



**2012-2013 Work Plan  
(Planned and possible UNECE and ESCAP activities in support  
of the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia  
(SPECA))**

**PART II**

The SPECA Work Plan for 2012-2013 (Part II) includes the projects presented at the Follow-up meeting of the 2010 SPECA Economic Forum “Developing a Plan of Action to Strengthen Stability and Sustainable Development of Afghanistan through Regional Economic Cooperation in Central Asia” which was organized jointly by the Government of Turkmenistan and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in cooperation with the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, on 7-8 June 2011. Some of the projects presented at the Follow-up meeting are integrated into the regular SPECA Work Plan for 2012-2013 (Part I).

**WATER, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Energy poverty mitigation in the rural, off-grid regions of SPECA member countries through the development of regional cooperation in renewable energy sector</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	Governments of SPECA member countries enhanced investment climate for the deployment of efficient renewable energy technologies in the rural, off-grid regions.	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 250,000

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Strengthening cooperation on transboundary watershed management between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the upper Amu Darya River basin</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	<p><b>The overall objective</b> of the proposed UNECE project is to improve cross-border environmental and water resource management in the upper Amu Darya basin between the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and Republic of Tajikistan.</p> <p>It is expected that this project will show the feasibility of using the Tajik-Afghan cooperation to improve information availability on the upper Amu Darya. If this is so a full-scale follow-up project will be designed.</p>	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 150,000

<b>Sources of Funding</b>	Donor: Russian Federation	US\$ 150,000
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## TRANSPORT

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Technical assistance to SPECA member countries in the field of international transport of Dangerous Goods</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	Improvement of international transport of dangerous goods by road	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 120,000

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Workshops for the adoption of Unified Railway Law to be used by SPECA member countries</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	Improvement of international rail freight traffic	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 50,000

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Seminars on UN Regulations on vehicle safety and on periodical technical inspection of vehicles in view of accession of SPECA member countries to UNECE Agreements (1997 Agreement: periodical technical inspections; 1958 Agreement: uniform technical prescriptions for vehicles and parts and conditions for reciprocal recognition of approvals)</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	Improvement of vehicle safety	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 570,000

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Workshops on measuring transport performance in SPECA member countries based on a new UNECE developed methodology</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	Pilot trials of the new measurement methodology by the UNECE will provide valuable information on the quality of the methodology and the necessary adjustments needed. SPECA member countries will receive a first assessment of the quality of their transport services.	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 150,000

## TRADE DEVELOPMENT

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>SPECA AfT Implementation and Monitoring Council: A Regional Aid-for-Trade implementation and monitoring mechanism</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	Increased implementation of AfT as well as improved alignment with country priorities, coherence, coordination and country ownership in the SPECA region.	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 910,220

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Support for developing free trade agreement(s) between Afghanistan and its Central Asian neighbours</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	Increased capacity of Afghanistan and its northern neighbours to develop and implement free trade agreement(s) with harmonized clauses.	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 280,000

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Integrating the Management of Trade Information Flows in Central Asia: Harmonizing documents, data and documentary procedures</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	More harmonized trade and transport documents, data and documentary procedures in the SPECA member countries: a key prerequisite for the success of trade facilitation and Single Window projects carried out by various agencies in the region.	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 330,000

## KNOWLEDGE-BASED DEVELOPMENT

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>PPP Readiness Assessment: From capacity-building to the delivery of essential public services</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	PPP country readiness assessments, national action plans and actual PPP projects on waste management and health in the SPECA region	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 270,000, of which: US\$ 150,000 - National readiness assessments

		US\$ 120,000 - Fellowships for follow-up training of students from the SPECA region at the Moscow PPP Training Centre.
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## GENDER AND ECONOMY

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Strengthening institutional support for women entrepreneurs through business associations in SPECA member countries</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	Increased capacity of women's business associations to advocate the needs of business women to policymakers, to encourage and enable women to set up and develop their own businesses, and to facilitate trade relations between women entrepreneurs in the SPECA region.	
<b>Indicative Funding Requirements</b>	Total estimated budget:	US\$ 913,240

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