



**UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR THE ECONOMIES OF CENTRAL ASIA
(SPECA)**

WORK PLAN FOR 2014-2015
(Ongoing, planned and possible UNECE and ESCAP activities in support of
the UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA))

A. PROJECTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN 2014-2015, DEVELOPED SPECIALLY FOR
SPECA COUNTRIES ONLY AND ARE EITHER FULLY FUNDED OR THEIR
FUNDING IS FORTHCOMING IN 2014

WATER, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

In light of a large degree of interdependence of most of the SPECA countries, efficient use of water and energy resources on mutually agreed and beneficial terms is critical for economic and social development in the region and meeting basic human needs of its populations. The theme of Water and Energy was among the initial work areas of SPECA and is addressed through the Project Working Group on Water and Energy Resources. Earlier work has resulted in the elaboration of the Strategy for the Rational and Efficient Use of Water and Energy Resources in Central Asia (http://www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/SPECA/documents/wer/effuse_e.pdf).

Ongoing projects contribute to the implementation of the SPECA Strategy as well as being part of the Work Programme of the UNECE Water Convention. Work is ongoing on regional cooperation on water management including on water quality and dam safety. Bilateral cooperation between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan on the Chu and Talas rivers as well as between Afghanistan and Tajikistan on hydrology and environment on the Pyanj river are part of the work programme.

The Programme “Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia” was launched in 2008 by the Government of Germany. A Programme component “Regional dialogue and cooperation on water resources management” is being implemented by the UNECE. In a second project phase work continues on regional institutions and to raise the capacity to apply international water law in the region.

Activities under the UNECE Sustainable Energy Work Programme in the region are also contributing to the implementation of the SPECA Strategy. They include work on renewable energy development, financing energy efficiency for climate change mitigation, energy efficiency market formation and support to energy efficiency capacity-building, as well as climate change mitigation through attracting foreign direct investment in advanced fossil fuel technologies.

In 2010, UNECE and ESCAP jointly initiated the annual forum on sustainable energy development for countries of Central Asia and neighbouring regions aimed to provide a platform for governments, energy experts, international organisations, and financial institutions to discuss the emerging global and regional energy issues and to share good practices on implementing

sustainable energy policies and projects. Since 2010 these forums have been successfully held in Kazakhstan (2010), Tajikistan (2011), Kyrgyzstan (2012) and Georgia (2013). Annual forum organized by UNECE, ESCAP and regional partners has become an important platform for discussing energy and sustainable development in the European and Asian regions including SPECA region.

Next forum will be convened in 2014.

In May 2013, ESCAP convened the first Asian and Pacific Energy Forum (APEF) in Vladivostok, Russian Federation. This first United Nations ministerial conference on energy in Asia-Pacific adopted two outcome documents, namely: (a) the Ministerial Declaration on Regional Cooperation for Enhanced Energy Security and the Sustainable Use of Energy in Asia and the Pacific: Shaping the Future of Sustainable Energy in Asia; the Pacific; and (b) the Plan of Action on Regional Cooperation for Enhanced Energy Security and the Sustainable Use of Energy in Asia and the Pacific, 2014-2018. The APEF Plan of Action has identified 15 priority areas for energy cooperation in Asia-Pacific that will also serve as a basis for ESCAP energy related activities in SPECA region in 2014-2015.

In 2014–2015, the following projects and activities are envisaged:

WATER, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT		
Name of Project/Activity	Timeframe	Budget
Ongoing and planned projects/activities with funding secured or expected. These activities would be implemented in mutually reinforcing way. Additional support from interested partners would expand the scope and the number of beneficiaries of these projects/activities.		
Dam safety in Central Asia: capacity-building and subregional cooperation	2012-2014	US\$ 100,000 (Governments of Finland and the Russian Federation), fundraising is ongoing
Enabling transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the Chu and Talas River Basins	2014-2017	US\$ 1 Million, Global Environmental Facility
Enhancing capacity to adapt to climate change in the transboundary Chu Talas basin	2014-2017	Euro 300,000 Fundraising ongoing
Second phase of the Programme “Regional dialogue and cooperation on water resources management in Central Asia”	2013-2014	Euro 300,000 Funded by Germany through GIZ
Water quality in Central Asia	2014-2017	Euro 175,000 Fundraising ongoing
Strengthening cooperation on hydrology and environment between Afghanistan and Tajikistan in the Upper Amu Darya River basin	2013-2016	US\$ 300,000 Fundraising ongoing
Further development of the online database of policy and legal frameworks for energy efficiency and clean energy technologies in North and Central Asia	2014-2015	Funded by the Russian Federation

