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GPEF GRANT NUMBER TF016390

**Global Partnership for Education Fund
Grant Agreement**

(Basic Education Sector Support Project)

between

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

and

**INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT
(acting as Trustee of the Global Partnership for Education Fund)**

Dated 18-02, 2014

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**GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR EDUCATION FUND
GRANT AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated _____, 2014, entered into between the ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA (“Recipient”) and the INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT (“World Bank”), acting as Trustee of the Global Partnership for Education Fund.

The Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

**Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions**

- 1.01. The Standard Conditions (as defined in the Appendix to this Agreement) constitute an integral part of this Agreement.
- 1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in this Agreement.

**Article II
The Project**

- 2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project 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 of twelve million and four hundred thousand United States Dollars (\$12,400,000) (“Grant”) 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 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 consist of the following:
- (a) The World Bank has determined after the Effective Date 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.
 - (b)
 - (i) IBRD or IDA has suspended in whole or in part the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals under any agreement with IBRD or IDA because of a failure by the Recipient to perform any of its obligations under such agreement.
 - (ii) IBRD has suspended in whole or in part the right of any borrower to make withdrawals under a loan agreement with IBRD guaranteed by the Recipient because of a failure by the borrower to perform any of its obligations under such agreement.

**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 Project Manual has been updated in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank and adopted by the Recipient for the purpose of the Project.
- 5.02. As part of the evidence to be furnished pursuant to Section 5.01 (a), 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 by, 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 ("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 (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.
- 5.04. 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 the Recipient's minister responsible for economy.
- 6.02. The Recipient's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministère des Affaires Economiques et du Développement
BP 238
Nouakchott
Mauritania

Facsimile:

222-45-25-33-35

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:	Telex:	Facsimile:
INTBAFRAD Washington, D.C.	248423 (MCI) or 64145 (MCI)	1-202-477-6391

AGREED at Nouakchott, 18-02-2014, as of the day and year first above written.

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF MAURITANIA

By



Authorized Representative

Name: Dr Sioli OULD TAIT

Title: Ministre des Affaires Economiques et du Développement

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
(acting as Trustee of the Global Partnership for Education Fund)

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Mactar THIAM

Title: Représentant Résident

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objectives of the Project are to improve quality of pre-service teacher training in primary education and to promote equitable access to lower secondary education.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Improving the Quality of Teaching in Primary Education

1.1 Improving the Quality of Pre-service Teacher Training.

Providing support to teacher training institutions, through: (i) the provision of training to faculty and administrative staff of teacher training institutions; (ii) the carrying out of external competency assessments of students of the teacher training institutions at various steps of the training program; and (iii) the construction and rehabilitation of language labs and the provision of equipment and supplies for language labs and classrooms.

1.2 Improving Learning Environment in Primary and Lower Secondary Schools.

Improving school environment and learning conditions in primary schools through the acquisition and distribution of school pedagogical kits (to students in lower secondary and primary schools).

Part 2: Promoting Equitable Access to Lower Secondary Education

2.1 Increasing access to lower secondary education for girls, through: (i) the construction (including civil work supervision) and equipment of lower secondary schools close to communities; (ii) purchase, delivery, installation and testing of school furniture and basic equipment; and (iii) purchase of library books.

2.2 Improving Equity through Measures to Promote Girls' Schooling, through: (i) the organization of awareness-raising sensitization campaigns and the provision of incentives (including graduation ceremonies and non-monetary awards for girls remittance ceremonies) to promote girls' schooling; (ii) the carrying out of sensitization trainings for teachers, inspectors and school directors in rural lower secondary schools regarding girls' right to education; (iii) the distribution of pedagogical kits (including textbooks, pen, pencils) to girls enrolled in lower secondary schools built under Part 2.1 of the Project; and (iv) regular assessments of the communities' satisfaction and the impact of the Project.

Part 3: Strengthening Management of the Education Sector

3.1 Strengthening Capacity for Monitoring and Evaluation through: (i) Supporting the development of the EMIS to fully integrate all MoE central and regional directorates with the DGSPC's monitoring and evaluation system and improve reliability, timeliness and harmonization of data; (ii) carrying out evaluations and reviews of performance; and (iii) building capacity of CNE.

