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Extrabudgetary project

**Towards 2030: Strengthening mechanisms for peer learning
and policy exchange on sustainable development
in the UNECE region (RFSD 2023)**

(for approval)

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Towards 2030: Strengthening mechanisms for peer learning and policy exchange on sustainable development in the UNECE region (RFSD 2023)		
Expected timing/ duration: January - July 2023		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The project aims to strengthen the capacity of UNECE member States to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by providing an annual platform for peer learning and policy exchange. The Regional Forum on Sustainable Development has become the prominent platform for practical peer learning on SDG solutions in the region, bringing together representatives from member States as well as civil society, academia and international organizations. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activity: A1.1. Organization of the annual Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region, consisting of a high-level dialogue and thematic round tables to enhance peer learning and policy exchange among UNECE member States and other stakeholders, including civil society the private sector and academia, in Geneva in 2023.		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Enhanced policy dialogue and peer learning on sustainable development in the UNECE region by organizing the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in 2023.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Target group: UNECE policymakers in areas related to sustainable development, other international organizations, civil society, business and academia. Beneficiary countries are UNECE member States.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: At its 67th session (26-27 April 2017), the Commission decided to establish the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region, which while retaining its intergovernmental character, would serve as a regional mechanism to follow up and review the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Decision B(67), E/2017/37, E/ECE/1480). At its 69th session (20-21 April 2021), the Commission (Decision C(69), E/2021/37, E/ECE/1494) decided to continue to convene annual sessions of the Regional Forum in the years 2022 and 2023, in close cooperation with the entities of the regional United Nations system and with the active engagement of other relevant stakeholders.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff): 1 month of D1; 1.5 months of P5; 2.5 months of P4		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
Donor	Amount (US\$)	
Total budget	100,600	
Germany (tbc)	63,000	
Switzerland	26,500	
(including \$15,558 left from E348)		
United Kingdom (tbc)	11,100	
Project Manager: Monika Linn 08.12.2022	Section/Division: Sustainable Development and Gender Unit Office of the Executive Secretary	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron 08.12.2022	Approved by EXCOM¹	13.01.2023

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

Annex
Results-based budget

Expected Accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)
EA1. Organization of the annual Regional Forum on Sustainable Development for the UNECE region, consisting of a high-level dialogue and thematic round tables to enhance peer learning and policy exchange among UNECE member States and other stakeholders, including civil society the private sector and academia, in Geneva in 2023	A1.1. Enhanced policy dialogue and peer learning on sustainable development in the UNECE region by organizing the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in 2023 Travel of speakers and participants 12 x \$1,600 Operational costs for interpretation outside quota, sign language interpretation, captioning, communication and other costs related to hybrid meetings Support by individual contractor x 4 months x \$6,000	89,000 19,200 45,800 24,000
Budget summary		89,000
13% of Programme Support Costs		11,570
Total		100,600