

Note on the utilization of additional resources for the Development Account approved under the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (5th Tranche)

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 60/246, decided that the Development Account shall be recosted for the biennium 2006-2007. The results of that exercise have led to an initial appropriation of \$13,954,100 as compared with \$13,065,000 for previous biennia, an increase of \$889,100. During the preparation of the first performance report of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, the Account was recosted with the resultant increase of \$26,800. By its resolution 61/252 the General Assembly decided to appropriate the amount of \$2.5 million dollars as an immediate exceptional measure towards addressing the lack of transfer of resources to the Account since its inception. Accordingly, the revised appropriation of the Development Account for the biennium 2006-2007 amounts to \$16,480,900 reflecting an increase of \$3,415,900 compared with the level of the Account approved by the General Assembly at its inception.
2. This note has been prepared to provide the Advisory Committee for Administrative and Budgetary Question (ACABQ) with information on the programming of additional funds approved under the Development Account by the General Assembly resolutions 60/246 and 61/252.
3. The Under Secretary General for Economic and Social Affairs in his capacity as the Programme Manager of the Development Account consulted with the Programme, Planning and Budget Division, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts and the core entities of the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs (EC-ESA) on the best way to respond to Member States' expectations set in the legislation. In doing so, due regard was given to the fact that more than 80 proposals were submitted to the Programme Manager by relevant EC-ESA entities in the context of the preparation of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, while only 27 projects could be accommodated in the final proposal for the 6th tranche.
4. With regard to the additional resources appropriated for the biennium 2006-2007, the Programme Manager recommends to add six new projects to the 5th tranche of the Account. The selection is representative of the projects spread proposed by both global and regional entities and covers multi faceted development needs: statistical capacity building, improving global road safety, gender-related violence, environmental impact assessment to name a few. Important criteria for the selection have been i) the capacity and past performance of the implementing entities in the delivery of the Development Account projects, ii) the potential to launch the additional projects quickly and iii) with a target completion date of December 2009, consistent with other 5th tranche projects.
5. The final list of projects proposed by the Programme Manager to be added to the 5th tranche is attached as Annex A.

The list of Projects to be added to the 5th Tranche*(thousands of United States dollars)*

	Title of the Proposal	Implementing entity*	Proposed budget
Y	Strengthening National Capacities in Environment Statistics and Accounts in support of progress toward achieving the internationally agreed development goals in Western Asia and Latin America	ESCWA jointly with ECLAC and in collaboration with DESA	602.0
Z	Improving Global Road Safety: setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets	ECE jointly with ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP and ESCWA	657.9
AA	Capacity-building for inter-regional electricity access and supply in Africa	DESA in collaboration with ECA	591.0
AB	Improvement of Disability Measurement and Statistics in Support	ESCAP in collaboration with DESA	628.0
AC	Strengthening of Women Police Stations and Civil Society to Counteract Gender-related Violence in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay	UNODC in collaboration with ECLAC	462.0
AD	Capacity Building in Environmental Impact Assessment and Promotion of Public Participation in West Asia	UNEP in collaboration with ESCWA	475.0
		Total	3,415.9

* Lead entity in bold

Y. Strengthening National Capacities in Environment Statistics and Accounts in support of progress toward achieving the internationally agreed development goals in Western Asia and Latin America

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia jointly with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (\$602,000)

Background

1. Statistics and indicators are critical tools for evidence-based policy-making and for socioeconomic planning. They are essential to assess the current situation, to set objectives for the future, and to measure progress towards achieving national and international development goals. Countries of West Asia and of Latin America and the Caribbean strongly depend on their natural resources to support their economic growth. To date however, Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) member countries still face major challenges in developing reliable, high quality, timely and exchangeable environmental information including environmental statistics indicators and accounts to strengthen assessment and decision-making processes. On one hand, in most of the ESCWA member countries, environment statistics have not been developed as part of their statistical systems and environment accounts have not been integrated with their National Accounts, despite the economic implications of major environmental problems in the region, such as water scarcity, land degradation and fossil-fuel energy production and consumption. On the other hand, countries in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) region, which have recently started developing such statistics, are not fully taking advantage of all potential regional resources and synergies.
2. The project is therefore designed for the ESCWA and ECLAC countries, to improve the availability, reliability, timeliness and comparability of environment statistics, indicators and accounts, and to monitor national and the internationally agreed development goals with special emphasis on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development. The project also aims at facilitating subsequent networking between the two regions and among subregions through interactive sharing and knowledge management. The project will help foster inter- and intra-regional cooperation and will strengthen links between producers and users of environment statistics.
3. The project builds upon lessons learned from previous statistical development projects implemented by the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs with ESCWA and with ECLAC. ECLAC developed a regional network of experts, practitioners and institutions, convened various regional meetings and seminars, constructed a regional environmental database, and produced two publications on methodological guidelines for statistics and indicators. ESCWA will benefit from the support of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and from the lessons learned by ECLAC in particular in developing the network and producing the manuals and the databases. ESCWA and ECLAC will implement this project on a collaborative basis, with ESCWA as the leading agency, in ongoing partnership with the the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

<p>Objective of the Organization: To strengthen national capacities of ESCWA and ECLAC countries in the collection, coverage, dissemination and exchange of reliable, timely and comparable environment statistics, indicators, and accounts taking advantage of an integrated environmental statistical system approach (IESS) in support of progress toward achieving national and internationally agreed development goals.</p>	<p>Summary budget (Thousands of US dollars)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>General Temporary assistance</td> <td>42.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultants</td> <td>128.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td>57.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contractual services</td> <td>22.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating expenses</td> <td>23.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Study tours</td> <td>35.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workshops</td> <td><u>295.0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>602.0</td> </tr> </table>	General Temporary assistance	42.0	Consultants	128.0	Travel	57.0	Contractual services	22.0	Operating expenses	23.0	Study tours	35.0	Workshops	<u>295.0</u>	Total	602.0
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<p>Relationship to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009 and the Millennium Development Goals: DESA subprogrammes 4 (Sustainable development) and 5 (Statistics); ESCWA subprogramme 1 (Integrated policies for the management of regional resources for sustainable development) and 6 (Comparable statistics for improved planning and decision-making); ECLAC subprogramme 8 (Environment and human settlements) and 10 (Statistics and economic projections), and UNEP subprogramme 1 (Environmental assessment and early warning).</p>																	