3.2 Coordination of the Education Sector Program

Supporting the operations of DPEF, through the provision of technical assistance in Project management, accounting, procurement, audits, education sector reviews, supervision, and environmental and social safeguards.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Other Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

1. Throughout the execution of the Project, the Recipient shall implement the Project through MoE, with support from non-governmental organizations for sensitization campaigns. In particular, DPEF shall be responsible for all fiduciary aspects of the Project's activities and DGSPC shall be responsible for coordination with other stakeholders as well as implementation monitoring and evaluation of the Project. The implementation arrangement is further described in the Project Manual.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that personnel in adequate numbers, each with terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the World Bank, are assigned to the Project. Without limitation to the foregoing provision, the Recipient shall ensure that the following staff is maintained in the DPEF throughout the implementation of the Project: (i) a coordinator; (ii) a Project manager; and (iii) an accountant. In addition, no later than four (4) months after the Effective Date, the Recipient shall, recruit in accordance with Section III of this Schedule, an internal auditor and a procurement specialist, for the Project, with terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the World Bank.

B. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

C. Donor Visibility and Visit

1. The Recipient shall take or cause to be taken all such measures as the World Bank may reasonably request to identify publicly the Donors' support for the Project.
2. For the purposes of Section 2.09 of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall, upon the World Bank's request, enable the representatives of the Donors to visit any part of the Recipient's territory for purposes related to the Project.

D. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project shall be implemented in accordance with the guidelines, procedures, timetables and other specifications set forth in the Safeguard Documents. In particular, the Recipient shall ensure that:
 - (a) for each activity under the Project of a type for which the Environmental and Social Management Framework provides that an Environmental and Social Management Plan should be prepared, such Environmental and Social Management Plan, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, is effectively prepared and locally disclosed, before the implementation of such activity, in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental and Social Management Framework, and the relevant activity is implemented in accordance with its Environmental and Social Management Plan; and
 - (b) for each activity under the Project of a type for which the Resettlement Policy Framework provides that a Resettlement Action Plan should be prepared, such Resettlement Action Plan, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, is effectively prepared and locally disclosed, before the implementation of such activity, in accordance with the provisions of the Resettlement Policy Framework, and the relevant activity is implemented in accordance with its Resettlement Action Plan.
2. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree in writing and subject to compliance with applicable consultation and public disclosure requirements of the World Bank, the Recipient shall not abrogate, amend, repeal, suspend or waive any provisions of any of the Safeguard Documents.
3. Without limitation upon its other reporting obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient shall regularly collect, compile and submit to the World Bank, on a semi-annual basis, reports on the status of compliance with the Safeguard Documents, giving details of: (a) measures taken in furtherance of the Safeguard Documents; (b) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of the Safeguard Documents; and (c) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.
4. In the event that any provision of the Safeguard Documents shall conflict with any provision under this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

E. Annual Work Plans and Budgets

1. Each year the Recipient shall prepare and submit to the World Bank for approval, a draft annual work plan (including Training and Operating Costs), and budget

for the Project, for each subsequent year of Project implementation, of such scope and detail as the World Bank shall have reasonably requested.

2. The Recipient shall furnish to the World Bank, as soon as available, but in any case not later than November 30 of each year, the annual work plans and budgets, for their review and approval; except for the annual work plan and budget for the Project for the first year of Project implementation which shall be furnished no later than one (1) month after the Effective Date. Only the activities included in an annual work plan and budget expressly approved by the World Bank (each an "Annual Work Plan and Budget") are eligible to a financing from the proceeds of the Grant.
3. Training shall be carried out on the basis of Annual Work Plans and Budgets, which shall, *inter alia*, identify: (a) particulars of the training envisaged; (b) the personnel to be trained; (c) the selection method of the institution or individuals conducting such training; (d) the institution conducting such training if identified; (e) the purpose and justification for such training; (f) the location and duration of the proposed training; and (g) the estimate of the cost of such training.
4. Annual Work Plans and Budgets may be revised as needed during Project implementation subject to the World Bank's prior approval.

F. Project Manual

1. (a) The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Project Manual; and (b) except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate, or waive the Project Manual, or any provision thereof, if such assignment, amendment, abrogation or waiver may, in the opinion of the World Bank, materially or adversely affect the implementation of the Project.
2. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Project Manual and those of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

G. Other Covenants

1. No later than December 15, 2013, and December 15 of each year thereafter, or such later date as agreed in writing by the World Bank, the Recipient shall provide to the World Bank evidence, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, that the draft budget law including the Recipient's annual budget for the next fiscal year submitted to the Recipient's parliament for enactment, reflects a proposal to: (i) include annual resources for the financing of education in an amount satisfactory to the World Bank; and (ii) finance such activities included in the Annual Work Plan and Budget for the corresponding year which are not funded by the World Bank or another donor.

2. Without limitation to Section 2.01(b) of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall provide to the World Bank, no later than March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31 of each year, evidence in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, showing payments received by MoE during the ending calendar quarter in accordance with the budget law approved by the Recipient's Parliament.