Possible projects/activities in areas where UNECE/ESCAP have considerable experience and in-house expertise and which could be implemented if supported by interested donors/partners. These projects could be implemented in addition to and in coordination with projects/activities listed above		
Network of national energy efficiency centres in Central Asia (UNECE in cooperation with ESCAP and CAREC)	2012-2015	Funding being sought Estimated budget US\$ 200,000
Water quality in the AmuDarya basin	2012-2015	US\$ 1.200,000 Fundraising ongoing
Strengthening implementation of UNECE multilateral environmental agreements and enhancing transboundary cooperation in Central Asia	2012-2015	US\$ 2.900,000 Fundraising ongoing

TRANSPORT

The annual sessions of the Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing serve as an effective cooperation mechanism to address the specific problems of transit transport from, in and through SPECA countries. Improvement of international transit transport infrastructure and services, as recognized in the Almaty Programme of Action, will facilitate further integration of SPECA countries into the world economy. The support for the Almaty Programme of Action was reiterated in ESCAP resolution 63/9 and 68/4 through the implementation of the Regional Action Programme for Transport Development in Asia and the Pacific, phase I (2007-2011) and phase II (2012-2016) for the benefit of landlocked and transit developing countries.

The 18th session of the SPECA Project Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing (PWG-TBC) was held on 2-3 May 2013 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. It adopted its Programme of Work for 2014-2015, which includes: organization of regular sessions of the SPECA PWG and bilateral consultations on border-crossing issues between SPECA countries; implementation of sub regional projects of common interest to SPECA countries and development of SPECA Transport databases, identification and isolation of bottlenecks, establishment / strengthening of national facilitation and coordinating mechanisms, enhancement of legal frameworks for transport facilitation and accession to multilateral agreements, investment promotion, making operational of transport corridors, simplification/harmonization of border-crossing procedures, including through ICT, and road safety issues.

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Organization of regular sessions of the SPECA PWG-TBC, including Bilateral consultations on border crossing issues between SPECA countries	One per year	UN Regular budget (RPTC)

