



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

TERMS OF REFERENCE / INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT

I. Job Information

Job Title:	International consultant on conducting trainings on economic valuation of ecosystem services
Type:	Individual Contract
Project Title/Department:	UNDP/GEF Project "Sustainable natural resource and forest management in key mountainous areas important for globally significant biodiversity"
Duration of the assignment:	15 working days during the period of April - July 2020, time for trip will be notified further
Duty station:	Home based with one mission to Tashkent, Uzbekistan for 10 days
Work status (full time / part time):	Part-time
Reports to:	Project Manager

II. Background

Uzbekistan is globally and regionally important in terms of its biodiversity due to its location between the European, Middle Eastern, and Asian biogeographical regions. Its varying landscapes of high mountain ranges, wide steppes, deserts, riparian wetlands, and the Aral Sea has results in a wide diversity of habitats. UNDP, for many years, have supported the Government of Uzbekistan in tackling environmental challenges, including in the area of biodiversity.

UNDP/GEF and Republic of Uzbekistan project on "Sustainable natural resource use and forest management in key mountainous areas important for globally significant biodiversity" will further support the country in addressing biodiversity conservation challenges, specifically with focusing on mountain ecosystems such as the western-most outliers of the western Tian Shan (Chatkal, Pskem, Ugam and Kuramin ranges) and Pamir-Alai (Gissar, Turkestan and Zaravshan ranges), which are home to the endangered snow leopard, and provide important habitat for its key prey species.

The project objective is 'To enhance the conservation, and sustainable use, of natural resources in the biodiverse high-altitude mountain ecosystems of Uzbekistan', and the project is structured into four components, with each component comprising a complementary suite of two to three outputs:

- i) Component 1: Landscape level planning and management decision-making;
- ii) Component 2: Strengthening key biodiversity areas;
- iii) Component 3: Sustainable economic development incentives for communities;
- iv) Component 4: Promoting cooperation and collaboration.

The project is engaging a highly qualified and capable International expert who will be fully responsible for conducting trainings on economic valuation of ecosystem services.

Under the overall guidance of the UNDP Programme Specialist on Environment and Climate Action, and direct supervision of the Project Manager, the International consultant on conducting trainings on economic valuation of ecosystem services will work closely with project Field Coordinator on Knowledge Management, respective international and national consultants, national nature conservation agencies and other project partners.

III. Functions / Key Outputs Expected

KEY TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Review and analyze available training tools on economic valuation of ecosystem services in the region (Central Asia), in particular in Uzbekistan, developed and/or introduced by other development agencies in the region.
2. Identify and analyze the current national capacity of Uzbekistan on economic valuation of ecosystem services based on review of national legislation, programmes, policies, initiatives, etc. on the subject.
3. Based on the analysis and the review, develop a training tool/module on economic valuation of ecosystem services. In case, there is a training tool available in the country on economic valuation of ecosystem services, adjust it based on review and analysis as necessary.
4. In discussion with the project, prepare a draft agenda and concept/outline for the training course, and review as necessary based on comments.
5. Prepare (or modify) presentations, handouts / notes, case studies and groupwork / exercises for training participants, tailored to the Uzbekistan context.
6. Liaise with the national consultant to discuss the course content and delivery, and to agree on responsibilities for delivery of training components.
7. Provide training sessions on economic valuation of ecosystem services for respective state agencies, e.g. nature conservation agencies, think-tanks, experts, etc. (both for TOT and trainees).
8. Collaborate with relevant national institutions to integrate training into standardized professional development curriculums within relevant institutions, and/or into coursework in relevant academic institutions

All aspects of the assignment will be conducted in collaboration with the national consultant selected for the same task. The international consultant will act as task leader on the assignment.

IV. Deliverables / Timeframe

The following deliverables and indicative schedule are expected from the consultancy contract. Exact dates of beginning and completion stages as well as scope of works for each phase can be corrected by project manager based on reasonable justification by the consultant. The project reserves the right, if necessary, to amend the terms of reference of a consultant on a written agreement. The final schedule will be agreed upon in the beginning of consultancy assignment. All deliverables should be submitted to UNDP by the Consultant in English or in Russian.

Deliverables	Timeframe	Payment structure
1. Summary report (5 pages maximum) on the current national capacity of Uzbekistan on economic valuation of ecosystem services based on review of national legislation, programmes, policies, initiatives, etc., and on available training tools on economic valuation of ecosystem services in the region (Central Asia), in particular in Uzbekistan	April 15, 2020	-
2. Draft agenda and concept/outline for the training course		
3. Training materials: Presentations, handouts, notes, case studies, groupwork, exercises	May 30, 2020	-
4. Report on the review of regional and national training tools on economic valuation of ecosystem services (training modules annexed to the report as necessary).	July 15, 2020	100%
5. Training session on economic valuation of ecosystem services conducted together with the report on the		

conducted sessions as well as with further recommendations.		
6. Training of Trainers session for individuals identified in Session 1 as potential trainers, with copies of training materials provided.		
V. Payment conditions		
This is a lump sum contract that should include costs of consultancy and other costs required to produce the above deliverables. Payment will be released in 1 (one) installment upon timely submission of all above mentioned respective deliverables and their acceptance by the Supervisor and UNDP CO.		

VI. Qualifications Requirements	
Education:	Master's degree (equivalent or higher) in the field of environment, natural resources management, environmental economics, agricultural economic or biodiversity-related field.
Work experience:	At least 5 years of direct contribution to ecological and economical research. Demonstrable experience in designing and delivering training on ecosystem valuation.
Knowledge of languages:	Fluent English, knowledge of Russian will be an asset.
Computer skills:	Proficiency in the work with Microsoft Packages.
Other:	Ability to work in close collaboration with a group of national and international experts, to meet strict deadlines and plan the work according to priorities. Strong interpersonal and communication skills. Good analytical and writing skills.

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VII. Signatures- Post Description Certification		
Incumbent		
	Signature	Date
Supervisor		
Name / Title		
Abbos Akhadov/Project Manager	Signature	Date