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
<p>(a) Strengthened skills of National Officials to produce relevant, quality, comparable and timely environment statistics, indicators, and accounts using the systemic approach, Integrated Environmental Statistical Systems (IESS) that incorporate statistics, indicators and environmental accounting.</p>	<p>(a) Increased number of national officials, practitioners, institutions, trained in producing environment statistics, indicators, and accounts through workshops, technical assistance missions and study tours developed by the project.</p>
<p>(b) Increased national and regional production, dissemination and use of environmental statistics, indicators and accounting using advanced information and communication technology and improved metadata production.</p>	<p>(b) Increased number of countries and institutions disseminating environment statistics, indicators and accounts, using common statistical definitions, methodologies and metadata format.</p>

Main activities

4. The main activities of the project will include:

- (a) Organization of one regional training session in ESCWA for national statistical offices and other concerned departments to strengthen their capacity;
- (b) Convening of two subregional workshops on environmental statistics, indicators and accounts for ESCWA to strengthen capacities and subregional networking;

- (c) Organization of two technical assistance missions in ESCWA at the national level, according to national needs and capacities, incorporating horizontal technical cooperation activities among ESCWA-ECLAC countries (South-South cooperation);
- (d) Convening of an expert group meeting in collaboration with UN Statistics Division (UNSD), ECLAC, and other concerned agencies on environment and water statistics and accounts;
- (e) Production and distribution of the methodological documents on integrated environmental statistical systems (basic statistics, indicators and integrated accounting) for ESCWA (in Arabic);
- (f) Undertaking eight study tours: six practitioners within ESCWA from selected countries to learn best practices from leading countries or agencies and two tours between ESCWA and ECLAC;
- (g) Establishment of a network in ESCWA;
- (h) Creation and update of a database, docubase, and expertbase on environment information for ESCWA;
- (i) Organization of one inter – regional Seminar/Workshop on Environmental Statistics, Indicators and Accounting to discuss methodologies, strategies, results and challenges between ECLAC and ESCWA regions;
- (j) Organize an Expert Group Meeting on environmental statistics and indicators to strengthen capacities and subregional networking;
- (k) Arranging two technical assistance missions in ESCWA at the national level;
- (l) Organization of one inter – regional Seminar/Workshop on Environmental Statistics, Indicators and Accounting to discuss methodologies, strategies, results and challenges among countries from ECLAC and ESCWA regions;
- (m) Undertaking study tours for four practitioners from selected countries to exchange best practices from leading countries or agencies within ECLAC. (Two study tours between ESCWA and ECLAC are budgeted under activity (f)).

Detailed budget (US dollars)	
General temporary assistance	
ESCWA 12 w/m temporary assistance to coordinate the course, workshop, expert meeting and to update the databases and website; and to assist in research for the documents, course and workshop material (in support of Activities (a), (b), (d) and (e))	\$24,000
ECLAC 9 w/m temporary assistance to coordinate the course, workshop, expert meeting and to update the databases and website; and to assist in research for the documents, course and workshop material (in support of Activities (j)-(m))	\$18,000

Consultants	
ESCWA	\$100,000
5 w/m for the development of course material, expert meeting and workshop (in support of Activities for (a), (b) and (d))	
4 w/m for the development of methodological documents (in support of Activities (d) and (e))	
6 w/m for travel of consultants for the participation in technical assistance missions, workshops, expert meetings (in support of Activities (a), (b), and (e)).	
2 w/m for the development and distribution of the application software (in support of Activity (h)).	
2 w/m for the development of a network of experts in the field of environment statistics (in support of Activity (h))	
ECLAC	\$28,000
7 w/m for the development of EGM and Interregional workshop materials (in support of Activities (j) and (l))	
Contractual services	
ESCWA	
For the translation of manuals to Arabic (in support of Activities (a) and (d))	\$22,000
Travel	
ESCWA	
For the organization and coordination of the workshops, the expert group meetings, delivering technical assistance and participating in international seminars (in support of Activities (a), (b), (c), (d)).	\$25,000
For organizing 2 missions of Technical Assistance provided by ECLAC and its experts for ESCWA team and regional representatives, that can be delivered within a set of Working Sessions to be held on an ESCWA country (in support of Activity (c))	\$12,000
ECLAC	
8 regional UN staff missions to participate in sub-regional workshop, and deliver technical assistance and participate in international seminars (in support of Activities (j)-(m))	\$20,000
Study tours (Fellowships)	
ESCWA	
3 study tours for the purpose of capacity building and networking (in support of Activity (f))	\$25,000
2 study tours in leading countries/agencies from ECLAC to ESCWA and vice-versa and for studies between the regions 5,000 each (in support of Activity (f))	
ECLAC	
1 study tour with 4 participants for the purpose of capacity building and networking (in support of Activity (m))	\$10,000
Operating expenses	
ESCWA	
Communications (in support of Activities (a), (b), (c) and (d))	\$12,000
Supplies (in support of Activities (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e))	
ECLAC	
Communications (in support of Activities (j), (k), (l) and (m))	\$11,000
Supplies (in support of Activities (j), (k), (l) and (m))	