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 and listed in the Project Manual. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one (1) calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) days 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 (6) months after the Closing Date.
3. No later than eighteen (18) months after the Effective Date, or at any other date agreed with the World Bank, the Recipient shall, in conjunction with the World Bank, carry out a mid-term review of the Project (the "Mid-term Review"), covering the progress achieved in the implementation of the Project. The Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the World Bank not less than three (3) months prior to the beginning of the Mid-term Review, a report integrating the results of the monitoring and evaluation activities performed pursuant to this Agreement, on the progress achieved in the carrying out of the Project during the period preceding the date of such report, and setting out the measures recommended to ensure the efficient carrying out of the Project and the achievement of the objective of the Project during the period following such date. Following the Mid-term Review, the Recipient shall act promptly and diligently in order to take, or cause to be taken, any corrective action deemed necessary by the World Bank to remedy any shortcoming noted in the carrying out of the Project in furtherance of the objective of the Project.

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 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 for the Project 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 (1) fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.
4. In order to ensure the timely carrying out of the audits referred to in Section II. B.3 of this Schedule, the Recipient shall engage independent auditors for the purpose not later than four (4) months after the Effective Date, in accordance with the provisions of Section III of this Schedule.

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 Procurement Guidelines in the case of goods, works and non-consulting services, and Sections I and IV of the 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:
 - (a) Limited International Bidding.
 - (b) National Competitive Bidding, subject to the following additional provisions listed in (i) through (xii) below:
 - (i) Each bidding document and contract financed out of the proceeds of the Grant 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.
 - (ii) Eligible bidders, including foreign bidders, shall be allowed to participate.
 - (iii) No domestic preference shall be given to domestic contractors and to domestically manufactured goods.
 - (iv) Bidders shall be given adequate response time (at least four weeks) to submit bids from the date of the invitation to bid or the date of availability of bidding documents, whichever is later.
 - (v) If bidders are authorized to submit an alternative bid with or without a bid for the base case, the bids offered for alternatives meeting the specified requirements shall be evaluated on their own merits.
 - (vi) Bids are awarded to the bidder with the lowest bid evaluated provided that it has been established that this bidder is qualified.

- (vii) If the bid resulting in the lowest evaluated bid price appears to be seriously unbalanced or front-loaded in the opinion of the Employer, the Employer may require that the amount of the performance security be increased at the expense of the Bidder at a level sufficient to protect the Employer against financial loss in the event of defaults of the successful Bidder under the Contract.
 - (viii) Provisions related to the use of merit point shall not apply.
 - (ix) Less than three bids submitted shall not be considered as a reason for re-bidding.
 - (x) The evaluated lowest Bidder shall be authorized to complete administrative statement proof.
 - (xi) The lack of anonymity of any offer shall not be a reason for rejection of the offer.
 - (xii) A newly created firm shall not qualify based on the experience of its management staff.
- (c) Shopping.
 - (d) Direct Contracting.
 - (e) Procurement by a United Nations Agency (UNICEF).

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:
 - (a) Quality-Based Selection.
 - (b) Selection under a Fixed Budget.
 - (c) Least Cost Selection.
 - (d) Selection based on Consultants' Qualifications.

- (e) Single-source Selection of consulting firms.
- (f) Selection of Individual Consultants.
- (g) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

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.

E. Other commitments regarding Procurement

1. Before the signing of the first contract for the implementation of the Project, the Recipient shall have recruited a firm specialized in procurement, selected in accordance with the provisions of this Section III on the basis of terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the World Bank for the purpose of, *inter alia*, providing support to the Recipient for procurement under the Project and training the procurement specialist for the Project.
2. No later than six (6) months after the Effective Date, the Recipient shall have provided training in a manner acceptable to the World Bank on the Procurement Guidelines and the Consultant Guidelines to all members of the Procurement Board who do not have, in the views of the World Bank, sufficient experience in the Procurement Guidelines and the Consultant Guidelines.

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:

Category	Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, and consultants' services, including Operating Costs and Training, under the Project.	12,400,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	12,400,000	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement.
2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06(c) of the Standard Conditions is May 1, 2017.

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Annual Work Plans and Budgets” means the annual work plans and budgets for the implementation of the Project approved by the World Bank, referred to in Section I.E.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
2. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006, and revised in January 2011.
3. “Bank Policies” means the Bank’s operational policies and procedures set forth in the Bank’s Operational Manual under OP/BP 4.01 and 4.12, as said manual is published under www.WorldBank.org/opmanual.
4. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
5. “CNE” means *Cellule Nationale d’Evaluation*, the Recipient’s students’ evaluation unit established within the Recipient’s ministry responsible for education by the Recipient’s Decree no. 0154-2011/PM dated August 28, 2011.
6. “Consultant Guidelines” means the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011.
7. “DGSPC” means *Direction Générale de la Stratégie, de la Planification et de la Coopération*, the Recipient’s Directorate for Strategy, Planning and Cooperation within MoE.
8. “Displaced Person” means a person who, on account of the execution of an activity under the Project, has experienced or would experience direct economic and social impacts caused by: (a) the involuntary taking of land, resulting in: (i) relocation or loss of shelter; (ii) loss of assets or access to assets, or (iii) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not such person must move to another location; or (b) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas, resulting in adverse impacts on the livelihood of such person; “Displaced Persons” means all such persons.
9. “Donors” means, collectively, the donors participating from time to time in the funding of the Global Partnership for Education Fund.
10. “DPEF” means the Recipient’s Directorate for Education and Training within MoE.

