

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE
TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

Project title: Strengthening Action in Uzbekistan on Water and Sanitation and Protection of Water Resources from Accidental Pollution in the Face of Climate Change

Expected timing/ duration: December 2023- December 2026

Objective and brief summary of the project:

The project's overall objective is to improve governance and capacity in the areas of water and sanitation, prevention of accidental water pollution, and resilience to climate change, including through transboundary cooperation and regional exchange. The objective is structured around two components: one with a national focus and one with a regional dimension. The national component is focused on strengthening governance and building capacity on water and sanitation, the prevention of accidental water pollution and resilience to climate change. To this end, the intervention will foster intersectoral dialogue to identify concrete gaps and needs and support the design of governance tools to address them. Throughout the process, the capacity of national stakeholders will be enhanced. The regional component rests on the premise that strengthened national governance and capacity in the above-mentioned areas also requires an assessment of transboundary risks/considerations that impact at the national level together with actions in other countries. Moreover, exchange and mutual learning at the regional level fosters progress at the national one. The project therefore aims at promoting cooperation with riparian countries and further international exchange. The project objective will be achieved by delivering the following outputs:

Output 1.1. Knowledge and capacity for accession to and implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the Industrial Accidents Convention are improved;

Output 1.2. Integrated targets on water, sanitation, hygiene and health, accompanied by a strategic outlook, are developed under the Protocol on Water and Health, and the basis for their implementation is laid, including through donor coordination;

Output 1.3. Multi-stakeholder policy dialogue among the national and local authorities, in cooperation with operators, civil society, development partners and other relevant stakeholders through relevant governance mechanisms is facilitated and capacity to align national policies and legislation with the Convention, its tools and other international standards is increased;

Output 2.1. Regional and transboundary cooperation and dialogue to prevent industrial accidents, accidental water pollution, including in river basins are supported;

Output 2.2. Knowledge of international good practices in the areas of water, sanitation, hygiene and climate resilience by Uzbek authorities is strengthened;

Output 3.1. Communication/awareness raising products are developed, such as videos, press releases, social media posts;

Output 3.2. Awareness is strengthened among specific stakeholders in the water and sanitation sector and the general public through dedicated activities and products.

Close cooperation, coordination and synergies will be ensured with relevant activities implemented in the region, particularly those funded by SDC, those under the EU Team Europe Initiative in Central Asia and the National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management facilitated by UNECE.

Coordination with different regional and international partners, such as WHO, UNICEF, the Center for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction, the International Water Assessment Centre, ESCAP, OECD, OSCE, UNEP, UNDP and UNDRR, will also be pursued, to build create synergies with other related ongoing activities.

Link to the SDG targets:

For the Protocol on Water and Health: SDGs 1.4, 3.3 and 3.9, 4.a, 5.1, 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.a and 6.b, 9.1, 11.5, 12.4, 13.1, 16.10, 17.9, 17.14, 17.16 and 17.18.

For the Industrial Accidents Convention: SDG targets 3.9, 3.d, 6.3, 9.1, 9.4, 11.5, 11.b, 12.4, 13.1, 16.6, 16.7 and 17.6

Expected results of the project:

Outcome 1. Strengthened national governance, policies and legislation on water and sanitation, mine tailings safety and prevention of accidental water pollution, and climate resilience, through accession to and implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health and the Industrial Accidents Convention;

Outcome 2. Fostered transboundary cooperation and regional exchange in the areas of water and sanitation, mine tailings safety and prevention of accidental water pollution, and climate resilience;

Outcome 3. Increased political and public awareness on water and sanitation, the safe management of mine tailings and prevention of accidental water pollution, and climate resilience.

Target group and beneficiaries of the project:

Beneficiary country is Uzbekistan. Other countries of Central Asia will also benefit from the project through the regional component. Target groups are relevant national competent authorities, in charge of water management, WASH, public health, disaster risk reduction, industrial/tailings safety, the management of emergency situations, and climate resilience, as well as operators of water and sanitation facilities and of mine tailings, and relevant river basin commissions, associations, civil society and other stakeholders.

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

For the programme of work of the Protocol on Water and Health for 2023-2025 (ECE/MP.WH/2022/2-EUCHP/2219533/3.1/2022/MOP-6/08), “the overall objective of the programme of work for 2023–2025 of the Protocol is to support Parties in the implementation of and compliance with the Protocol’s provisions, and to assist other States in acceding to and applying the Protocol. (ibid, para 4). For the programme of work of the Industrial Accidents Convention for 2023-2024 (ECE/CP.TEIA/2022/11), one of the main objectives of the workplan, aligned with the Convention’s long-term strategy and its vision, is to “Foster the full implementation of the Convention by its Parties and assist non-Parties in strengthening implementation and progress towards accession, in order to increase industrial safety in the ECE region, reduce the risk of technological (industrial/chemical) accidents and mitigate their effects” (ibid, para 8(a)). The President of Uzbekistan signed the Decree No. PP-362 of 9.11.2023 “On accession to the Protocol on Water and Health under the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes” in November 2023. The deposit of instrument of accession at the UN Treaty Section is pending. In the Decree of the Uzbek President No. UP-5863 of 30.10.2019 “On approval of the concept of environmental protection of the Republic of Uzbekistan until 2030,” Uzbekistan also explicitly included its envisaged accession to the Industrial Accidents Convention.

Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff):

P5/ 2.5 months; P4/ 2 months; P3/ 2 months/ G5/ 2 months

Estimated extra budgetary resources:

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

Donor**Amount (US\$)**

Switzerland

1,449,451

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Section/Division:

**Transboundary Cooperation
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**Not approved by EXCOM¹, as part of
Programme of Work of the Protocol of
Water and Health and of the Industrial
Accidents Convention**

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

Annex
Results-based budget for the extrabudgetary project

Expenses	Total cost	Contribution by different sources (including PSC)	Budget Total Swiss Contribution
1. Staff			1,270,000
Professional staff + Administrative staff	822,961	152,200	
2. Consultants			
National and international consultants	278,086	11,300	
3. Contractual services: Subregional/national/local workshops/meetings and communication services			
Venue, equipment and IT services, transportation, hospitality and other services (in person or online), translation, printing and other communication material	228,130	114,130	
4. Travel			
Travel UNECE staff + participants/experts/consultants	206,637	43,900	
5. Operating and Other Direct Costs			
Project meetings (online) + Direct costs	111,750	56,250	
Sub-total	1,647,563	377,780	
Programme Support Costs Swiss contribution (13%)	165,100		
Grand total budget (USD)	1,812,663		
Percentage of the contribution	100.0%	20.8%	
Levy (1%) on Swiss contribution			
Grand total Swiss contribution including levy			