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UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Increasing awareness and accession to the Water Convention

Expected timing/ duration: July 2022 – December 2024

Objective and brief summary of the project:

As of March 2016, the Water Convention, serviced by UNECE, was opened to all United Nations Member States. Chad and Senegal were the first countries outside of the pan-European region to accede to the Convention in 2018. Ghana and Guinea Bissau acceded as new African Parties respectively in June 2020 and June 2021, while Togo completed its accession process with the deposit of its accession instrument in September 2021. The universalization of the Convention therefore provides great opportunities to strengthen transboundary water cooperation worldwide. The overall objective of the action is to foster the application of the principles of the Convention and the improvement of cooperation on the management of transboundary waters, both surface and groundwater, at the national, basin and regional level in different continents in particular in the countries/ regions/ basins having shown an interest in the Water Convention. The specific objective of the action is to promote accession and implementation of the Water Convention by:

- Building capacity on transboundary water cooperation, in particular international water law, accession and implementation of the Water Convention at the global, regional and national level;
- Providing technical and legal advice (by answering questions, providing legal and technical briefs, organizing mentoring expert missions, arranging meetings and national workshops etc.) to support at least twelve (12) countries from Africa and other regions which have requested support to accede to the Water Convention;
- Providing technical and legal advice (by answering questions, providing legal and technical briefs, organizing expert missions, arranging meetings and national workshops, arranging twinning/ exchanges of experience activities, including by promoting the experience of the Convention's implementation in EU countries and EU basin etc.) to support implementation of the Water Convention in newly acceding countries;
- Assisting countries (by facilitating knowledge sharing and peer learning, arranging twinning/ exchanges of experience activities with EU countries and EU basin organizations, reinforcing capacities, providing legal and technical expertise, organizing intergovernmental meetings etc.) to progress on transboundary water cooperation, for example by developing an operational arrangement for transboundary water cooperation based on the monitoring of SDG indicator 6.5.2 to identify needs and gaps in transboundary cooperation.

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

A.1.1. Provision of input to at least 5 global events on water cooperation and the Water Conventions

A.1.2. Organization of 4 regional or basin capacity building events on the Convention and transboundary water cooperation.

A.1.2. Organization of 2 training sessions for practitioners to strengthen the capacity of key actors and experts involved in transboundary water cooperation

A.1.3. Support to at least 12 interested non-UNECE countries, including through provision of technical and legal advice and, if requested, organization of national workshops (max. one in each country)

A.2.1. Support for the development of national implementation in new acceding countries

A.2.1. Support the preparation of national reports on the indicator 6.5.2. in 8 countries

A.2.2. Support countries to progress on transboundary water cooperation, for example by developing an agreement or other arrangements in at least two transboundary basins

A.2.2. Organize up to at least one regional workshop to reinforce capacities on agreement development and/or financing transboundary water cooperation

A.2.2. Support coordination of the national reports on indicator 6.5.2 at river, lake or aquifer level

Expected results of the project:

1. Support to national process of accession: accession by at least four countries from outside the UNECE region and significant advances towards accession in at least eight countries;
2. Support to implementation of the Convention: through development of national implementation plans in at least two new acceding countries through a participatory and gender inclusive approach;
3. Progress made by riparian countries in at least two transboundary basins towards accelerating the achievement of the SDG target 6.5 for example by developing operational arrangements for transboundary

water cooperation, using the monitoring of SDG indicator 6.5.2 to identify needs and gaps in transboundary cooperation.

Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

The direct target groups of the action include:

- Experts in water authorities responsible for transboundary water management;
- Decision makers in ministries of foreign affairs, environment and water 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 particularly in regions interested in the Convention;
- Experts from regional organizations and NGOs active in the area of transboundary waters at the global, regional and sub regional level

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

Water Convention's Programme of Work for 2022-2024 (ECE/MP.WAT/63/Add.1) areas 1.1, 1.3, 5 and 6, UNECE Proposed programme Budget for 2022 (A/76/6 (sect. 20)) para 20.25

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:

Please ensure that the below amount matches the total estimated costs in the annex

Donor	Amount (US\$)
European Union	3 264 300

Project Manager:

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Date: 09/05/22

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Not presented to EXCOM¹, in line with Directive 18, as already included in the approved Programme of Work of the Convention for 2022-2023.

