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Extrabudgetary project

**Strengthening preparedness, anticipatory action and response solutions for
greening Uzbekistan's landscapes and cities
(UNECE component of the Joint UNECE-UNDP-UNHCR project on "Master
planning and innovative financial solutions to support the implementation of the
Yashil Makon Initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan")**

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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Strengthening preparedness, anticipatory action and response solutions for greening Uzbekistan’s landscapes and cities (UNECE component of the Joint UNECE-UNDP-UNHCR project “Master planning and innovative financial solutions to support the implementation of the Yashil Makon Initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan”)		
Expected timing/ duration: October 2022 - December 2023		
Objective and brief summary of the project: <p>The objective of the UNECE component of the project is to enhance the long-term capacity of the public and private sector at national, region and community levels to greening Uzbekistan’s landscapes and cities through master planning and working for a sustainable future. To combat the negative impact posed by climate change, the Government of Uzbekistan has put forward the afforestation initiative, Yashil Makon/Green Nation in November 2021. This nation-wide afforestation program was added to the Strategy for Developing the New Uzbekistan during 2022-2026 and envisages the expansion of forest cover area in the country by planting 200 million trees annually over the next 5 years. In addition to the aim of mitigating the effects of climate change helping to fulfill the country’s commitments under the Paris Agreement, it contributes to cleaner and cooler air in urban centers, and improves well-being and livelihoods, reducing disaster risks and increasing resilience at community levels. In some parts of the country, trees will improve soil quality and may help avoid or even reverse desertification. Although the Green Nation initiative is being implemented at a rapid and impressive pace, without a comprehensive vision for the care and long-term management of the tree planting, the fate and the viability of both, the trees and the programme, will remain uncertain.</p> <p>The project will produce a comprehensive masterplan for rural and urban forests/greening in consultation with all stakeholders taking into account adequate species composition and planting pattern, zoning, and local ecological, climatic, social and economic conditions. The plan will analyze the potential of ecosystem services expected from the restored forests (e.g. recreation, wild life habitat, climate mitigation) and address tenure and ownership questions, enhance the innovative and strategic use of data and evidence-based forecasting of potential upcoming risks and changes. The Plan will ensure engagement with all relevant stakeholders (public and private) to ensure the successful implementation of the initiative and this project in line with the policy, legal, financial and management conditions. Corresponding rural and urban greening action plans will complete the master planning and piloted in 1 urban and 1 rural inception phase.</p> <p>The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activities: A1.1. Developing a long-term integrated Greening Master Plan with a comprehensive resource assessment of required resources - financial, human, technical, infrastructure and tree stock resources, regeneration material production (nurseries); and available and future needs in tree care services. Identification of needs and possible future-proof tree species A1.2. Developing 1 urban and 1 region-specific rural greening action plan A1.3 Piloting introduction/inception of 1 urban and 1 region-specific rural greening action plan</p> <p>This project is part of a joint project on “Master planning and innovative financial solutions to support the implementation of the Yashil Makon Initiative of the Republic of Uzbekistan implemented jointly by UNECE with UNDP (lead agency), and UNHCR. The project contributes to the achievement of SDG 12.2; SDG 13.2; SDG 15.1, 15.2; SDG9.4; SDG 15.b.</p>		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Strengthened preparedness, anticipatory action and response solutions for greening Uzbekistan’s landscapes and cities		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: The target group are government officials, particularly from the State Committee for Ecology and Environmental Protection; the State Forestry Committee and related key Ministries such as the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Water Resources, the Ministry of Mahalla and Family support; as well as other national and municipal stakeholders. Beneficiary country is Uzbekistan.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project contributes directly to the objective of Subprogramme 7 “Forests and the forest industry” of the UNECE’s proposed program budget for 2022 “to strengthen the sustainable management of forests and enhance the contribution of forests and forest products to sustainable development in the ECE region”. In accordance with the Integrated Programme of Work on Forests 2022-2025 of the Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the European Forestry Commission, this project contributes to Work Area 2: Policy dialogue and advice which aims at enhancing preparing specific studies and the facilitation of national dialogues on request from member States contributing to various regional and international efforts including: (a) The implementation of the 2030 Agenda and forest related SDGs, the Paris Climate Agreement, the United Nations Strategic Plan for Forests 2017-2030.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 0.5 month P5/RB; 0.5 month P4; 0.5 month G5/RB		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
Uzbekistan (through UNDP)	88,000	
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¹ See paragraph 31 (a) of Commission decision A(65).

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Strengthened preparedness, anticipatory action and response solutions for greening Uzbekistan's landscapes and cities	A1.1. Developing a long-term integrated Greening Master Plan with components for rural and urban areas with comprehensive assessment of required resources National consultant x2 months x \$3,000 per month International consultant x 4 months x \$7,000 per month Staff support/ P2 level x 0.5 months x \$12,000 per month Travel of staff x 1 mission x \$2,000 Expert travel x1 mission x 1,700	43,700 6,000 28,000 6,000 2,000 1,700
	A1.2. Developing 1 urban and 1 region-specific rural greening action plan International consultant x 1 month x \$8,000 per month Staff support/ P2 level x 0.5 months x \$12,000 per month	14,000 8,000 6,000
	A1.3 Piloting introduction/inception of 1 urban and 1 region-specific rural greening action plan International consultant 0.5 months x \$7,000 per month National consultant 1.5 month x \$3,000 per month Staff support (P2 level) x 1 month x \$12,000 per month Travel of staff x 2 mission x \$1,770 Contractual services/ interpretation	24,540 3,500 4,500 12,000 3,540 1,000
Budget summary		82,240
7% of Programme Support Costs		5,760
Total		88,000