Financing Agreement

(Statistics Capacity Building Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated July 7, 2014
FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated July 7, 2014 entered into between REPUBLIC OF CONGO (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”). The Recipient and the Association hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

1.01. The General 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 General Conditions or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

ARTICLE II — FINANCING

2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a credit in an amount equivalent to three million one hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 3,100,000) (variously, “Credit” and “Financing”), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”).

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

2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance shall be one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.

2.04. The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.

2.05. The Interest Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to one and a quarter percent (1.25%) per annum.

2.06. The Payment Dates are May 1 and November 1 in each year.

2.07. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

2.08. The Payment Currency is Dollar.
ARTICLE III — PROJECT

3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the 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 IV of the General Conditions and the Project Agreement.

3.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the Association 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 IV — REMEDIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension consists of the following, namely, that 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 Project Agreement.

4.02. The Additional Event of Acceleration consists of the following, namely, that the event specified in Section 4.01 of this Agreement occurs.

ARTICLE V — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

5.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:

(a) the Subsidiary Agreement has been executed on behalf of the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity;

(b) the Recipient has deposited 2,000,000,000 CFA Francs into the Project Counterpart Funds Account, in accordance with the provisions of Section I.E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; and

(c) the Recipient has adopted the Project Implementation Manual (including, inter alia, financial management and accounting procedures), in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

5.02. The Additional Legal Matter consists of the following, namely that the Subsidiary Agreement has been duly authorized or ratified by the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity and is legally binding upon the Recipient and the Project Implementing Entity in accordance with its terms.

5.03. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.
5.04. For purposes of Section 8.05 (b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE VI — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

6.01. The Recipient’s Representative is its ministry responsible for finance.

6.02. The Recipient’s Address is:

Ministry of Economy, Finance, Planning, Public Portfolio and Integration
Avenue Foch
B.P. 2083
Brazzaville
Republic of Congo

Facsimile:

(242) 2281.43.69

6.03. The Association’s Address is:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable: Telex: Facsimile:

INDEVAS 248423 (MCI) 1-202-477-6391
AGREED at Brazzaville, Congo, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF CONGO

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Gilbert Ondongo
Title: Ministre d'Etat

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Eustache Cuayou
Title: Directeur des Opérations
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objectives of the Project are to: (1) strengthen the National Statistical System in the production, dissemination of timely and robust statistics relevant for policies and decision-making; and (2) promote demand for statistical information.

The Project consists of the following parts:

1. Institutional Development, Human Resources, Organizational Structure and Infrastructure

   (a) Implementing a program of activities designed to improve the organizational structure of the National Statistical System ("NSS"), including, \textit{inter alia}: (i) undertaking a comprehensive review of the NSS’s institutional framework and making recommendations for improvement; and (ii) development of protocols, guidelines, standard methodologies, competencies and tools designed to enhance the quality and efficiency of management of data production and dissemination at all levels.

   (b) Carrying out of a program of activities designed to strengthen the capacity of the NSS to attract and retain qualified staff, including, \textit{inter alia}: (i) a comprehensive review of human resource policies and development of strategic staffing plans; (ii) development and implementation of management and leadership skills programs; (iii) development and implementation of a comprehensive training program, consisting of: (A) provision of Scholarships to Beneficiaries for pre-service formal training; (B) on the job and thematic training program; and (C) a technical mentorship program; (iv) carrying out of a program of activities designed to strengthen the capacity of Centre d’Application de la Statistique et de la Planification ("CASP"), including, \textit{inter alia}: (A) undertaking a comprehensive institutional assessment of CASP so as to identify gaps and make recommendations for improvement; (B) undertaking a comprehensive review of the statistical training curricula and development of appropriate syllabi; and (C) establishment of an appropriate internship program; and (v) development of a strategic human resources plan consisting of a review of the collective labor agreement and design of a labor market competitiveness approach.

   (c) Upgrading NSS statistical and ICT infrastructure and data management systems, consisting of: (i) design and implementation of an appropriate information system strategic plan; (ii) supply, installation and maintenance of appropriate ICT, including, computer hardware,
software, related infrastructure, internet connectivity, local area networks and other data management systems, with a view to improving data collection, analysis and dissemination; (iii) development of a web-based portal for accessing NSS data; and (iv) establishment of an electronic data archive.

