Global Environment Facility
Grant Agreement

(Natural Resources Management in a Changing Climate Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF MALI

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT
acting as an Implementing Agency of the Global Environment Facility

Dated December 23, 2013
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY
GRANT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated December 23, 2013, entered into between:

REPUBLIC OF MALI ("Recipient");

and

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT ("World Bank"), acting as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility ("GEF").

The Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

**Article I**
Standard Conditions; Definitions


1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions, the Financing Agreement or in this Agreement.

**Article II**
The Project

2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). To this end, the Recipient shall cause the Project to be carried out by the Project Implementing Entity in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions.

2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
Article III
The Grant

3.01. The World Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount equal to six million five hundred and seventy-four thousand seventy-four United States Dollars ($6,574,074) ("Grant" or "Financing") to assist in financing the Project.

3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

3.03. The Grant is funded out of the abovementioned GEF trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the World Bank's payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient's right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

Article IV
Additional Remedies

4.01. The Additional Events of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02(k) of the Standard Conditions consists of the following:

(a) The Project Implementing Entity’s Legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of the Project Implementing Entity to perform any of its obligations under the Implementation Agreement.

(b) The World Bank has determined after the Effective Date referred to in Section 5.03 of this Agreement that prior to such date but after the date of this Agreement, an event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the Recipient's right to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective on the date such event occurred.
Article V
Effectiveness; Termination

5.01. This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the World Bank has been furnished to the World Bank that the conditions specified below have been satisfied:

(a) The execution and delivery of this Agreement on behalf of the Recipient have been duly authorized or ratified by all necessary governmental action.

(b) The Co-financing Agreements have been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to their effectiveness or to the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals thereunder (other than the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been fulfilled.

5.02. As part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to Section 5.01(a) of this Agreement, there shall be furnished to the World Bank an opinion or opinions satisfactory to the World Bank of counsel acceptable to the World Bank or, if the World Bank so requests, a certificate satisfactory to the World Bank of a competent official of the Recipient, showing on behalf of the Recipient, that this Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified, and executed and delivered on its behalf and is legally binding upon it in accordance with its terms.

5.03. Except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the World Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 5.01 of this Agreement ("Effective Date"). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective, the World Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event has ceased to exist.

5.04. Termination for Failure to Become Effective. This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement, unless the World Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, establishes a later date for the purpose of this Section. The World Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.
Article VI
Recipient’s Representative; Addresses

6.01. The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its minister at the time responsible for finance.

6.02. The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministry of Economy and Finance
BP 234
Quartier du Fleuve
Bamako, Mali

Facsimile:
223-20-221914/20-231654

6.03. The World Bank’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable: INTBAFRAD
Telex: 248423 (MCI) or 64145 (MCI)
Facsimile: 1-202-477-6391
AGreed at Bamako, Mali, as of the day, month and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF MALI

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Banare' Faly Bissoko
Title: Minister of Economy and Finance

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
acting as an Implementing Agency of the Global Environment Facility

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Ousmane Diagana
Title: Country Director
SCHEDULE 1
Project Description

The objective of the Project is to expand the adoption of sustainable land and water management practices in the Target Area within the Recipient’s territory.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A. Knowledge Management, Governance and Communication

1. Information System and Knowledge Management

Implementation of a program of activities to enhance the Recipient’s information and decision-making system’s capacity for adaptation to climate change through, notably:

(a) Strengthening the Recipient’s existing sustainable land and water management information system through, _inter alia:_ (i) carrying out of an assessment of existing national initiatives on, and mechanisms for, information gathering and sharing in the Recipient’s environmental sector; (ii) provision of data management training to managers and partners within the SNGIE; (iii) provision of environmental data and metadata management hardware and software to relevant partners within the SNGIE; (iv) provision of institutional support to the SNGIE for collection and analysis of environmental data and metadata; and (v) carrying out of studies for the purpose of identifying sustainable financing mechanism for the SNGIE;

(b) Consolidation of climate risk management best practices and the dissemination of said best practices in Target Area;

(c) Carrying out of sensitization activities on the use of seasonal hydrological and meteorological forecasts by food crop producers, including, _inter alia:_ (i) timely dissemination of hydrological and meteorological data and preparedness information through local radio stations; (ii) provision of pluviometers to select vulnerable food crop producers in Target Area and training in the use thereof; and (iii) provision of training to local focal points, rural extension services providers and local journalists on the treatment and dissemination of meteorological forecasts;

(d) Strengthening the capacity of local food crop producers in the use of simple climate change adaptation technologies and practices, including the piloting of said technologies and practices on select farms; and
(e) Strengthening the capacity of national institutions and local stakeholders in the planning of sustainable land and water management and adaptation to climate change strategies, including, inter alia, training of decision making personnel within the National Climate Fund on global environmental benefits and PES programs.