Seminars and Workshops	
ESCWA	
Two subregional training sessions with 40 participants at average cost of \$2,000 per participant (in support of Activity (b))	\$80,000
One regional training session with 24 participants at average cost of \$2,500 per participant (in support for Activity (a))	\$60,000
One expert group meeting, for the preparation of a training manual on environment statistics and environment accounts for one expert group meeting (15 participants x \$3,000) (in support of Activity (d))	\$45,000
One inter – regional Seminar/Workshop on Environmental Statistics, Indicators and Accounting to discuss methodologies, strategies, results and challenges among ECLAC and ESCWA regions (20 participants x \$3,000) (in support of Activity (i))	\$60,000
ECLAC	
Travel and DSA of participants (in support of Activity (j)) (average \$ 2,500 per participant x 20 participants)	\$50,000

Z. Improving Global Road Safety: setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets

Economic Commission for Europe jointly with the Economic Commission for Africa, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (\$657,900)

Background

5. According to the *World Report on Road Traffic Injury Prevention*, published by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank in 2004, road traffic crashes claim the lives of more than 1.2 million people every year and are responsible for about 40 million injuries. They disproportionately affect low and middle-income countries, with costs between \$65 and \$00 billion. The World Bank estimated that, if fatality rates per vehicle in poorer countries were reduced by 30% by 2020, more than 2.5 million lives could be saved and 200 million injuries could be avoided.
6. The Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) has worked on the subject of road safety for over 50 years and has an intergovernmental structure, the Working Party on Road Traffic Safety (WP.1), which has developed and kept up to date the UN Conventions on Road Traffic, on Road Signs and Signals as well as the European Agreements supplementing them. ECE is already cooperating with other United Nations Regional Commissions and WHO in the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration established in 2004 in response to a General Assembly Resolution on improving global road safety. WHO together with the regional commissions are jointly organizing a global advocacy event, the First United Nations Global Road Safety Week in April 2007 and seek to increase awareness of the road safety problems faced by young people.
7. All regional commissions are committed to the goal of improving global road safety and have developed programmes on the subject (e.g. ESCWA in the Globalization and Regional Integration Division, ECLAC in the Division of Natural Resources and Infrastructure, and ESCAP in the

Transport and Tourism Division). ECA has organized four African road safety congresses. ESCAP has organized a number of road safety meetings with a particular focus on the road safety provision in the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Asian Highway Network, which entered into force in July 2005.

8. A number of regional road safety goals and targets have already been adopted. The Declaration of the Meeting of African Ministers Responsible for Transport on the Millennium Development Goals (April 2005) included the target to reduce by half the rate of road accident fatalities by 2015. The ESCAP Ministerial Declaration on Improving Road Safety in Asia and the Pacific was adopted in Busan, Republic of Korea on 11 November 2006. It included a political commitment to "Save 600,000 lives and to prevent a commensurable number of serious injuries on the roads of Asia and the Pacific over the period 2007 to 2015". It also referred to a "set of road safety goals, targets and indicators in order to assess and evaluate road safety progress", similar to the Millennium Development Goals.

<p>Objective of the Organization: The objective of the project is to help countries to develop regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets and provide them with examples of best road safety practice that could help them to achieve the targets selected by 2015.</p>	<p>Summary budget (Thousands of US dollars)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>General Temporary assistance</td> <td>40.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultants</td> <td>145.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td>45.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contractual services</td> <td>46.1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating expenses</td> <td>10.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workshops</td> <td><u>371.8</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>657.9</td> </tr> </table>	General Temporary assistance	40.0	Consultants	145.0	Travel	45.0	Contractual services	46.1	Operating expenses	10.0	Workshops	<u>371.8</u>	Total	657.9
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
<p>(a) Increased understanding of the potential value of setting regional and national road traffic casualty reduction targets in efforts to achieve a reduction in the number of people killed and injured in road crashes</p>	<p>(a) (i) Number of new regional road traffic casualty reduction targets established</p> <p>(ii) Number of countries that establish national road traffic casualty reduction targets for 2015</p>
<p>(b) Increased levels of knowledge and awareness of the means countries can employ to improve their national road safety situation and achieve their targets for 2015</p>	<p>(b) (i) Number of countries that participate in regional road safety seminars</p> <p>(ii) Number of countries that make progress in establishing a baseline for measuring their road safety targets</p>

(iii) Number of other international organizations and NGOs that participate in the implementation of the project

Main activities

9. The main activities of the project will include:
- (a) Designing road safety seminars, putting together a team of experts to present at the seminars and in cooperation with other regional commissions, collection of examples of best practice which can help countries in developing and achieving their targets;
 - (b) Conducting a number of advisory missions prior to the seminars in order to assess countries' road safety problems and help them develop targets in a bilateral setting;
 - (c) Convening of five seminars in 2008 and/or 2009, one under the auspices of each regional commission, to help develop regional and national targets and to provide countries with examples of best road safety practice that can help them achieve their targets;
 - (d) Organization of awareness campaigns in participating countries aimed at achieving wider public awareness and participation in achieving targets;
 - (e) Issuance of five case studies on countries in the ECA region, as successful examples of countries that have achieved a reduction in the number of people killed and injured in road crashes;
 - (f) Issuance of a report on regional and country targets, end 2009, including recommendations on ways of achieving those targets;
 - (g) Evaluation of the project and possible development of a proposal to continue the project if another funding source is identified.