2. Data Production, Dissemination and Use of Statistics

(a) Carrying out of a program of activities designed to improve the quality of statistics produced by NSS and to support the development of new statistical products and services, including, inter alia, production of:

(i) demographic and social sector statistics, consisting of: (A) census data, in particular: (aa) analysis of the 2007 census and development of a sample frame for household surveys; and (bb) preparation, implementation and analysis of the 2017 general census; (B) vital statistics, in particular: (aa) updating life events records and centralization of related data; and (bb) strengthening NIS capacity for compilation and dissemination of said vital statistics; (C) human development statistics, consisting of: (aa) education statistics, through development and implementation of a national plan for the production of statistics yearbooks; (bb) health statistics, through: (1) implementation of the ICD-10; (2) undertaking a comprehensive institutional assessment of the department of studies and planning in the ministry responsible for health; (3) preparation of an operational manual for production and dissemination of health statistics; and (4) supporting production and dissemination of health statistics; (cc) employment statistics, consisting of: (1) implementation of the ISCO-08; (2) undertaking a comprehensive institutional assessment of ONEMO; the department of employment statistics; and the department of studies and planning of METPFQE; (3) preparation of an operational manual for production and dissemination of employment statistics; and (4) development and implementation of a national plan for the production of employment statistics; and (dd) household statistics, through design and implementation of continuous household survey programs.

(ii) Economic and financial statistics, consisting of: (A) national accounts statistics, in particular: enterprise census; enterprise sample frame; an agricultural survey; an informal sector survey; harmonization of balance of payments and external trade statistics from DGDDI; rebasing of national accounts using 2011 or later base years; preparation of a plan for adoption and
implementation of the 2008 SNA; and publication of the 2005-7 national accounts series; (B) price statistics, in particular: (aa) extension of the CPI to cover all provincial headquarters; (bb) updating of the food basket, weights and CPI base year using the 2011 household budget consumption survey (Econ2011); and (cc) production of a producer price index, an import price index, an expert price index and a wholesale price index; (C) external trade statistics, in particular: (aa) development and implementation of a plan to improve said external trade statistics; and (bb) production of informal external trade statistics; (D) preparation and implementation of a plan designed to improve production of balance of payments statistics; (E) agriculture statistics, in particular: (aa) carrying out of a needs assessment of departments responsible for said agriculture statistics with a view to identifying gaps and making recommendations for improvement; and (bb) preparation and implementation of a plan for improving production of said agriculture statistics; (F) preparation and implementation of a plan designed to improve production of forestry statistics; and (G) carrying out of an appropriate diagnostics study, as well as preparation and implementation of an action plan designed to promote production and dissemination of reliable statistical information on mining, gas and oil activities.

(b) Supporting dissemination and use of statistical information, including, _inter alia_: (i) undertaking a comprehensive review of various policy instruments with a view to identifying gaps and making recommendations for improvement; (ii) development and implementation of an appropriate access to information and micro-data policy; (iii) design and implementation of a web-based open data portal including a platform for provision of feedback by users; (iv) developing and implementing an information, education and communications strategy on statistical products and services; (v) conducting and coordinating conferences, seminars, workshops and exchange programs so as to share knowledge, and stimulate open discussions/debates; and (vi) updating archival systems.

3. **Project Management**

Strengthening the capacity of the Project Coordination Unit for the day to day coordination, implementation and management (including, fiduciary aspects, monitoring and evaluation, carrying out of audits and reporting) of Project activities and results, all through; the provision of technical advisory services, non-consulting services, Training, Operating Costs and acquisition of goods for the purpose.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements; Subsidiary Agreement

1. To facilitate the carrying out of the Project, the Recipient shall make the proceeds of the Financing available to the Project Implementing Entity ("PIE") under a subsidiary agreement between the Recipient and the PIE, under terms and conditions approved by the Association, which shall include the following:

   (i) the principal amount of the Financing made available under the Subsidiary Agreement ("Subsidiary Financing") shall be denominated in Dollars;

   (ii) the Subsidiary Financing shall be made available on grant terms; and

   (iii) the Recipient shall obtain rights adequate to protect its interests and those of the Association, including the right to: (A) suspend or terminate the right of the PIE to use the proceeds of the Subsidiary Financing, or obtain a refund of all or any part of the amount of the Subsidiary Financing then withdrawn, upon the PIE's failure to perform any of its obligations under the Subsidiary Agreement; and (B) require the PIE to: (aa) carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, economic, fiduciary, managerial, environmental and social standards and practices satisfactory to the Association, including in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to recipients of credit proceeds other than the Recipient; (bb) provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for the purpose; (cc) procure the goods, works, non-consulting services and services to be financed out of the Subsidiary Financing in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; (dd) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Association, the progress of the Project and the achievement of its objective; (ee) (1) maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Association, both in a manner adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project; and (2) at the Association's or the Recipient's request, have such financial statements audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Association, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association, and promptly furnish the statements as so audited to the
Recipient and the Association; (ff) enable the Recipient and the Association to inspect the Project, its operation and any relevant records and documents; and (gg) prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the Association all such information as the Recipient or the Association shall reasonably request relating to the foregoing ("Subsidiary Agreement").

2. The Recipient shall exercise its rights under the Subsidiary Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Subsidiary Agreement or any of its provisions.