<p>Development and implementation of sub regional project proposals of common interest to SPECA countries with an increased collaboration and interactions at the regional and national levels to address transport issues in and across the SPECA region and to promote investment in transport infrastructure and operation of transport corridors in the SPECA region, and promotion of demonstration runs through the SPECA road and rail networks, through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNECE project on developing Euro-Asian Transport Links (Phase III); • Development of dry ports to facilitate intermodal and transit transport along the Asian Highway and Trans-Asian Railway networks, and promotion of logistics in the ESCAP region • Strengthening connectivity of countries in South and Central Asia, particularly Land-Locked and Least Developed Countries, to link with, subregional and regional transport and trade networks 	<p>2013-2015</p> <p>2014-2015</p> <p>2014-2017</p>	<p>US\$ 180,000</p> <p>US\$ 270,000</p> <p>US\$ 632,000 (UNDA)</p>
<p>Identification and isolation of major bottlenecks impeding smooth and efficient international transport in the SPECA region through</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCAP/UNCTAD/ECA UNDA joint project "Capacity-building for Control Authorities and Transport Operators to Improve Efficiency of Cross-Border Transport in Landlocked and Transit Countries" (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan) 	<p>2011-2014</p>	<p>US\$ 533,000</p>
<p>Simplification/harmonization of border-crossing procedures and documentation for international transport and the application of new technologies, including information and communication technology, of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops for the adoption of Unified Railway Law to be used by SPECA • Workshops for simplification and harmonization of border-crossing procedures and application of new technologies 	<p>2014-2015</p> <p>2014-2015</p>	<p>US\$ 50,000</p> <p>US\$ 100,000</p>
<p>Enhancement of legal frameworks for international transport to reflect suitable legal regimes for international land transport facilitation, of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance to SPECA countries in the field of international transport of dangerous goods 	<p>2014-2015</p>	<p>US\$ 120,000</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESCAP assistance in implementation of SCO Road Facilitation Agreement 	2014-2015	US\$ 100,000
Capacity-building in developing transit transport cooperation of landlocked and transit developing countries in Central Asia	2014-2015	Estimated Budget US\$ 200,000
Increased awareness and understanding of road safety issues and potential interventions, and improved collaboration in the SPECA region, of which	Upon request	UN Regular budget (RPTC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminars on UN Regulations on vehicle safety and on periodical technical inspection of vehicles in view of accession of SPECA 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) 	2014-2015	US\$ 570,000
Possible projects/activities in areas where UNECE/ESCAP have considerable experience and in-house expertise and which could be implemented if supported by interested donors/partners. These projects could be implemented in addition to and in coordination with projects/activities listed above.		
Technical assistance to SPECA countries in the field of international transport of Dangerous Goods	2014-2015	US\$ 120,000
Workshops for the adoption of Unified Railway Law to be used by SPECA countries	2014-2015	US\$ 50,000
Seminars on UN Regulations on vehicle safety and on periodical technical inspection of vehicles in view of accession of SPECA 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)	2014-2015	US\$ 570,000
Workshops on measuring transport performance in SPECA countries based on a new UNECE developed methodology	2014-2015	US\$ 150,000

TRADE DEVELOPMENT

At its seventh session, which took place in Bangkok on 26 November 2012, the SPECA Project Working Group on Trade (PWG on Trade) adopted revised Terms of Reference (ToR) and Work Plan. The main focus remained on trade facilitation and trade policy, notably in the development of the SPECA Aid-for-Trade initiative, regulatory cooperation and harmonization, and assistance to the implementation of agricultural quality standards. New areas, including trade and investment promotion, assistance to the sustainable timber and housing sectors were added. Building synergies

with various development partners, such as UNDP, the Eurasian Economic Commission, CAREC, the Islamic Development Bank, OSCE, and other agencies are a priority.

The PWG adopted a Work Plan which includes the following projects:

TRADE DEVELOPMENT		
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Ongoing and planned projects/activities with funding secured or expected. These activities will be implemented in mutually reinforcing way. Additional support from interested partners could expand the scope and the number of beneficiaries of these projects/activities		
SPECA Network on Trade Cooperation (ESCAP lead agency) (part of UNDA 8 th Tranche Project on MDGs)	2012-2014	US\$ 48,000
Capacity-building for the implementation of international agricultural quality standards in the Central Asian countries. Tajikistan will host a workshop on the standards for persimmons in the autumn of 2014	2014	appr. US\$ 10,000
Trade Needs Assessment Study on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in Kyrgyzstan (addressing trade facilitation, standardization and regulatory environment) (from mid-2014 if the donor provides funding) (UNECE project, Russian Voluntary Fund)	2014	US\$ 60,000 (partly for SPECA)
Trade Needs Assessment Study on Regulatory and Procedural Barriers to Trade in Tajikistan (addressing trade facilitation, standardization and regulatory environment) (until March 2014) (UNECE project, Russian Voluntary Fund)	2013-2014	US\$60,000 (partly for SPECA)
Support the establishment of bilateral agreements on simplified advance information exchange on Customs transit (UNCTAD and UNECE, UNCTAD lead agency)	2014	US\$ 757,030 (funding currently being raised)
Strengthening the capacity of selected countries with economies in transition to formulate projects to benefit from Aid for Trade (AfT) interventions: project to be implemented in cooperation among UNECE, UNDP, and the Islamic Trade Finance Corporation	2014	US\$ 2,000,000

STATISTICAL CAPACITY-BUILDING

Official statistics are essential tools for evidence-based policy making, ensuring transparency and accountability in the process of economic, social and environmental reforms and enabling decision makers to formulate policies and to monitor and evaluate their deliveries.