Detailed budget (US dollars)	
<p>General temporary assistance 8 w/m for assistance in design and implementation of seminars and preparation of reports (in support of Activities (a), (c), (e) and (f)) to be divided amongst regional commissions</p>	\$40,000
<p>Consultants 4 w/m for international consultants for assistance in design, implementation and evaluation of seminars and presentations at seminars (in support of Activities (a), (c) and (g)) 1 w/m for regional consultants to be nominated by regional commissions to present at seminars and assist in awareness raising and evaluation (in support of Activities (a), (c), (d) and (f)) 2 w/m for consultants for case studies nominated by ECA to undertake studies in 5 countries (in support of Activity (e))</p>	\$145,000

2 w/m for consultant travel to advisory missions both before and after the seminars to help countries formulate national goals and targets and assist in awareness raising and evaluation (in support of Activities (b), (d) and (g))	
Contractual services	\$46,100
Printing of materials and provision of interpretation services at Seminars (in support of Activities (a) and (e))	
ECA English, French	
ECLAC English, Spanish	
ESCAP English only	
ESCWA English, Arabic	
ECE English, Russian	
Travel	
ECE staff: Organizing, coordinating the 5 seminars, and acting as resource persons (in support of Activities (a) and (c)) (\$5,000 per person) x (4 persons)	\$20,000
Other regional commissions staff: Participating as resource persons in seminars (in support of Activity (c)) (\$5,000 per person) x (5 persons)	\$25,000
Operating expenses	\$10,000
Shipping of materials (in support of Activity (c))	
Communication (in support of all Activities)	
Seminars and Workshops	
5 seminars, one each in ECA, ECLAC, ESCAP, ECE and ESCWA (in support of Activity (c))	
ECA 53 x \$2,200	\$116,600
ECLAC 33 x \$2,200	\$72,600
ESCAP 48 x \$2,200 (not including common members with ECE).	\$105,600
ESCWA 13 x \$2,200	\$28,600
ECE 22 x \$2,200 (only non-EU and common countries with ESCAP)	\$48,400

AA. Capacity-building for inter-regional electricity access and supply in Africa

Department of Economic and Social Affairs in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Africa (\$591,000)

Background

- The development of Africa's electric power sector is a prerequisite for the overall sustainable development of the continent. Access to electricity is critical for the poverty alleviation and the improvement of livelihoods, including in the areas of education, health, and industrial development. A combination of factors, such as small market size, insufficient investments, and damage due to war and conflict, have contributed to very low rates of access to electricity, as well as irregularities and shortages in electricity supply across many parts of sub-Saharan Africa.

11. This project aims to strengthen the capacity of regional economic communities (RECs) and their member states to establish the appropriate policy, institutional and regulatory frameworks for regional electricity grid interconnection, in order to increase access to electricity and security of supply. The project will achieve this objective by establishing a network of experts and developing model technical guidelines, regulatory provisions, and training modules.
12. The Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) of the World Summit on Sustainable Development underlined that access to energy is critical for alleviating poverty and spurring economic growth. At the 14th Session the Commission on Sustainable Development, held in May 2006, Ministers stressed the importance of providing access for all to modern energy services in order to meet basic human needs and facilitate the achievement of the MDGs. In 2007, the Commission will convene to adopt policy decisions on energy for sustainable development, with energy access expected to be a key issue. JPOI called for supporting Africa's efforts to implement the energy objectives of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), which seek to secure access to commercial energy services for at least 35 % of the African population within 20 years, especially in rural areas. Furthermore, JPOI called for action to "strengthen and facilitate, as appropriate, regional cooperation arrangements for promoting cross-border energy trade, including the interconnection of electricity grids".
13. The interconnection of countries electricity grids can result in economic, environmental, resource and technical efficiencies. Regional electricity interconnection can help neighbouring countries share available, but untapped, energy sources, such as hydropower, as well as overcome the legacy of small power markets. The Southern African Development Community (SADC) countries have established a regional power pool on a formalized basis namely, the Southern Africa Power Pool (SAPP), where a number of countries are linked and purchase power at regulated prices. Progress is also being made with respect to the establishment of a power pool in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).
14. The project will be undertaken by ECA and in collaboration with the African Energy Commission (AFREC), the African Development Bank, other relevant regional bodies such as the Nile Basin Initiative, and regional centres of excellence. The project will also benefit from the Department of Economic and Social Affairs' innovative partnership with the e7, an association of the world's largest electricity utilities, contributing proven technical capacity on interconnections.

<p>Objective of the Organization: To strengthen the capacity of regional economic communities and their member states in East and Central Africa to put in place policy, institutional and regulatory frameworks for regional electricity grid interconnection, with the aim of increasing access to electricity and security of supply.</p>	<p>Summary budget (Thousands of US dollars)</p>																
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced skills and capacities among decision-makers and managers in relevant institutions in Central and East Africa to assess and implement options for regional electricity grid interconnections.	(a) Increased number of countries and RECs that have considered or are in the process of considering enhancements to their policies, institutions and regulatory frameworks relating to regional electricity grid interconnections.
(b) Improved technical and policy capacity of regional economic communities to coordinate and support regional electricity grid interconnections within their area of responsibility.	(b) Increased numbers of trained personnel, greater input to feasibility studies, and more requests from REC member states for assistance with regional electricity grid interconnection projects/studies.

Main activities

15. The main activities of the project will include:

- (a) Organizing two training workshops in each sub-region for staff of RECs, energy, finance and planning ministries (total of 4 workshops);
- (b) Development of training modules on the technical, economic, and policy aspects of regional interconnection of electricity grids. These will be made available as an electronic knowledge base, which will be added to and updated by beneficiaries and local counterpart institutions after the completion of the project;
- (c) Promoting exchanges of experts from RECs and national institutions to encourage the exchanges of information, experiences, and expertise. One example is the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP). These exchanges will act as the basis from which to develop a regional network of expertise;
- (d) Convening a working group under one or both of the RECs, with the support of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and ECA, to begin elaborating model technical guidelines and institutional and regulatory provisions to support the establishment of regional electricity interconnections. Model technical guidelines and other material developed in the course of this exercise will be made available, in English and French, in the knowledge base;
- (e) Provision of technical assistance to strengthen RECs and national institutions in the collection of data for planning and analysis related to increasing access to electricity through regional electricity grid interconnections.