2. Local Governance of Natural Resources

Implementation of a program of activities to strengthen good governance of natural resources in the Target Area through, notably:

(a) Provision of support towards the participatory preparation and adoption of community resource use plans;

(b) Establishment, and where already existing and weak, strengthening of natural resource management institutions in Target Area;

(c) Design and establishment of resource-use conflict resolution mechanisms in Target Area with the cooperation of related traditional institutions and other local resource stakeholders including municipal authorities, private sector organizations, vulnerable natural resources- dependent groups;

(d) Review and revision of the development plans of communes in the Target Area for the purpose of integration of sustainable land and water management practices, biodiversity conservation, and adaptation to climate change practices into the said documents; and

(e) Strengthening of sector transparency and accountability through the translation into local languages and dissemination of the Recipient’s relevant regulation governing land use, biodiversity conservation and natural resources management.

3. Communication for Resilience Enhancement

Implementation of a program of activities to raise awareness and educate communities on sustainable land and water management and climate change challenges and response through, notably:

(a) Carrying out of sensitization campaigns in communities on the risks and challenges of climate changes, including the specific impact on natural resources and livelihoods in rural areas; and

(b) Carrying out of awareness raising and education activities on the creation of discussion platforms among local stakeholders for appropriate
sustainable land and water management practices and biodiversity conservation solutions in the Target Area.

Part B. **Strengthening Sustainable Land Management Practices**

1. **Conservation and Valorization of Biodiversity**

   Implementation of a program of activities to contribute to the knowledge and management of the biodiversity wealth of the Target Area through, notably:

   (a) Provision of support to community-based afforestation and reforestation initiatives in Target Area;

   (b) Carrying out of studies on biodiversity in Target Area;

   (c) Carrying out of activities to promote indigenous sustainable modes of production and consumption; and

   (d) Carrying out of comprehensive studies on the ecotourism potential of the Target Area.

2. **Forests and Rangelands Management**

   Implementation of a program of activities to develop sustainable forest management tools and skills for select forests and rangelands in the Target Area through, notably:

   (a) Provision of support to National Directorate of Water and Forests towards the adoption of participatory management plans for select forest ecosystems in the Target Area and the dissemination of said adopted plans;

   (b) Carrying out of activities to promote the use of improved agroforestry and other related sustainable land and water management technologies in lands adjacent to select forests referred to in Part B.2 of the Project;

   (c) Provision of support to management of select rangelands in the Target Area;

   (d) Strengthening capacity of local natural resource management committees in the integrated management of bushfires; and

   (e) Carrying out of activities to promote household energy efficiency technologies and practices.
Part C. Diversification of Local Livelihoods

Piloting of a program of environmentally-sustainable income-generating Sub-projects in accordance with the IGA Implementation Manual, including, inter alia, outreach in the Target Area, and Training and capacity building for Beneficiaries under this Part C.

Part D. Monitoring and Evaluation; Project Management

1. Carrying out of specialized monitoring and evaluation activities for the Project, including, *inter alia*, establishment of a specialized monitoring and impact evaluation system and updating of a management effectiveness tracking tool for assessing the changes in management effectiveness within the Target Area.

2. Project coordination, management and monitoring, preparation of financial audits and periodic evaluations, and provision of goods, Training, Operating Costs and consultants' services required therefor.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Other Arrangements

A. Incorporation of the Provisions of Section I of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement.

The provisions of Sections I of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement (including defined terms therein, unless otherwise defined herein) shall apply to this Agreement, mutatis mutandis.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports; Completion Report

1. The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the World Bank. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the end of the period covered by such report.

2. The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the Closing Date. In order to assist the Recipient in preparing the Completion Report, the Recipient shall employ consultants whose qualifications, experience and terms of reference are acceptable to the World Bank.

B. Financial Management; Financial Reports; Audits

1. The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

2. The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank as part of the Project Report not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07(b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient.
The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

Section III. Procurement

A. General

1. **Procurement and Consultant Guidelines.** All goods, works non-consulting-services and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:

   (a) Section I of the “Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (“Procurement Guidelines”) in the case of goods, works and non-consulting services, and Sections I and IV of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”) in the case of consultants’ services; and

   (b) the provisions of this Section III, as the same shall be elaborated in the procurement plan prepared and updated from time to time by the Recipient for the Project in accordance with paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines (“Procurement Plan”).