11. “Effective Date” means the date referred to in Section 5.03 of this Agreement.
12. “EMIS” means the data basis called *Système d’Information et de Gestion de l’Education* (Education Management Information System).
13. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” means the Recipient’s document entitled “*Cadre de Gestion Environnementale et Sociale – PNDSE II (Programme de Développement du Secteur de l’Education (PNDSE II))*” and dated June 19, 2012, detailing: (a) the measures to be taken during the implementation and operation of the Project to eliminate or offset adverse environmental and social impacts, or to reduce them to acceptable levels; and (b) the actions needed to implement these measures, including monitoring and institution strengthening.
14. “Environmental and Social Management Plan” means the Recipient’s document prepared and disclosed in accordance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework and Bank Policies with respect to an activity included in an Annual Work Plan and Budget, that details: (i) the measures to be taken during the implementation and operation of such activity to eliminate or offset adverse environmental or social impacts, or to reduce them to acceptable levels; and (ii) the actions needed to implement these measures.
15. “Mid-term Review” means the review referred to in Section II.A.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
16. “MoE” means *Ministère de l’Education Nationale, de l’Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche Scientifique*, the Recipient’s ministry responsible for education.
17. “Operating Costs” means the incremental expenses incurred by DPEF, based on the Annual Work Plans and Budgets as approved by the World Bank, on account of Project implementation, management, and monitoring and evaluation, including the reasonable costs for utilities and supplies, bank charges, communications, vehicle operation, maintenance, and insurance, building and equipment maintenance, public awareness-related media expenses, travel and supervision, and salaries of contractual and temporary staff, but excluding salaries, fees, honoraria, and bonuses of members of the Recipient’s civil service.
18. “Procurement Guidelines” means 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.
19. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated April 2, 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.

20. "Procurement Board" means the DPEF Procurement Board established by the Recipient's Prime Minister Decision (Arrêté) no. 729 dated April 8, 2012.
21. "Project" means the Project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
22. "Project Manual" means the Recipient's manual in three volumes entitled, respectively, "*Manuel des Procédures Administratives, Comptables et Financières de la DPEF – Organisation de la DPEF*" and dated June 2011, "*Manuel des Procédures Administratives, Comptables et Financières du PNDSE – Tome 2: Procédures Administratives et Financières*" and dated June 2011, and "*Manuel des Procédures Administratives, Comptables et Financières du PNDSE – Tome 3: Système Comptable, Budgétaire et Analytique*" undated, revised for the Project in accordance with Section 5.01(b) of this Agreement, containing guidelines on, *inter alia*, the administration, financial management and accounting for the Project.
23. "Resettlement Action Plan" means the Recipient's document prepared and disclosed in accordance with the Resettlement Policy Framework and the Bank Policies with respect to an activity included in an Annual Work Plan and Budget, which, *inter alia*: (i) contains a census survey of Displaced Persons and valuation of their assets; (ii) describes compensation and other resettlement assistance to be provided, consultation to be conducted with Displaced Persons about acceptable alternatives, institutional responsibilities for the implementation and procedures for grievance redress, and arrangements for monitoring and evaluation; and (iii) contains a timetable and budget for the implementation of such measures.
24. "Resettlement Policy Framework" means the Recipient's document entitled "*Cadre de Politique de Réinstallation – PNDSE II (Programme de Développement du Secteur de l'Éducation (PNDSE II))*" and dated June 19, 2011, containing guidelines, procedures, timetables and other specifications for the provision of compensation, rehabilitation and resettlement assistance to Displaced Persons.
25. "Safeguard Documents" means collectively, the Environmental and Social Management Framework, the Resettlement Policy Framework, as well as the Environmental and Social Management Plans and the Resettlement Action Plans prepared for specific activities carried out under the Project, if any.
26. "Standard Conditions" means World Bank document entitled "The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various Funds", dated February 15, 2012.

27. "Training" means the reasonable cost of training under the Project, based on Annual Work Plans and Budgets, including costs associated with seminars, workshops, conference and study tours, travel and subsistence costs for training participants, services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials and other activities directly related to course preparation and implementation.