Detailed budget (US dollars)	
General temporary assistance 3 w/m for temporary assistance (in support of Activities (a) and (b))	\$18,000
Consultants 10 w/m for international consultants for the task(s) of preparing training modules (in support of Activities (a), (b) and (d)) National consultants for task of preparing a total of 4 review papers on status of interconnections and key challenges in each sub-region (\$7,000 per paper) (in support of Activities (a), (b) and (d)) 5 w/m for regional consultants (in support of Activity (e)) 1.5 w/m for international consultant for project evaluation	\$123,000
Contractual services Local contract for translation of training material and other workshop documents into French (in support of Activities (a) and (b)) Local contract for servicing and preparations for 4 regional workshops (in support of Activity (a)). Local contract for preparation, organization and participation at working group meeting of 15 regional participants (in support of Activity (d)) Local contract with regional centre of excellence to further develop, update, and host the electronic knowledge base on electricity grid interconnection in Africa (in support of Activities (b), (c) and (e)) Local contracts for preparation and servicing of two working group meetings, including organization, transportation, interpretation, reproduction (in support of Activity (d)) Local contracts with regional centres of excellence for analytical studies and inputs to working group meetings.	\$140,000
Travel International UN Staff: Organizing and coordinating 4 workshops and 2 working group meetings, as well as advisory services and study tours (in support of Activities (a), (d), and (e))	\$36,000
Regional staff/ other UN staff: Six missions by regional UN staff for the purpose of regional workshops, advisory services and working group meetings (in support of Activities (a), (d), and (e))	\$30,000
Operating expenses To cover expenses such as telephone, internet access and other supply (in support of Activities (a), (d), and (e))	\$4,000
Study tours (Fellowships) <i>Regional study tours:</i> Strengthen capacity and share experiences among relevant offices on economic analysis, planning and design of legal and regulatory frameworks (in support of Activity (c)) <i>International study tours:</i> Strengthen capacity on economic analysis, planning and design of legal and regulatory frameworks (in support of Activity (c))	\$60,000
Seminars and Workshops Total of four workshops with 60 participants, (\$3,000 per participant) (2 in each sub-region) (in support of Activity (a)).	\$180,000

AB. Improvement of Disability Measurement and Statistics

Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (\$628,000)

Background

16. The Second Asia and Pacific Decade of Disabled Persons (2003-2012) will have its critical mid-point assessment in 2007. ESCAP member and associate member states will meet to assess the region's progress on implementing the Biwako Millennium Framework for Action towards an Inclusive, Barrier-Free and Rights-based Society for Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific (BMF), and strategies for the second half of the decade (2008-2012) will be formulated. BMF stipulates that its goals cannot be achieved and monitored without better statistics on persons with disabilities. It further states that the lack of adequate information on persons with disabilities is a crucial factor causing the neglect of disability issues in many countries. Therefore, it encourages Governments to develop systems for disability-related data collection and a common system of defining and classifying disability to allow inter country comparison in the region (Strategy 8 and 9). Moreover, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was adopted on 13 December 2006, in Article 31 mandates collection of data to enable States Parties to formulate and implement policies to give effect to the Convention. It also requires States Parties to comply with internationally accepted norms to protect human rights and ethical principles in the collection and use of statistics.
17. Many countries in the region do not collect information on disability as part of their census and survey programs. Disability data collections that have occurred do not reflect the full extent of disability prevalence or capture the needs of the target population. Moreover, the international comparability of disability statistics suffers from a wide variance of standards, methodologies, and definitions used. Many National Statistical Offices (NSOs) still lack the technical capacity to implement disability data collections that follow international standards or to properly analyze and disseminate data for users.
18. The upcoming 2010 census round, in which the majority of ESCAP members will conduct population censuses within the next five years, presents a crucial opportunity to address the deficiencies of information on persons with disabilities. A population census can serve as an important source of information on the prevalence of disability in a country. It also can form the basis for developing disability surveys to collect more detailed statistics for policy design and evaluation of basic care needs, environmental constraints and participation in society of persons with disabilities. To improve the availability and quality of disability statistics in Asia and the Pacific, it is imperative to seize this opportunity to promote a common approach to disability data collection, including post-census surveys.
19. The project builds upon lessons learned from the previous ESCAP/WHO 2004-06 project on "Improvement of Disability Statistics and Measurement in Support of the BMF" led by the Statistics Division of ESCAP. Pilot studies from this project provided important contributions to the development of global recommendations. However, a common international approach to disability measurement is not yet complete and there is a stated need to conduct further studies to better determine how to standardize implementation of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF) into data collection instruments in the region, particularly given the complications of cultural and linguistic diversity. The current project integrates new pilot studies and continued effort towards international recommendations with advocacy, training, and in-country advisory services. As with the previous project, ESCAP plans to implement activities jointly with both regional partners and relevant international entities,

namely: Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP), WHO, and the Washington Group on Disability Statistics.