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\$)
E.A.1. Promotion of the accession to the Water Convention and strengthened capacity for implementation at the global, regional, basin and national level	A.1.1. Provision of inputs to at least 5 global events on Water Cooperation and the Water Conventions P3 staff to organize the session: 5 months P3: 5 x 14,570 10 travels by staff members / external experts to arrange and service the events: 10 x 2, 219.72	95,050 72,850 22,200
	A.1.2. Organization of 4 regional or basin capacity building events on the Convention and transboundary water cooperation 2 P3 staff to prepare and organize the regional events: 8 months P3: 8 x 14,570 G5 STAFF to prepare the events logistically (including travel of participants etc.): 6 months x 11,795 4 internationals consultants to support preparation of the event x 4 months x 6000 Travel by national and regional experts to attend the events: 80 x 2,220 Travel by staff to attend and service the events: 2 staff x 4 missions x 2,220 Individual contractors to arrange translation etc. for the events: 8 contractors x 2,040 Arrangements for the regional workshops (room rent, hospitality, interpretation etc.) 4 x 15,800 Grant to a regional organization to arrange one or two regional events: 100 000	586,210 116,560 70,770 24,000 177,600 17,760 16,320 63,200 100,000
	A.1.3. Organization of 2 training sessions for practitioners to strengthen the capacity of key actors and experts involved in transboundary water cooperation P3 staff to prepare and organize the training sessions: 6 months P3: 6 x 14,570 G5 STAFF to prepare the events logistically (including travel of participants etc.): 3 months x 11, 795 2 internationals consultants to support preparation of the event: 2 months x 6000 Travel by national and regional experts to attend the events: 40 x 2, 220 Travel by staff and consultants to attend and service the events: 3 x 2 missions x 2, 220 Individual contractors to arrange translation etc. for the events: 4 contractors x 2,040 Arrangements for the training sessions (room rent, hospitality, interpretation etc.) 2 x 15,800 Grant to a regional organization to arrange one or two regional events: 70 000	346,685 87,420 35,385 12,000 88,800 13,320 8,160 31,600 70,000
	A.1.4. Support to at least 8 countries, 2 P3 staff to support 8 countries having shown officially interest in acceding to the Water Convention x 12 months x 14,570 3 internationals consultants to support other interested other interested countries through legal advice, studies, etc. x 12 months x 6000 Office Equipment for the staff (computer, software, telecommunications etc.): 1 x 16,693	263,533 174,840 72,000 16,693

	<p>A.1.5. Organization of 8 national workshops 2 P3 staff to prepare and organize the national workshops: 14 months P3: 14 x 14,570 G5 staff to prepare the events logistically (including travel of participants etc.) x 12 months x 11,795 Consultants to support preparation of the event x 8 months x 6000 Travel by staff to attend and service the events: 2 staff x 8 missions x 2, 220 Travel by 2 experts and 1 consultant to attend the events: 3 x 8 x 2,220 Arrangements for the national workshops (room rent, hospitality, interpretation etc.) 8 x 15,800 Grant to a regional organization to support organization of national events: 60,000</p>	<p>668,720 203,980 141,540 48,000 35,520 53,280 126,400 60,000</p>
<p>E.A.2. Sustainable management of water and transboundary cooperation is strengthened through support to the implementation of the UNECE Water Convention at national, basin and regional level</p>	<p>A.2.1. Support for the development of national implementation plan in new acceding countries P3 staff to support new acceding countries for the development of national implementation plan x 7 months x 14,570 5 national consultants to support the development of national implementation plan x 5 months x 3500</p>	<p>119,490 101,990 17,500</p>
	<p>A.2.2. Support the preparation of national reports on the indicator 6.5.2. in 8 countries P2 staff to support 8 countries prepare national reports on the indicator 6.5.2., including organization of workshops x 8 months x 11, 440 G5 STAFF to prepare the events logistically: 4 months x 11,795 Travel by staff and consultants to attend and service the events: 2 x 8 missions x 2, 219.72 2 internationals consultants to support the preparation of national reports on the indicator 6.5.2 x 8 months x 6000 Arrangements for the national workshops (room rent, hospitality, interpretation etc.) 4 x 15,800 Grant to a regional organization to support organization of national events: 30,000</p>	<p>315,420 91,520 47,180 35,520 48,000 63,200 30,000</p>
<p>E.A.3. Transboundary water cooperation processes at basins or regional level are enhanced through different kind of supporting actions to reinforce regional and national stability</p>	<p>A.3.1. support countries to progress on transboundary water cooperation, for example by developing an agreement or other arrangements in at least two transboundary basins P3 staff to support the development of agreement x 7 months x 14,570 2 internationals consultants to support the development of agreement x 6 months x 6000</p>	<p>137,990 101,990 36,000</p>
	<p>A.3.2. Organize up to at least one regional workshop to reinforce capacities on agreement development and/or financing transboundary water cooperation 2 P3 staff to prepare and organize the regional events: 5 months P3: 5 x 14,570 G5 STAFF to prepare the events logistically (including travel of participants etc.): 3 months x 11,795 Internationals consultants to support organization of the event x 2 months x 6000 Travel by national and regional experts to attend the events: 30 x 2,220 Travel by staff to attend and service the events: 2 staff x 2 mission x 2, 220 Individual contractors to arrange translation etc. for the events: 3 contractors x 2,040 Arrangements for the regional workshops (room rent, hospitality, interpretation etc.) 1 x 15, 800 Grant to a regional organization to arrange one or two regional events: 60 000</p>	<p>277,635 72,850 35,385 12,000 66,600 8,880 6,120 15,800 60,000</p>
	<p>A.3.3. Support coordination of the national reports on indicator 6.5.2 at river, lake or aquifer level P2 staff to prepare and organize the regional coordination workshop x 6 months x 11, 440 G5 STAFF to prepare the events logistically (including travel of participants etc.): 3 months x 11, 795</p>	<p>257,305 68,640 35,385</p>

	Travel by national and regional experts to attend the events: 30 x 2, 220	66,600
	Travel by staff to attend and service the events: 2 staff x 2 missions x 2, 220	8,880
	2 international consultants to support the regional coordination workshop x 2 months x 6000	12,000
	Arrangements for the national workshops (room rent, hospitality, interpretation etc.) 1 x 15, 800	15,800
	Grant to a regional organization to arrange one regional event: 50 000	50,000
Budget summary		3,068,038
Project evaluation (will be done according to the evaluation policy for EU International Partnerships)		
7% of Programme Support Costs		196,262
Total		3,264,300