United Nations Development Programme

Initiation Plan

Project Title	:	Climate-Water Community Platform (CWCP)
Expected UNSDCF/CPD Outcome(s)	:	Outcome 3: Sustainable Economic Development, UNKT Strategic Plan for Sustainable Development
Expected CPD Output(s)	:	Output 3.3 Improved nature-climate resilience, environmental protection and disaster risk management with gender lens.
Initiation Plan Start/End Dates	:	August 2026 to July 2027
Implementing Partner	:	UNDP (Leading) in cooperation with UN-Habitat, WHO and DCO

Brief Description

Kosovo is facing increasing pressure on its water resources from climate change, pollution, infrastructure constraints and growing demand across sectors. Although important progress has been made in establishing the policy and institutional framework for both climate and water sector, there is a need for stronger coordination to bridge respective policies and measures into implementation. The Climate Water Community Platform will provide a practical space for government institutions, Regional Water Companies, development partners, civil society, researchers and other relevant actors to work together on these issues. During the 12 month period, the platform will be established and its annual workplan agreed, implementation gaps under the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Water Strategy will be identified, and a joint policy memo, policy brief and roadmap will be prepared. The platform will build on existing mechanisms, including other donor projects such as the IWRMK Programme, and will support coordination, knowledge exchange and resource mobilisation for climate and water priorities in Kosovo.

Programme Period:	August 2026 – July 2027
Quantum Project Number:	01006386
Quantum Output Number:	
Gender Marker:	GEN 1

Total resources required	$25,000
Total allocated resources:	$25,000
• Regular	UN Water
• Other:	
o Donor	
o Donor	
o Government	
Unfunded budget:	
In-kind Contributions	

Agreed by UNDP:

I. Purpose and Expected Output

The Initiation Plan will establish and operationalise the Climate-Water Community Platform (CWCP) as a community of practice from August 2026 until July 2027. The CWCP will foster dialogue, collaboration and joint problem-solving to support the effective implementation of water sector priorities in Kosovo[1], strengthen cross-sectoral coordination, promote integrated water resources management and orient resources towards implementation of climate adaptation-linked water policies and measures. It will build on, and not duplicate, existing mechanisms and programmes, particularly the Integrated Water Resources Management in Kosovo Programme.

The expected outputs are regular roundtable sessions of the CWCP; a joint policy memo on coordinated activities to ensure effective implementation of the climate-water strategies; a joint policy brief on priorities for the updated Water Strategy Action Plan; and a joint roadmap on coordinated efforts to sustain progress towards achieving the objectives of sectoral strategies.

II. Management Arrangements

The Chair of the CWCP will be UNDP's Portfolio Manager for Inclusive Growth and Climate Resilience, and the Co-Chair will be the head of the Regional River Basin Authority. Representatives from UN-Habitat, WHO and DCO will form part of the Secretariat and will work jointly on delivery within the CWCP. The Chair will convene and moderate meetings, lead coordination and follow-up of agreed joint activities, and report periodically to the UNKT, UN Water and relevant stakeholders. Membership will include representatives of UN agencies; MESPI; the Kosovo Climate Change Council Secretariat; relevant ministries; the seven Regional Water Companies; the Regional River Basins Authority; the Water Services Regulatory Authority; the Kosovo Environmental Protection Agency, including the Kosovo Hydrometeorological Institute; the Kosovo Institute of Public Health; embassies and bilateral development agencies; civil society organisations; researchers; and the private sector, when relevant.

III. Monitoring

Meetings will take place every other month from September 2026 until July 2027. The group may meet more frequently, and additional ad hoc meetings may be scheduled as necessary. Minutes will be drafted by a member of the Secretariat and disseminated to all members and to the management of the respective UN agencies involved. Communication will be channelled through a specific mailing list. A six-month review report will include a summary of results achieved and lessons learned, and another report will be prepared one year after the launch of the CWCP. The workplan also provides for reporting to UN Water on 15 January 2027 and 15 July 2027. Progress will be reviewed against the outputs, activities and timelines set out in the work plan.

[1] References to Kosovo shall be understood to be in the context of United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999)

IV. WORK PLAN

Period[2]:

EXPECTED OUTPUTS *And baseline, indicators including annual targets*	PLANNED ACTIVITIES *List activity results and associated actions*	TIMEFRAME						RESPONSIBLE PARTY	PLANNED BUDGET		
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Output 1.1: Regular roundtable sessions of the Climate-Water Community Platform (CWCP) held. ***Baseline:*** 0. No coordination platform on joint Climate and Water issues. . ***Indicators:*** No. of sessions held ***Targets:*** 8 roundtable sessions, including the inaugural meeting convened by early October 2026; ***Related CP outcome:*** Output 3.3 Improved nature-climate resilience, environmental protection and disaster risk management with gender lens.	1. Map stakeholders and organise consultations with them. 2. Draft ToR, annual workplan and budget. 3. Send invitations to stakeholders identified as relevant for the water and climate agenda in Kosovo. 4. Conduct one-on-one presentations of the CWCP to stakeholders relevant to the water and climate agenda in Kosovo, including the Climate Change Council Secretariat. 5. Share the CWCP workplan and coordinate the first platform session internally within UN Agencies. 6. Convene the inaugural meeting of the CoP to present the objectives, map all stakeholders' activities in the water sector and validate thematic priorities. 7. Facilitate the approval of the CWCP annual workplan.	X	X					UNDP- in cooperation UN-Habitat and WHO	UN Water	Technical coordination and facilitation of the CWCP; stakeholder mapping, outreach and bilateral consultations; Terms of Reference, annual workplan and budget; inaugural meeting and regular roundtable sessions; preliminary gap analysis and joint policy memo; communication, visibility and meeting materials.	**$6,300**
Output 1.2: Joint policy memo on coordinated activities to ensure effective implementation of the climate-water strategies drafted and shared. ***Baseline:*** 0 ***Indicators:*** Preliminary gap analysis completed; draft and final policy memo prepared. ***Targets:*** 1 Final policy memo completed by January 2027. ***Related CP outcome:*** Output 3.3 Improved nature-climate resilience, environmental protection and disaster risk management with gender lens.	1. Review the action plans of the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and the Water Strategy. 2. Conduct a preliminary gap analysis to identify stakeholders responsible for each Policy and Measure (PAM) under the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Water Strategy Action Plan. 3. Organise technical roundtable sessions to discuss the preliminary gap analysis and validate the stakeholders responsible for each policy and measure. 4. Validate institutional responsibilities for each identified policy and measure through CWCP technical sessions. 5. Identify implementation, coordination, financing, data and institutional capacity gaps. 6. Identify coordinated activities required to address the identified gaps. 7. Prepare a draft and final policy memo identifying actions to address implementation gaps and strengthen coordination for implementation of the Climate-Water Strategies.		X	X				UNDP, in cooperation with MESP and CWCP members			

[2] Maximum 18 months

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		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6		Funding Source	Budget Description	Amount
Output 2.1: Joint policy brief on priorities for the updated Water Strategy Action Plan drafted and shared. ***Baseline:*** 0. ***Indicators:*** Number of documents approved. ***Targets:*** 1 joint policy brief prepared by March 2027. ***Related CP outcome:*** Output 3.3 Improved nature-climate resilience, environmental protection and disaster risk management with gender lens.	1. Review the monitoring and reporting document on the implementation status of the existing Water Strategy Action Plan (2023 to 2025). 2. Organise workshops to identify priority Policies and Measures (PAMs) for the updated Water Strategy Action Plan (2025 to 2028). 3. Develop a consolidated list of proposed PAMs for inclusion in the updated Action Plan. 4. Prepare the joint policy brief on priorities of the updated Water Strategy Action Plan.			X				UNDP, in cooperation with MESP and CWCP members	UN Water	Monitoring and reporting document; technical workshops to identify preliminary PAMs; list of PAM proposals and joint policy brief; technical exchange and coordination among relevant institutions and CWCP members.	**$8,300**
Output 2.2: Joint roadmap on coordinated efforts to sustain progress towards achieving the objectives of sectoral strategies drafted and shared. ***Baseline:*** 0. No roadmaps agreed within CWCP. ***Indicators:*** Draft agenda and joint roadmap prepared. ***Targets:*** 1 joint roadmap prepared by June 2027 for sustainability of the platform beyond July 2027. ***Related CP outcome:*** Output 3.3 Improved nature-climate resilience, environmental protection and disaster risk management with gender lens.	1. Develop a draft agenda for the continued work of the CWCP during 2027 to 2028. 2. Consolidate the findings and recommendations from the gap analysis, policy memo and Water Strategy Action Plan activities. 3. Organise donor coordination meetings to support sustained collaboration and financing for climate-water PAMs. 4. Organise a donor coordination meeting to present implementation gaps, priority PAMs and opportunities for future support. 5. Prepare a joint roadmap on coordinated efforts to sustain progress towards achieving the objectives of sectoral strategies. 6. Organise a coordination meeting to present results, agree on the roadmap for the following year and discuss governance arrangements for gradual transition towards local ownership.				X	X	X	UNDP, in cooperation with DCO, MESP and CWCP members	UN Water	Donor activities, financing mechanisms and funding opportunities; donor coordination meetings and dialogue; future investment opportunities; agenda for continued CWCP work and joint roadmap; coordinated programming, resource mobilisation and collaborative project ideas related to climate and water PAMs.	**$8,764**
GMS											**$1,636**
TOTAL											**$25,000**