2. **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used below in this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in Sections II and III of the Procurement Guidelines, or Sections II, III, IV and V of the Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

B. Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services

1. **International Competitive Bidding.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, goods, works and non-consulting services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services.** The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan:
Procurement Method

| (a) National Competitive Bidding, subject to the additional procedures set forth in paragraph 3 below |
| (b) Shopping |
| (c) Direct Contracting |
| (d) Community Participation procedures which have been found acceptable to the World Bank and are outlined in the Project Implementation Manual |

3. Requirements for the National Competitive Bidding. The procedures to be followed for National Competitive Bidding shall be those set forth in the Recipient’s Procurement Code, as revised from time to time in a manner deemed acceptable to the World Bank, subject, however, to the modifications described in the following paragraphs required for compliance with the Procurement Guidelines.

(i) Notwithstanding the non-application of the Recipient’s Procurement Code to small contracts, a competitive method shall be applied to small contracts;

(ii) In addition to advertisement made through a general procurement notice in the online version of the United Nations Development Business and on the World Bank’s external website, the invitation to bid shall be advertised in, at least, one national newspapers with wide circulation;

(iii) Eligible bidders, including foreign bidders, shall be allowed to participate;

(iv) No domestic preference shall be given to domestic bidders or bidders from WAEMU countries and to domestically manufactured goods;

(v) The bidders shall be given adequate response time (at least four weeks) from the date of availability of the bidding documents to prepare and submit their bids;

(vi) The evaluation and award process of alternative bids shall be revised to be consistent with the Procurement Guidelines;

(vii) Standard bidding documents acceptable to the World Bank shall be used for any procurement process under National Competitive Bidding;

(viii) Each bidding document and contract financed from the proceeds of the Financing shall include provisions on matters pertaining to fraud and
corruption as defined in paragraph 1.16(a) of the Procurement Guidelines;

(ix) In accordance with paragraph 1.16(e) of the Procurement Guidelines, each bidding document and contract financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall provide that (a) the bidders, suppliers, contractors and their subcontractors, agents, personnel, consultants, service providers, or suppliers shall permit the World Bank, at its request, to inspect all accounts, records and other documents relating to the submission of bids and contract performance, and to have said accounts and records audited by auditors appointed by the World Bank and (b) the deliberate and material violation of such provision may amount to an obstructive practice as defined in paragraph 1.16(a)(v) of the Procurement Guidelines; and

(x) The World Bank may recognize, at the request of the Recipient, the exclusion of otherwise eligible bidders, suppliers, contractors and subcontractors as a result of debarment under the Recipient’s procurement regulations, provided that such debarment is for offenses involving fraud, corruption or such similar misconduct and further provided that the World Bank shall have confirmed that the debarment procedure afforded due process and the debarment decision is final.

C. Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services

1. Quality- and Cost-based Selection. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

2. Other Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services. The following methods, other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, may be used for procurement of consultants’ services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan:

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<th>Procurement Method</th>
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<td>(a) Least Cost Selection</td>
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<td>(b) Selection Based on the Consultants’ Qualifications</td>
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<td>(c) Single-Source Selection</td>
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<td>(d) Individual Consultants</td>
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D. Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions

The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank's Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.

Section IV. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

A. General

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the "World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects" dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant ("Category"), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:
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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants’ services and Training for Part A of the Project</td>
<td>759,259</td>
<td>15.64%</td>
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<td>(2) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants’ services and Operating Costs for Part B of the Project</td>
<td>4,296,111</td>
<td>60.91%</td>
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<td>(3) Sub-Grants for Part C of the Project</td>
<td>1,190,000</td>
<td>21.68%</td>
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<td>(4) Operating Costs, goods, non-consulting services, consultants’ services and Training for Part D.1 of the Project</td>
<td>207,964</td>
<td>20.18%</td>
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<td>(5)(a) Operating Costs, goods, non-consulting services, consultants’ services and Training for Part D.2 of the Project in the first year of Project implementation</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>6.74%</td>
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<td>(5)(b) Operating Costs, goods, non-consulting services, consultants’ services and Training for Part D.2 of the Project in the second year of Project implementation</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>6.74%</td>
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<td>(5)(c) Operating Costs, goods, non-consulting services, consultants’ services and Training for Part D.2 of the Project in the third year of Project implementation</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>6.74%</td>
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<td>(5)(d) Operating Costs, goods, non-consulting services, consultants’ services and Training for Part D.2 of the Project in the fourth year of Project implementation</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>6.74%</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>6,574,074</td>
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B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made:
   
   (a) for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement; or
   
   (b) under Category (1) and Category (5)(a), unless the Recipient has deposited the required contribution in the Counterpart Funds Account in accordance with Section V.B of Schedule 2 to this Agreement
   
   (c) under Category (5)(b) through (d), unless the Recipient has deposited the required contribution in the Counterpart Funds Account for the relevant year of Project implementation in accordance with Section V.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06(c) of the Standard Conditions is September 30, 2019.