B. Implementation Arrangements

1. Project Implementation Manual

(a) The Recipient, through the PIE, shall prepare, in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association and furnish to the Association for review, a Project implementation manual, which shall include provisions on the following matters: (i) capacity building activities for sustained achievement of the Project's objectives; (ii) arrangements on financial management, setting forth the detailed policies and procedures for financial management under the Project; (iii) procurement management procedures; (iv) institutional administration, coordination and day to day execution of Project activities; (v) monitoring and evaluation; (vi) reporting; (vii) information, education and communication of Project activities; (viii) the eligibility criteria and detailed guidelines and procedures for the selection and approval of Beneficiaries and for provision of Scholarships to said Beneficiaries under Part 1(b)(iii)(A) of the Project; and (ix) such other technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project.

(b) The Recipient shall afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on said Project implementation manual, and thereafter, shall adopt such Project implementation manual, as shall have been approved by the Association ("Project Implementation Manual").

(c) The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Project Implementation Manual; provided, however, that in case of any conflict between the provisions of the Project Implementation Manual and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
(d) Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not amend, abrogate or waive any provision of the Project Implementation Manual.

2. **Annual Work Plan and Budget**

(a) The Recipient, through the PIE, shall prepare and furnish to the Association not later than December 31 of each Fiscal Year during the implementation of the Project, a work plan and budget containing all activities proposed to be included in the Project during the following Fiscal Year, and a proposed financing plan for expenditures required for such activities, setting forth the proposed amounts and sources of financing.

(b) Each such proposed work plan and budget shall specify any Training activities that may be required under the Project, including: (i) the type of Training; (ii) the purpose of the Training; (iii) the personnel to be trained; (iv) the institution or individual who will conduct the Training; (v) the location and duration of the Training; and (vi) the cost of the Training.

(c) The Recipient shall afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on each such proposed work plan and budget, and thereafter ensure that the Project is implemented with due diligence during said following Fiscal Year in accordance with such work plan and budget as shall have been approved by the Association ("Annual Work Plan and Budget").

(d) The Recipient shall not make or allow to be made any change to the approved Annual Work Plan and Budget without prior approval in writing by the Association.

C. **Scholarships under Part 1 (b)(iii)(A) of the Project**

1. **Eligibility Criteria.** In order to ensure the proper implementation of Part 1(b)(iii)(A) of the Project, the Recipient, through the PIE, shall administer Scholarships in accordance with eligibility criteria, guidelines and procedures acceptable to the Association, as further elaborated in the Project Implementation Manual, which shall include, *inter alia*, the following:

(a) the Recipient, through PIE, has determined on the basis of an appraisal carried out in accordance with guidelines acceptable to the Association, and elaborated in the Project Implementation Manual, that:
(i) the Beneficiary satisfies all the requirements elaborated in said Project Implementation Manual;

(ii) each proposed Training Provider: (A) is a legal entity and a public or a private provider of said pre-service formal training program, with the organization, management, technical capacity and financial resources necessary to carry out said pre-service formal training program; (B) has identified and selected Beneficiaries in accordance with eligibility criteria and procedures acceptable to the Association; and (C) has prepared a satisfactory financing plan, and a satisfactory implementation plan for the proposed pre-service formal training program; and

(iii) the proposed pre-service formal training program is technically feasible, and financially and economically sound; and

(b) the: (i) aggregate amount of all Scholarships made in a given calendar year to Beneficiaries shall not exceed the limit set out in the Annual Work Plan and Budget; and (ii) maximum amount of each Scholarship shall not exceed 100 percent of the total estimated cost of the pre-service formal training program minus the amount of other funds allocated to finance such cost.

D. Anti-Corruption

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

E. Project Counterpart Funds; Project Counterpart Funds Account

1. The Recipient shall open, and thereafter maintain, at all times during the implementation of the Project, in a financial institution and on terms and conditions acceptable to the Association, an account into which all counterpart funds required for the Project shall be deposited and maintained until required to pay for Eligible Expenditures (“Project Counterpart Funds Account”).

2. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 4.03 of the General Conditions, the Recipient shall deposit into the Project Counterpart Funds Account amounts in CFA Francs not later than the dates indicated next to such amount:

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<th>Amount (in CFA Francs)</th>
<th>Date not later than which the amount shall be deposited in the Project Counterpart Funds Account</th>
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3. The Recipient shall ensure that all amounts deposited in the Project Counterpart Funds Account shall be used exclusively to pay for Eligible Expenditures.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports

1. The Recipient, through the Project Implementing Entity, shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.08 of the General Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the Association. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one (1) calendar quarter, and shall be furnished to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report.

