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Extrabudgetary project

**Improved communication on the potential of forests in the era of climate change
(for approval)**

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

Project title: Improved communication on the potential of forests in the era of climate change		
Expected timing/ duration: June 2023 – June 2024		
Objective and brief summary of the project: The objective of the project is to raise awareness of government representatives and stakeholders in the UNECE member States in on forests and their role in climate change mitigation and adaptation in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The project will focus on raising awareness on the linkages between forests and climate change mitigation and adaptation and will include: forest bioeconomy, circularity and forests; carbon neutral building materials - wooden construction; climate change and sustainable consumption and production patterns in forest-based supply chains; food systems and forests; the food-forest-climate nexus; climate change adaptation; climate change impacts and forests (including fires, floods etc.), climate change and boreal forests; biodiversity and the new Global Biodiversity Framework in the forest biome. The project will contribute to strengthening the capacity of the UNECE Committee on Forests and Forest Industry (COFFI) to reach out to relevant constituencies, to draw attention to the international, regional and local priorities in the forest sector and to increase the dissemination of information and tools produced, at national, regional and global levels. The objective of the project will be achieved by implementing the following activity: A1.1. Organization of 4 awareness raising events (at least 2 public relations events on forests and climate change and at least 2 side events) including on the margins of larger international events. The events will target international organizations and representatives of national governments, on the following occasions and events: International Day of Forests 2024; 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference/Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP28); 2024 United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF). The fourth occasion/event will be specified during the implementation phase.		
Link to the SDG targets: SDG 11 targets 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, A, and B; SDG 13 targets 1, 2, 3, and A, and SDG 15 targets 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, A, and B		
Expected results of the project: EA1. Increased awareness of forests and their role in climate change mitigation and adaptation in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.		
Target group and beneficiaries of the project: Beneficiary countries are UNECE member States. Target audience will include senior government officials from relevant ministries (e.g. agriculture, environment, climate and industry), national experts, representatives of the private sector, civil society, academia.		
Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work: The project contributes directly to the objective of the Subprogramme 7 “Forests and the forest industry” of the UNECE program budget for 2023, to “to strengthen the sustainable management of forests and enhance the contribution of forests and forest products to sustainable development in the ECE region.” Furthermore, in accordance with the integrated programme of work 2022-2025 of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) (ECE/TIM/2021/2 , FO:EFC/2021/2), adopted on 25 November 2021, this project supports efforts “to improve the quality of information, ensure international compatibility, provide data storage, dissemination, and analysis of the information” and to promote sustainable forest management and urban forestry.		
Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of staff): 0.25 month of P5; 0.5 month of P2		
Estimated extra budgetary resources:		
	Donor Finland	Amount (US\$) 50,285
Project Manager: Liliana Annovazzi-Jakab 12.04.2023	Section/Division: UNECE-FAO Forestry and Timber Section/ Forests, Land and Housing Division	
Cleared by Programme Management Unit: Nicolas Dath-Baron 12.04.2023	Approved by EXCOM¹	15.05.2023

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. Increased awareness of forests and their role in climate change mitigation and adaptation in support of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.	A1.1. Organization of 4 awareness raising events	44,500
	1 international consultant to develop content and logistics for 2 dedicated displays x 4 months x \$4,500	18,000
	Contractual services (exhibition space, venue, interpretation, shipping etc) for organizing events and displays at major regional or international meetings x 2 events x \$5,750	11,500
	Travel of 2 staff x 4 missions x \$1,875	15,000
Budget summary		44,500
13% of Programme Support Costs		5,785
Total (rounded)		50,285