Section V. Other Undertakings

The Recipient shall:

A. open and thereafter at all times throughout the implementation of the Project, maintain in a financial institution and on terms and conditions acceptable to the Association, an account into which it shall deposit all counterpart funds required for Parts A and D.2 of the Project ("Counterpart Funds Account");

B. without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01(b) of the Standard Conditions, deposit into the Counterpart Funds Account, an amount equivalent to one hundred thousand Dollars ($100,000) in the Recipient’s currency;

C. without limitation upon the preceding paragraph B of this Section V, deposit into the Counterpart Funds Account, an amount equivalent to three hundred thousand Dollars ($300,000) in the Recipient’s currency, annually for the second, third and fourth year of Project implementation respectively; and

D. ensure that all amounts deposited in the Counterpart Funds Account shall be used exclusively to pay for Eligible Expenditures required for Parts A and D.2 of the Project.
APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. “AEDD” means l’Agence de l’Environnement et du Développement Durable, established and operating pursuant to the Project Implementing Entity’s Legislation, as said legislation may be amended from time to time.


3. “Beneficiary” means an eligible person or group, as determined by the criteria set forth in Section I.G.1(a) of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement and further detailed in the IGA Implementation Manual, to whom the Recipient proposes to provide a Sub-project Grant under the program referred to in Part C of the Project.

4. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

5. “Co-financier” means any or more of the following: (a) the Association and (b) the World Bank acting as an administrator of the Least Developed Country Fund, referred to in paragraph 10 of the Appendix to the General Conditions.

6. “Co-financing” means an amount of approximately US$12,000,000 equivalent (SDR 7,900,000) in the case of the Association’s financing and an amount of approximately US$1,851,851 in the case of the Least Developed Country Fund grant, to be provided by the Co-financiers to assist in financing of the Project.

7. “Co-financing Agreements” means both of the following: the Financing Agreement (as defined herein) and Least Developed Country Fund Grant Agreement (as defined herein), entered into or to be entered into, as the case may be, between the Recipient and the Co-financiers providing for the Co-financing.


9. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” and “ESMF” mean the Recipient’s framework disclosed in the Recipient’s territory on June 11, 2013 and at the World Bank’s Infoshop on June 12, 2013, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, setting out modalities to be followed in assessing the potential adverse environmental and social impact associated with activities.
to be implemented under the Project, and the measures to be taken to offset, reduce, or mitigate such adverse impact.

10. “Environmental and Social Management Plan” and “ESMP” mean a plan, approved by the World Bank for the Project, to be prepared by the Recipient, proposing appropriate mitigation, monitoring and institutional measures designed to mitigate potential adverse environmental and resettlement impacts, offset them, reduce them to acceptable levels or enhance positive impacts, as the same may be amended from time to time with the agreement of the World Bank.

11. “Financing Agreement” means the financing agreement to be entered between the Recipient and the Association for the financing of a percentage of the Project, of even date herewith, as the same may be amended from time to time, and such term includes all schedules and agreements supplemental to the Financing Agreement.

12. “GEF” or “Global Environmental Facility” means the trust fund established in 1991 by a resolution of the World Bank executive directors as a program to assist in the protection of the global environment and to promote environmentally sound and sustainable economic development.


15. “Least Developed Country Fund” means the trust fund established in 2001 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at its seventh session in Marrakesh to address the needs of least developed countries whose economic and geophysical characteristics make them particularly vulnerable to the impact of global warming and climate change.

16. “Least Developed Country Fund Grant Agreement” means the grant agreement to be entered between the Recipient and the World Bank acting as an administrator of the Least Developed Country Fund for the financing of a part of the Project, as the same may be amended from time to time, and such terms includes all schedules to the Least Developed Country Fund Grant Agreement.

17. “Mali Climate Fund” means the entity established pursuant to memorandum of agreement between the Recipient and the United Nations Development Program for the management and other support services related to the Mali Climate Fund, dated January 26, 2012.
18. "National Directorate of Water and Forests" means the Recipient’s directorate in charge of its forest sectors.

