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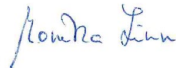
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Extrabudgetary project

**Towards 2030: Strengthening mechanisms for peer learning
and policy exchange on sustainable development in the UNECE
region (RFSD 2024)**

Project title: Towards 2030: Strengthening mechanisms for peer learning and policy exchange on sustainable development in the UNECE region (RFSD 2024)

Expected timing/ duration: December 2023 - July 2024

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 March 2024.

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 2024.

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 70th session (18-19 April 2023), the Commission (Decision D(70), E/2023/37, E/ECE/1503) decided to continue to convene annual sessions of the Regional Forum, 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/D1; 1.5 months/P5; 2.5 months/P4

Estimated extra budgetary resources:	
Donor	**Amount (US$)**
Total budget	**48,600**
Germany	21,100
Switzerland	27,500

Project Manager:	Section/Division:
Monika Linn (signature)	Sustainable Development Unit/ Office of the Executive Secretary
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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. Enhanced policy dialogue and peer learning on sustainable development in the UNECE region by organizing the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in 2024	A1.1. Enhanced policy dialogue and peer learning on sustainable development in the UNECE region by organizing the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in 2024	43,000
	Operational costs for captioning, webcasting, hybrid meetings requirements and other communication costs Support by individual contractor x 3 months x $6,000 Travel x 2 participants x $1,500	22,000 18,000 3,000
Budget summary		43,000
13% of Programme Support Costs		5,590
Total, rounded		**48,600**