<p>Objective of the Organization: National disability policies and programmes, following the BMF and other international development goals, are developed, implemented and monitored on the basis of improved disability statistics in the Asian and Pacific Region.</p>	<p>Summary budget (Thousands of US dollars)</p> <p>General Temporary assistance 30.0 Consultants 100.0 Travel 78.0 Contractual services 199.0 Operating expenses 8.0 Workshops <u>213.0</u> Total 628.0</p>
<p>Relationship to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009 and the Millennium Development Goals: ESCAP subprogrammes 2 (Statistics) and 8 (Social development including persistent and emerging issues); DESA subprogramme 3 (Social policy and development)</p>	

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) NSOs, health professionals, and policy makers in the region have an improved understanding of the ICF approach to disability measurement and how to manage its implementation	(a) Increased number of NSOs using ICF standards and regional guidelines in national censuses and surveys
(b) Increased national technical capacity for collecting disability statistics in accordance with ICF standards and regional guidelines for national censuses and surveys, which also reflect gender concerns	(b) Increased number of NSOs providing disability indicators for policy making and analysis
(c) Stronger cooperation among ESCAP members in the field of disability statistics	(c) Increased number of country-to-country exchanges of experience and cooperation efforts in the field of disability statistics and implementation of the ICF

Main activities

20. The main activities of the project will include:

- (a) Organizing two sub-regional workshops on the ICF and its implementation for disability data collection and analysis covering a broad range of;
- (b) Development and distribution of a CD-ROM version of *the ESCAP/WHO Disability Statistics Training Manual*; the CD-ROM version will facilitate training, including self-learning, and will be accessible for persons with disabilities;

- (c) Development of a website on disability measurement and statistics collection and analysis;
- (d) Convening one pre-pilot study workshop with participation of target groups and gender experts in order to cooperatively establish a full understanding of the objectives and guidelines for pilot testing;
- (e) Pilot testing of proposed data collection instruments in 6 ESCAP member countries, including at least one Central Asian country, to produce evidence in support of establishment of regional recommendations;
- (f) Analysis of pilot test data contributing to regional recommendations for standard disability question sets for censuses and surveys in collaboration with WHO, the Washington Group and participating NSOs;
- (g) Convening one post-pilot study workshop to formulate regional recommendations on instruments for censuses and surveys;
- (h) Publication of a regional report on pilot study findings and consequent recommendations for disability data collection instruments;
- (i) Establishing a network of experts, including women and persons with disabilities, in order to stimulate South-South cooperation for achieving project objectives and to identify potential candidates for advisory missions and other capacity building activities;
- (j) Organizing advisory missions to provide assistance to countries with data collection design in accordance with ICF standards and conduct pilot study data analysis.

Detailed budget (US dollars)	
<p>General temporary assistance 10 w/m for a project assistant to assist the Secretariat in implementing the project (in support of Activities (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j)).</p>	\$30,000
<p>Consultants 10 w/m for international consultants to develop a user-friendly CD-ROM, training materials which are accessible for persons with disabilities, and to contribute to the pilot studies, the organization of regional and subregional workshops (in support of Activities (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j))</p>	\$100,000
<p>Contractual services A provision of \$174,000 is required for country pilot-studies as grants to national statistical offices to conduct studies in 6 countries (in support of Activities (e) and (f)) Translation of training materials into national languages, including Chinese and Russian (in support of Activities (b) and (c)) Printing the <i>Training Manual on Disability Statistics</i> and the <i>Regional Guidelines on Disability Statistics</i> (in support of Activities (b), (c) and (h))</p>	\$199,000
<p>Travel Organizing and coordinating the 2 subregional workshops (tentatively in the Pacific</p>	\$30,000

and Central Asia) (in support of Activities (a), (d), and (g)). (\$5,000 per person) x (6 persons)	
Participating as resource persons in regional and subregional workshops (in support of Activities (a), (d), (g), and (j)). (\$6,000 per person) x (4 persons)	\$24,000
Advisory missions in support of country data collection activities and analysis, as well as in-country training, especially Activity (j). (\$4,000 per mission) x (6 missions)	\$24,000
Operating expenses	\$8,000
Communications (in support of Activities (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j))	
Supplies (in support of Activities (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), and (j))	
Seminars and Workshops	
2 subregional workshops (in support of Activities (a), (d), and (g)). (\$2,500 per participant) x (15 participants) x (2 workshops)	\$75,000
2 regional workshops (in support of Activities (a), (d), and (g)). (16 participants funded by the project in the first regional workshop and 30 in the second), (\$3,000 per participant) x (46 participants)	\$138,000

AC. Strengthening of Women Police Stations and Civil Society to Counteract Gender-related Violence in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in collaboration with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (\$462,000)

Background

21. Brazil and South Cone countries (Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay) experience high crime and violence rates against women, including rape. In all countries, violence rates against women are prone to subnotification. Shame, stigma and fear are impediments for formal accusations.

Violence against women appears to be the result of the historically unequal power relations between men and women. Gender-based violence is a form of discrimination that impairs women's enjoyment of rights, such as their right to health and freedom from poverty. Therefore, it constitutes a serious impediment to the realization of not only Millennium Development Goal 3 ("to promote gender equality and empower women"), but also to the other Millennium Development Goals.

22. Legislation regarding women's rights and legal protection of women and children has been promulgated to facilitate the eradication of violence against women in Brazil and South Cone Countries. Conditions have improved immensely in the past twenty years. Along with other important gender-related advances, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay have created special Women Police Stations (WPS).
23. Nevertheless, much remains to be done to better protect women. WPSs, in partnership with civil society, should be able to provide access to a wider range of services (legal assistance, medical and psychosocial attention, support and overnight shelter) to victims, specifically women and their children. The high incidence of crime and violence – including rape – against women in Brazil and South Cone countries justify the present project proposal, strengthening of WPSs.

24. The United Nation Office on Drug and Crime's (UNODC's) Criminal Justice Reform Unit (CJRU) contributes towards the mandate of UNODC by assisting developing countries in building the capacity of their justice systems to operate more effectively within the framework of the rule of law and with particular attention to vulnerable groups, such as women and children. (General Assembly Resolution A/RES/59/159 of 3 February 2005 refers). The present project proposal also builds on UNODC's Guide for Law Enforcement Officials on "Effective Responses to Violence Against Women", to be published later in 2006. Universities will also play a role in the project. UNODC, together with the five governments involved, will define five cities, one in each country, where the project will be developed.