19. "Operating Costs" means incremental recurrent expenditures under the Project, based on the Annual Work Plans and incurred by the Project Implementing Entity on account of Project implementation, monitoring and evaluation, including utilities and supplies, bank charges, communications, vehicle operation, maintenance, and insurance, office space rental, building and equipment maintenance, public awareness-related media expenses, travel and supervision, excluding the salaries of officials and public servants of the Recipient’s civil service, but including specified performance bonus payments agreed upon between the Recipient and the Association to be made out of the Counterpart Funds Account.

20. “PES” means payment for environmental services, a market-based approach to conservation based on the twin principles that those who benefit from environmental services should pay for them and those who generate these services should be compensated for providing them.

21. “Pest Management Plan” or “PMP” means a plan of the Recipient disclosed in the Recipient’s territory on June 11, 2013 and at the World Bank’s Infoshop on June 12, 2013, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, to minimize and manage the environmental and health risks associated with pesticide use and promote and support safe, effective and environmentally sound pest management, as the same may be amended from time to time with the agreement of the World Bank.

22. "Procurement Code" means the Recipient’s procurement code promulgated by Decret N° 08-045/P-RM du 11 aout 2008 as well as its implementing regulations.


24. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated October 16, 2013 and referred to in paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of said paragraphs.

25. “Project Agreement” means the agreement between the Association and the Project Implementing Entity, of even date herewith, as the same may be amended from time to time, and such term includes all schedules and agreements supplemental to the Project Agreement.
26. "Project Implementation Manual" means the implementation manual adopted by the Recipient on May 29, 2013 as confirmed in the Recipient’s letter to the Association dated October 10, 2013, containing detailed arrangements and procedures for: (a) institutional coordination and day-to-day execution of the Project; (b) Project budgeting, disbursement and financial management; (c) procurement; (d) monitoring, evaluation, reporting and communication; (e) selection and financing of Subprojects as detailed in the IGA Implementation Manual; and (f) such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project, as the same may be amended from time to time with the prior written consent of the World Bank.

27. “Project Implementing Entity” means AEDD.


29. “Project Steering Committee” means the project steering committee to be established by the Recipient pursuant to Section I.A of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement.

30. “Resettlement Action Plan” and “RAP” mean a plan prepared by the Recipient and approved by the World Bank for the Project, to outline the mitigation measures for addressing any resettlement risks associated with the Project, as the said document may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time with the prior written concurrence of the World Bank and subject to the initial consultation and disclosure requirements carried out on the RAP.

31. “Resettlement Policy Framework” and “RPF” mean the Resettlement Policy Framework of the Recipient disclosed in the Recipient’s territory on June 11, 2013 and at the World Bank’s Infoshop on August 6, 2013, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, outlining the policies and procedures to be implemented in the event that specific activities implemented under the Project have potentially negative impacts on the livelihoods, assets and land of the affected population.

32. “Safeguards Instruments” means the ESMF, the RPF, PMP and any Supplamental Social and Environmental Safeguard Instruments.

33. “SNGIE” means the national system for the management of environmental information established in the Recipient’s territory pursuant to the Project Implementing Entity’s Decision No. 2013-0004/MEA-AEDD, dated February 19, 2013.

35. "Sub-project" means the income generating activities referred to in Part C of the Project to be implemented by a Beneficiary and financed through a Sub-project Grant in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section I.G of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement and further detailed in the IGA Implementation Plan.

36. "Sub-project Grant" means a grant made or proposed to be made to a Beneficiary out of the proceeds of the Financing or the Co-financing to finance a Sub-project.

37. "Sub-project Grant Agreement" means an agreement between the Project Implementing Entity (acting on behalf of the Recipient) and a Beneficiary pursuant to which the Project Implementing Entity shall make a Sub-project Grant to the Beneficiary for the purpose of financing a Sub-project.

38. "Supplemental Social and Environmental Safeguard Instruments" means any ESMP or RAP required under the terms of the ESMF or RPF.

39. "Subsidiary Agreement" means the agreement referred to in Section I.B of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement pursuant to which the Recipient shall make the proceeds of the Financing and the Co-Financing available to the Project Implementing Entity.

40. "Target Area" means the 14 communes located in either the Kayes or Koulikoro region of the Recipient’s territory as further detailed in the Project Implementation Manual and in the Recipient’s report titled Identification de la Zone d’Intervention du Projet Gestion des Ressources Naturelles dans le Contexte des Changements Climatiques, dated March 2013.

41. "Training" means the training of persons under the Project, including through seminars, workshops, knowledge sharing activities and study tours, and covers the following costs associated with such activity: travel and subsistence costs for training participants, costs associated with securing the services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other costs directly related to training preparation and implementation.