Over the last 20 years, SPECA countries were confronted with the necessity, but also with the opportunity, for a rapid and complete transformation of their national statistical systems. Although official statistics in these countries have developed considerably, the broadening of the scope of traditional statistical measures to include emerging users' needs for integrated social, demographic,

economic and environmental will require further improvement of their organizational and technical capacities to collect, process and disseminate official statistics.

This will be achieved by promoting the exchange at subregional level of national good practices, undertaking benchmark studies and stimulating the establishment of an active network of experts. Advisory missions and training workshops will be conducted in response to specific request for assistance to improve the statistical capacity of SPECA countries in all relevant statistical areas, such as economic and business statistics, demographic and social statistics, gender statistics, migration statistics, environmental-economic accounting with major focus on water and energy accounts, and sustainable development indicators (Rio +20 initiative and post-2015 strategy).

The activities under the SPECA PWG on Statistics will strongly rely on findings and recommendations provided in recent global assessments reports of national statistical systems conducted jointly by the UNECE, Eurostat and EFTA. One of the major expected accomplishments is that countries systematically integrate these recommendations into their National Strategies for the Development of Statistics (NSDS) developed by the World Bank (WB), jointly with national statistical authorities and the UNECE. NSDS will serve as a framework for international and bilateral assistance and will be used to mobilise resources from various multilateral and bilateral partners, including the WB Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building (WB-TFSCB).

The major expected accomplishments of the 2014-2015 SPECA statistical programme of work will be to improve the efficiency of the statistical production, increase the coverage and accuracy of statistical indicators, and enhance the capacity to disseminate statistical information using modern web-based technologies and software.

Regular UNECE resources will be complemented by the DA resources, as well as extrabudgetary funds. To ensure the effective delivery of its technical cooperation activities, the SPECA programme of work in statistics will continue to forge partnerships with major international and bilateral partners in the subregion, in particular with the World Bank, CIS-STAT, Eurostat, EFTA, OECD, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNDP, ILO and the IMF.

Recently, ESCAP mentioned its willingness in the future to participate in SPECA activities related to statistics. UNECE welcomes the full participation of ESCAP in statistical activities that indeed would enhance the effectiveness of the programme, improve synergies and allow Afghanistan to participate fully in the activities of the SPECA PWG on Statistics.

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Ongoing and planned projects/activities with funding secured or expected. These activities would be implemented in a mutually reinforcing manner. Additional support from interested partners would expand the scope and the number of beneficiaries of these projects/activities.		
Annual meetings of the SPECA PWG on Statistics	2014-2015	2 x US\$ 60,000 EFTA and World Bank
Enhance coherence and integration of economic and social statistics in support of the implementation of the 2008 System of National Accounts (2008 SNA)	2014-2017	US\$ 1,300,000 ECASTAT-WB (expected)

Strengthening national capacity in the most vulnerable UNECE countries for the sustainable development of statistics	2014-2017	US\$ 532,000 UNDA 9 th tranche (expected)
On request, advisory services, training seminars and workshops	2014-2015	RPTC and XB Depending on availability of funds
Strengthening statistical and inter-institutional capacities for monitoring the MDGs through interregional cooperation and knowledge-sharing	2014-2015	US\$ 152,000
Possible projects/activities in areas where UNECE/ESCAP have considerable experience and in-house expertise and which could be implemented if supported by interested donors/partners. These projects could be implemented in addition to and in coordination with projects/activities listed above.		
Capacity-building programme on adapting economic statistics to new prerequisites of the market economy, including implementation of the UN System of National Accounts 2008	2013-2016	US\$ 620,000 (full project)

KNOWLEDGE-BASED DEVELOPMENT

The activities to be carried out by the Project Working Group on Knowledge-based Development (PWG on KBD) are demand-driven, focused on a limited number of priority topics and matched with available resources.