Objective of the Organization: To strengthen the capacity of Women Police Stations in selected cities of Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay to counter gender-based violence.	Summary budget (Thousands of US dollars)																		
Relationship to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009 and the Millennium Development Goals: UNODC subprogramme 3 (Technical assistance and advice); ECLAC subprogramme 5 (Mainstreaming the gender perspective in regional development).	<table> <tr><td>General Temporary assistance</td><td>36.0</td></tr> <tr><td>Consultants</td><td>35.7</td></tr> <tr><td>Expert groups</td><td>25.0</td></tr> <tr><td>Travel</td><td>58.0</td></tr> <tr><td>Contractual services</td><td>190.0</td></tr> <tr><td>Operating expenses</td><td>61.8</td></tr> <tr><td>Study Tours</td><td>30.0</td></tr> <tr><td>Workshops</td><td><u>25.5</u></td></tr> <tr><td>Total</td><td>462.0</td></tr> </table>	General Temporary assistance	36.0	Consultants	35.7	Expert groups	25.0	Travel	58.0	Contractual services	190.0	Operating expenses	61.8	Study Tours	30.0	Workshops	<u>25.5</u>	Total	462.0
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Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved capacity to provide support to victims of gender-based violence	(a) Increase in the number of times that services are provided by Women Police Stations to victims
(b) Increased level of knowledge and awareness among government officials and civil society on issues related to violence against women.	(b) Steady increase in the number of community actors and government and civil society institutions participating in the project's formal regional knowledge network
(c) Development of a formal regional knowledge and good practice network architecture that will bring together community actors, civil society and governmental institutions.	(c) Steady increase in the intensity of participation in the network as measured by number of discreet times that individual network members contributed knowledge, information, or made information requests to the formal project network.
(d) Development of a toolkit to facilitate the scaling up and replication of this pilot project in other countries.	(d) Relevant government and civil society institutions in the 5 countries involved adopting the toolkit produced by the project and committed to the scaling up and replication of the project

Main Activities:

25. The main activities of the project will include:

- (a) Identification (by UNODC and governments of the five countries) of women police stations to be involved in the project and collaborating institutions and groups;
- (b) Establishment of collaboration mechanisms with relevant government counterparts as well as local NGOs to provide comprehensive range of services for victims of gender-based violence, including police services, legal advice, medical attention, and social services;
- (c) Implementation of capacity building programmes for institutions involved (WSPs, Health and Social Services, NGOs) in the five countries;
- (d) Organization of public awareness-raising events in collaboration with the community, faith-based organizations, schools, universities, NGOs and government departments, including special awareness-raising among men and boys;
- (e) Development of a formal regional network and IT mechanism to promote the exchange of gender-based violence data and good practice experiences in countering this problem;
- (f) Active promotion of the network and facilitation of active participation in the network by all project actors, including efforts to create links with other similar regional, subregional, or inter-regional networks so as to broaden the knowledge base and potential impact of the project;
- (g) Development of a toolkit;
- (h) Promotion of the toolkit at UNODC's, as well as, other project partners' web pages.

Detailed budget (US dollars)	
General temporary assistance 36 w/m: Substantive and programme support of the project, through the facilities of the regional office of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme in Brazil. (in support of all Activities)	\$36,000
Consultants 10 w/m for national consultants to prepare together with local partners the diagnosis of selected WPS and related services provided (in support of Activities (a) – (d)) Local IT consultant to support the creation of the network (in support of Activity (e)) One evaluation mission at the end of the project to evaluate project outcomes and impact	\$35,700
Expert groups One expert group meeting (mid-review) to review the outcomes of the project and to make necessary adjustments (4 participants x \$2,500) (in support of all Activities) One expert group meeting (final review) to review the outcomes of the project and to make recommendations on the use of the model in other regions (6 participants x \$2,500) (in support of all Activities).	\$25,000

Contractual services	
Contractual services with universities and NGOs (in support of Activities (a), (b) and (c))	\$85,000
Contractual services with universities to support project, prepare and deliver training in the 5 countries involved (in support of Activity (d))	\$85,000
Contractual services related to the preparation of the project's training materials and reports (in support of Activities (c), (d) and (g))	\$20,000
Travel	\$58,000
Travel of staff (UNODC and UNIFEM) i) to the countries to identify the institutions to be involved and to prepare national working plans, ii) to two training workshops in each country and (iii) to final seminar, and for monitoring purposes (in support of Activities (a), (b) and (d))	
Operating expenses	\$61,800
Local logistics and support services for events, translation, printing, computers (in support of Activities (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g))	
Study tours	\$30,000
Regional study tours to strengthen the capacity of the WPS officers (3 per country) (in support of Activity (d))	
Seminars and Workshops	\$25,500
3 participants x 5 country x average cost of \$1,700 (in support of Activity (c))	

AD. Capacity Building in Environmental Impact Assessment and Promotion of Public Participation in West Asia

United Nations Environment Programme in collaboration with the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (\$475,000)

Background

26. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a key instrument for analysing the effects of development proposals on the environment, mitigating any adverse impacts and for providing a forum for public participation (including all stakeholders) in the decision-making process.
27. The implementation of EIA, although occurring in the West Asia region¹, is slower than many had hoped. While EIA legislation and procedures are in place, their implementation may be incomplete, often severely impeded by a lack of qualified human resources and a lack of financial resources committed to the purpose. The focus at the present time is on large scale, predominantly industrial, projects, with EIAs being prepared by international consultancies, and submitted to national governments for review. In many cases the review process is found wanting as knowledge of the process within the national institutions is limited.

