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Extrabudgetary projects

**Strengthening capacities of the UNECE member States
to implement the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector
in a Green Economy (RAP)**

UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR EUROPE

TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT FORM

PART I. Planning

(to be filled in before submission to EXCOM) maximum 1 page

<p>1. Project title and project number Strengthening capacities of the UNECE member States to implement the Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy (RAP)</p>						
<p>2. Expected timing/ duration October 2017 - March 2018</p>						
<p>3. Objective and brief summary of the project The Rovaniemi Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy (RAP) describes how the forest sector could lead the way towards and contribute to the emerging green economy in the ECE region. The RAP provides concrete actions meant to support and stimulate national strategies and activities that enhance the contribution of the forest sector to a green economy. It proposes to achieve its overall goal by 2020. The project is in line with the RAP's mandate: "the Committee and the Commission monitor progress of the forest sector towards a green economy and prepare, as a part of its integrated Programme of Work, a report on "the Forest Sector in a Green Economy in the ECE region". The objective of the project is to strengthen national capacities of the UNECE member States to further implement the RAP. It will be achieved through the following activities: A1.1. Collection of information on implementation of the RAP and setting up a website (linked to the UNECE website) displaying the progress A1.2. Conducting a mid-term review of the Rovaniemi Action Plan including regional overview, examples from each country, gap analysis and recommendations for the remaining period of implementation.</p>						
<p>4. Expected results of the project EA.1. Increased understanding of ongoing activities across the region, the status of implementation of the RAP and its future implementation for the period until 2020</p>						
<p>5. Target group and beneficiaries of the project in the UNECE region The project targets policy and decision makers, research institutions and specialized agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as users, practitioners and the public. Beneficiary countries are the UNECE member States.</p>						
<p>6. Justification of project and its relationship to the programme of work The project is linked to the Expected Accomplishment (a) Improved monitoring and assessment of the forest sector, to support sustainable forest management of Subprogramme 7 "Forestry and Timber" of the UNECE Strategic Framework for the period 2016-2017. The project contributes to the implementation of the Integrated Programme of Work 2014-17 for the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the FAO European Forestry Commission (EFC) adopted at their joint session in Rovaniemi, Finland on 9-13 December 2013 (ECE/TIM/2013/2 – FO: EFC/2013/2) and its Annex III, "The Action Plan for the Forest Sector in a Green Economy").</p>						
<p>7. Estimated UN regular budget resources (work months of RB staff/level of Staff) 1.5 months of P2/RB</p>						
<p>8. Estimated extra budgetary resources</p> <table border="0" style="width:100%"> <tr> <td style="text-align:center">Donors</td> <td style="text-align:right">Amount (US\$)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align:center">Finland</td> <td style="text-align:right">13,600</td> </tr> </table>			Donors	Amount (US\$)	Finland	13,600
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<p>9. Project Manager Paola Deda 14.08.2017</p>	<p>10. Section/Division Forestry and Timber Section / Forests, Land and Housing Division</p>					
<p>11. Cleared by the Programme Management Unit Catherine Haswell Acting Director 14.08.2017</p>	<p>12. EXCOM¹ for approval</p>	<p>26.09.2017</p>				

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

Annex
Results-based budget for the extra-budgetary project

Part I. Planning (to be filled in before submission to EXCOM)			Part II. Implementation (to be used for reporting on progress in the implementation of the project in real time) ^{1,2}	
Expected accomplishments	Planned activities	Estimated costs (US\$)	Implemented activities³	Actual expenditures⁴ (US\$)
EA1. Increased understanding of ongoing activities across the region, the status of implementation of the RAP and its future implementation for the period until 2020	A1.1. Collection of information on implementation of the RAP and setting up a website (linked to the UNECE website) displaying the progress 1 consultant x 2,000\$ x 2 months	4,000		
	A1.2. Conducting a mid-term review of the Rovaniemi Action Plan 1 consultant x 2,000\$ x 4 months	8,000		
Subtotal		12,000		
13% of the Programme Support Costs		1,560		
Total (rounded)		13,600	Total:	

¹ The secretariat shall inform EXCOM in case of unexpected developments or serious problems of any kind in the project implementation.

² Questions from member States on project implementation will be forwarded to the secretariat.

³ Relevant information should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity and include the following:

(a) For an advisory service (including at a workshop/seminar/training organized by other organizations): title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlink(s) to presentation(s) and other relevant documents;

(b) For a workshop/conference/training organized by UNECE: title; venue; dates; project expenditures; and hyperlinks to the meeting agenda, list of participants, presentation(s) made by UNECE, conference documents, training materials and reports;

(c) For a consultancy: project expenditures; hyperlinks to the consultancy ToR and main outputs (study, report, training material, presentation, etc.) produced by the consultant/s;

(d) For other outputs not included under bullet points above: hyperlink to relevant documents.

⁴ Relevant financial information – certified by the Executive Office - should be uploaded by the project manager on the Project Monitoring Tool within one month from the end of the activity.