KNOWLEDGE-BASED DEVELOPMENT

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Ongoing and planned projects/activities with funding secured or expected. These activities would be implemented in mutually reinforcing way. Additional support from interested partners would expand the scope and the number of beneficiaries of these projects/activities.		
Capacity-building in policy options and practical instruments for promoting knowledge-based development	2014-2015	UNECE extrabudgetary funds
Capacity-building on ICT policy for promoting innovation-based competitiveness and development	2014-2015	UNECE extrabudgetary funds
Implementation of the UNECE project on innovation performance reviews of selected countries	2014-2015	UNECE extrabudgetary funds
To strengthen the capacity of SPECA countries by developing a knowledge base of the challenges and opportunities related to developing ICT infrastructure in the region	2014-2015	ESCAP extrabudgetary funds
To enhance the capacities of policymakers, government officials and other relevant	2014-2015	ESCAP extrabudgetary funds

stakeholders to promote, adopt and utilize ICT for achieving national socio-economic development goals		
Institutional capacity-building for regional cooperation on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation	2014-2015	ESCAP extrabudgetary funds
Capacity development on the utilization of ICT for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation	2014-2015	ESCAP extrabudgetary funds

GENDER AND ECONOMY

SPECA Working Group on Gender and Economy

The proposed Work Plan for 2014-2015 will continue the efforts of the SPECA Working Group on Gender and Economy to promote the mainstreaming of gender in economic policies and provide further support for capacity-building. The 2014-2015 Work Plan also involves contributing to the review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, the outcome of which will feed into the global review to be conducted by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at its 59th session in 2015.

Capacity-building

Building on the successful cooperation with the Centre for International Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Israel and the Golda Meir Mount Carmel International Training Centre, training workshops in support of women's entrepreneurship in Central Asia are planned for 2014 and 2015.

A key activity for the Working Group in 2014 and 2015 is securing funds for the two project proposals discussed and approved during the meeting of the WG on 15 November 2012.

Beijing+20 review process

Within the global review of progress in implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, UNECE and ESCAP will coordinate the review process within their respective regions. The SPECA WG will support the countries in Central Asia in undertaking their national-level reviews. National women's machineries and line ministries will be engaged in the review process at the national level, as well as in the UNECE and ESCAP regions.

Fundraising for new project activities

The 2014-2015 Work Plan includes resource mobilization which, if successful, would be followed by implementation of two projects.

The proposed project "Strengthening institutional support for women entrepreneurs through business associations in SPECA countries" would contribute to strengthening enabling business environments for women entrepreneurs in the SPECA region through capacity-building and networking. The project activities comprise four subregional training workshops for women business associations in the SPECA region. The workshops would strengthen the capacity of women's business associations to (1) advocate the needs of business women to policymakers, and

(2) provide business training and support services to women entrepreneurs in their respective countries.

The proposed project “Enhancing the capacity of governments in Central Asia and the South Caucasus to mainstream gender in economic policies” involves provision of tailored gender training to economic policymakers. In order to achieve gender-responsive economic policies, it is important to integrate gender into existing training curricula for policymakers on a permanent basis. The proposed project would address this challenge in three steps: by developing a training module which is tailored to the practical needs of economic policymakers; by delivering training to government trainers to use the module, who would then, in a third step, train economic policymakers to formulate and implement gender-sensitive policies.

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Ongoing and planned activities with funding secured or expected. These activities would be implemented in mutually reinforcing way. Additional support from interested partners would expand the scope and the number of beneficiaries of these projects/activities.	
Training workshops on support systems for women in small business in Haifa, Israel to strengthen the business environment for women’s entrepreneurship in Central Asia	2014-2015
Two training workshops on the use of information and communication technologies targeted at women entrepreneurs in Central Asia	2014-2015
Beijing+20 Regional Review Process ESCAP will convene the Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review, from 10 to 14 November 2014 in Bangkok	2014

B. ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE PREVIOUS WORK PLAN BUT MIGHT BE CONTINUED DURING 2014-2015, HAVE NO ASSURED FUNDING YET OR INCLUDE A BROADER GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS THAN THE SPECA COUNTRIES

