annual Economic Forums and Governing Council sessions (2020, 2021, 2022) Travel of 1 staff x 3 mission x \$2,500 Travel of experts: 7 missions x \$2,500</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">35,500</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3,000 7,500</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7,500 17,500</p>
EA2. Improved capacities of SPECA countries to adopt policy recommendations for subregional cooperation in support of achieving the SDGs	<p>A2.1. Support the organization of meetings of SPECA thematic working groups and related events with special focus on regional cooperation for the achievement of the SDGs.</p> <p>Travel of 1 staff x \$2,500 x 7 missions Travel of experts: \$2,500 x 14 missions</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">52,500</p> <p style="text-align: right;">17,500 35,000</p>
Budget summary		88,000
13% of Programme Support Costs		11,440
Total (rounded)		100,000

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 PART II - (for ECE internal use)

A. Cleared by Executive Office:

Name and Signature:




 Michael Sylver, Executive Officer

_____ 29 May 2019
 Date

B. Approved by the Executive Secretary:

Name and Signature:



 Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary

_____ 06.06.2019
 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	13827	SB-012796	20AC0006
IMIS Short ID	External Symbol/Org/Prog	Grant	Sponsored Programme	Name of Sponsored Programme
ECE-E333	ECE-E333	M1-32ECE-000XXX	ECE-ECE-00017	SPECA

Recorded/created in UMOJA Project System by: Richard J.K. Tay

Note: This project is approved by EXCOM at its 105th meeting of 29 May 2019.

Date: 29 May 2019



- Project Structure: Description Identification
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Identification and view selection

WBS Element: SB-012796 Strghtn cap of SPECA to supp achiev SDGs

Detail:

Overview(s):

Basic data Dates Assignments Control User Fields Administr. Supe...

Proj.type: Substantive projects (non-capital) Short ID: ECE-E333

Priority: Proj. summarization

Status

System Status: CRID

User status: IPP

Responsibilities		Operative indicators
Pers.Resp.No.	10000000 Trust Fund Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Planning element
Applicant no.	33000000 ECE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acct asst elem.
Resp. cost cntr	1000 13827 ECE MA Section	<input type="checkbox"/> Billing element
Req. cost center	<input type="text"/>	
Req. co.code	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Grouping WBS element

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Extrabudgetary project

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