¹ Bahrain, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, UAE, Yemen

28. It has also been noted that public participation is often absent from the EIA processes taking place in the region. This is partly due to the historical approach to governance in the region. However this situation is changing which can be seen in the flourishing Civil Society and Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) who want to become more involved in such decision-making processes.
29. Overcoming the current situation to develop a more inclusive and rigorous procedure for EIA will require long-term policy commitment and institutional development to resolve, which is being addressed through ongoing work with the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE). This needs to be complemented by a targeted awareness and capacity building programme within the region. Such capacity building has already been undertaken in some countries (notably UAE) through training workshops delivered by United Nations Environment Programme's Regional Office for West Asia (UNEP/ROWA). Other member states have also articulated a need for EIA training.
30. To meet these needs, UNEP, as the lead entity, supported by relevant national, regional and international experts, will deliver capacity building and training workshops on EIA at the national level (involving government agencies, research institutions and other relevant organisations), building on the experiences already in existence in the region and in other developing countries as part of a South-South cooperative approach. This will enable those national governments/institutions developing and reviewing EIA reports to know what they are looking and equip them to provide knowledge-based recommendations to the ultimate decision-makers as a key to sustainable development in the region.
31. The project will also focus on the public participation aspect of EIAs via two approaches. The first will be to work with the relevant national authorities in the development of websites for posting EIA reports as a mechanism for public consultation, including feedback. This will be an ongoing output of the project as public participation increases throughout the region. The second will be through work with NGOs to raise awareness of the mechanisms of the implementation of EIAs, what to look for when reviewing them and how to present their comments to the relevant authorities in an appropriate manner. A Train-the-trainer approach is proposed for all workshops, providing sustainability of the project itself as well as the ongoing use of the skills acquired by the participants in their day-to-day roles.
32. The proposed project falls within the scope and spirit of the following global policy initiatives:
 - i. *The Rio Earth Summit (1992) and the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) (2002)*: The implementation of EIAs meets the call of Agenda 21, Chapter 8 for the integration of environment and development in decision-making and also of Chapter 4 of the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation emanating from the World Summit on Sustainable Development, calling for the protection and management of the natural resource base of economic and social development.
 - ii. *The Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity Building (BSP)*: The BSP is an inter-governmentally agreed framework for strengthening the capacity of governments in developing countries and countries with economies in transition to coherently address their needs, priorities and obligations in the field of the environment. The BSP promotes "information for decision-making" as one of its key modalities.

<p>Objective of the Organization: The objective of the programme is to build capacity in West Asia in conducting and reviewing EIAs both by the regulatory agencies and Civil Society Organisations to ensure the environmental sustainability of development projects in the region as a contribution to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.</p>	<p>Summary budget (Thousands of US dollars)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>General Temporary assistance</td> <td>70.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consultants</td> <td>45.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Travel</td> <td>87.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contractual services</td> <td>10.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating expenses</td> <td>25.0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Workshops</td> <td><u>238.0</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>475.0</td> </tr> </table>	General Temporary assistance	70.0	Consultants	45.0	Travel	87.0	Contractual services	10.0	Operating expenses	25.0	Workshops	<u>238.0</u>	Total	475.0
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<p>Relationship to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2008-2009 and the Millennium Development Goals: UNEP subprogramme 1 (Environmental assessment and early warning); ESCWA subprogramme 1 (Integrated management of natural resources for sustainable development)</p>															

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased understanding of the requirements and importance of EIA throughout West Asia	(a) Increased number of decision makers aware of EIA procedures and its merits.
(b) Increased skills in implementation and review of EIAs amongst the relevant national authorities	(b) Increased number of national/local government personnel able to competently review EIA reports
(c) Enhanced public participation in EIAs in West Asia	<p>(c) (i) Increased number of EIA reports available for review in the public domain</p> <p>(ii) Increased number of NGOs able to competently review EIA reports, engage in public participation fora and submit comments</p>

Main activities

33. The main activities of the project will include:

- (a) Convening one regional start-up meeting for National Focal Points to elaborate the project and secure commitment in assisting in the implementation of workshops at the national level;
- (b) Conducting ten one-day high-level national decision-makers briefings on EIA and their role in the developmental decision making process;
- (c) Organization of ten three day training workshops for national technical staff in the relevant ministries on EIA;
- (d) Publication of Arabic EIA manual, including case studies from the region;

(e) Providing support to national agencies in the development of websites for the dissemination of EIA reports for public review;

(f) Organizing two sub-regional Workshops for NGOs on reviewing and submitting comments on EIAs;

(g) Review of national websites to ascertain the quality of EIA reports and the implementation level of public participation in the decision-making process.

Detailed budget (US dollars)	
General temporary assistance	
24 w/m - Full-time administrative/secretarial support for the organisation of workshops, travel and preparation of materials (in support of all Activities)	\$70,000
Consultants	
4 w/m - International expert consultants for development of websites for dissemination of EIA reports (in support of Activity (d))	\$20,000
5 w/m - National/regional/developing country consultants for development of a regionally relevant EIA manual and to review EIA websites (in support of Activities (d) and (g))	\$15,000
Monitoring and evaluation mission	\$10,000
Contractual services	
Printing of EIA Manual (in support of Activity (d))	\$10,000
Travel	
Organising and coordinating 1 regional meeting, 10 high level meetings and training workshops (back-to-back) and 2 sub-regional NGO workshops (in support of Activities (a), (b), (c) and (f)) (13 meetings x 2 staff x US\$2,000)	\$52,000
Travel of Consultants (in support of Activities (a), (b), (c) and (f)) (13 meetings x US\$2,500 = US\$32,500 + one mission to UNEP/ROWA, US\$2,500)	\$35,000
Operating expenses	\$25,000
Communications (in support of Activities (a)-(g))	
Supplies (in support of Activities (a)-(g))	
Shipping of materials to meetings/workshops (in support of Activities (b), (c) and (f))	
Seminars and Workshops	\$238,000
Regional Start-up meeting (in support of Activity (a))	
High-level briefing and training workshop (in support of Activities (b) and (c))	
Sub-regional NGO Workshops (in support of Activity (f))	