WATER, ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	
Name of Project/Activity	Budget
Promoting Energy Efficiency Investments for Climate Change Mitigation and Sustainable Development	US\$ 1,250,000 UNDA – implemented by all UN Regional Commissions
Analysis of Advanced Technologies in Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in the Framework of the Global Energy Efficiency 21 Project and Preparation of Recommendations on its Application with Special Emphasis on Central Asian Region	US\$ 210,000 Funded by the Russian Federation
Enhancing Synergies in CIS National Programmes on Energy Efficiency and Energy Saving for Greater Energy Security	US\$ 150,000 Funded by the Russian Federation

Further development of the online database of policy and legal frameworks for energy efficiency and clean energy technologies in North and Central Asia	Funded by the Russian Federation
Development of a methodology to assess the safety of Class VI low pressure hydro-technical systems in Central Asia	Estimated budget US\$ 80,000
Coordinated SPECA Energy System	Funding being sought Estimated budget US\$ 500,000
Asian Energy Highway	Funding being sought Estimated budget US\$ 500,000
Wind energy resources assessment and technology demonstration	Funding being sought Estimated budget US\$ 500,000
Network of national energy efficiency centres in Central Asia (UNECE in cooperation with ESCAP and CAREC)	Funding being sought Estimated budget US\$ 200,000
<p>Priority areas for action in North and Central Asia (section III.B of the APEF Plan of Action):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working together to create joint information resources and knowledge sharing systems on legal and regulatory frameworks, public participation, financial mechanisms, public-private partnerships and successful projects aimed at promoting energy efficiency and renewable energy development in the subregion. 2. Strengthening existing cooperation mechanisms on energy among member States in North and Central Asia in order to better coordinate national energy policies and realize the full potential of subregional cooperation in the area of energy security and sustainable use of energy for the benefit of all participating member States, and, in this context, inviting Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and other relevant United Nations bodies, other international organizations and financial institutions to increase their capacity-building efforts with regard to regional, subregional and cross-regional initiatives, such as the Green Bridge Partnership Programme and the International Forum: Energy for Sustainable Development. 3. Encouraging the development and implementation of joint hydropower projects for electricity generation to facilitate grid connectivity and trade in energy. 4. Strengthening subregional and inter-subregional cooperation towards developing harmonized cross-border energy infrastructure, for example within the Electric Power Council of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the CASA1000 project, and supporting the continuation of bilateral and regional consultations on this matter. 	Funding being sought

TRANSPORT

Name of Project/Activity	Budget
Establishment or strengthening of national facilitation coordinating mechanisms for improved collaboration between all stakeholders involved in international transport from the public and private sectors, including:	US\$ 60,000
ESCAP assistance in implementation of SCO Road Facilitation Agreement	US\$ 200,000

TRADE DEVELOPMENT

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Ongoing and planned projects/activities with funding secured or expected. These activities will be implemented in mutually reinforcing way. Additional support from interested partners could expand the scope and the number of beneficiaries of these projects/activities	
Support for Trade Facilitation and Single Window projects in the Member States of the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Single Economic Space	US\$ 120,000 (tbc.)
Capacity development of the private sector: SME development and promotion/facilitation of FDI (ESCAP lead agency; donors to be approached)	Proposed US\$ 1,000,000
Strengthening the capacity of selected countries with economies in transition to formulate projects to benefit from Aid for Trade (AfT) interventions; the project is to be implemented in cooperation among UNECE, UNDP and the Islamic Trade Finance Corporation	Funding is partly available by the Islamic Trade Finance Corporation
Capacity-building seminar on the Trade Facilitation Implementation Guide	Funding under consideration

STATISTICAL CAPACITY-BUILDING

Name of Project/Activity	Budget
Strengthening statistical capacity of countries with economies in transition to assess progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goal on Environmental Sustainability and provide data on environmental vulnerabilities	US\$ 391,000 UNDA 7 th tranche
Preparation for the 2020 round of population censuses and the production of better migration data	US\$ 282,500 Russian Fund

OTHER AREAS OF WORK

Sustainable forest management for greener economies in the Caucasus and Central Asia (UNECE)	US\$ 500,000 (UNDA 8th tranche)
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