2. The Recipient, through the Project Implementing Entity, shall, not later than one (1) month prior to the mid-term review referred to in paragraph 3 of Section II.A, furnish to the Association for comments, a report, in such detail as the Association shall reasonably request, on the progress of the Project, and giving details of the various matters to be discussed at such review.

3. The Recipient, through the Project Implementing Entity, shall, not later than eighteen (18) months after the Effective Date, undertake, in conjunction with all agencies involved in the Project, a comprehensive mid-term review of the Project during which it shall exchange views with the Association and implementing agencies generally on all matters relating to the progress of the Project, the performance by the Recipient, through the Project Implementing Entity, of its obligations under this Agreement and the performance by said implementing agencies, having regard to the performance indicators referred to in paragraph 1 of this Section II.A.

4. Following the mid-term review, the Recipient shall act promptly and diligently in order to take any corrective action deemed necessary to remedy any shortcoming noted in the implementation of the Project, or to implement such other measures as may be required in furtherance of the objectives of the Project.
B. Financial Management, Financial Reports and Audits

1. The Recipient shall maintain or cause to be maintained a financial management system in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 of the General Conditions.

2. The Recipient, through the Project Implementing Entity, shall prepare and furnish to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, interim unaudited financial reports for the Project covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.

3. The Recipient, through the Project Implementing Entity, shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 (b) of the General Conditions. Each 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 Association not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

Section III. Procurement

A. General

1. **Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services.** All goods, works and non-consulting services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Section I of the Procurement Guidelines, and with the provisions of this Section.

2. **Consultants' Services.** All consultants’ services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Sections I and IV of the Consultant Guidelines, and with the provisions of this Section.

3. **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used below in this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the Association of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding methods 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) National Competitive Bidding, *(subject to the following additional provision, namely, that the Recipient shall use the standard bidding documents of the Association or other bidding documents agreed upon with the Association prior to their use)*; (b) Shopping; (c) Direct Contracting; and (d) Procurement from United Nations agencies.

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 contracts 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) Procedures set forth in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines for the Selection of Individual Consultants; and (g) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

D. **Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions**

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

Section IV. **Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing**

A. **General**

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions, this Section, and such additional instructions as the Association shall 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 Association 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 Financing ("Category"), the allocations of the amounts of the Financing to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

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<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>Goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Training, Operating Costs and Scholarships for the Project</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>3,100,000</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 for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed SDR 620,000 equivalent may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after May 2, 2014, for Eligible Expenditures.

2. The Closing Date is June 15, 2019.
SCHEDULE 3

Repayment Schedule

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<th>Date Payment Due</th>
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* The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of the Credit to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to Section 3.03 (b) of the General Conditions.
APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. "Annual Work Plan and Budget" means the work plan and budget prepared annually by the Recipient in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.


3. "Beneficiary" means a student who is eligible to receive a Scholarship under Part 1(b)(iii)(A) of the Project and is duly registered in an eligible pre-service formal training program for the purpose; and “Beneficiaries” means, collectively, two or more such students.

4. “Centre d’Application de la Statistique et de la Planification” or “CASP” means the Recipient’s Center of Applied Statistics and Planning.

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

6. "CFA Franc" means the franc of the Central Africa Economic and Monetary Community, whose common central bank is the Bank of Central African States.


8. “CPI” means the Consumer Price Index.

9. "DGDDI" means the Recipient’s General Directorate of Customs.

10. "Fiscal Year" or “FY” means the Recipient’s twelve (12) month period starting January 1 and ending December 31 of the same year.

11. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for Credits and Grants”, dated July 31, 2010, with the modifications set forth in Section II of this Appendix.

13. "ICT" means information and communications technology.


15. "METPFQE" means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for technical and professional education, qualifying training and employment, and any successor thereto.


17. "NSS" means the Recipient’s National System of Statistics established and operating pursuant to Law No. 8-2009 dated October 28, 2009 (Sur la Statistique).


19. "Operating Costs" means the incremental expenses incurred on account of Project implementation, based on the Annual Work Plan and Budget approved by the Association pursuant to Section 1.B.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and consisting of expenditures for office supplies, vehicle operation and maintenance, maintenance of equipment, communication and insurance costs, office administration costs, utilities, rental, consumables, accommodation, travel and per diem, and salaries of Project staff, but excluding the salaries of the Recipient’s civil service, meeting and other sitting allowances and honoraria to said staff.


21. "Procurement Plan" means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated May 2, 2014, 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.

22. "Project Coordination Unit" or "PCU" means the Recipient’s unit referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 1 to the Project Agreement.

23. "Project Counterpart Funds Account" means the account to be established and maintained by the Recipient in accordance with the provisions of Section I.E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
24. "Project Implementation Manual" or "PIM" means the Recipient's manual referred to in Section I.B.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

25. "Project Implementing Entity" or "PIE" means the National Institute of Statistics.


27. "Project Steering Committee" or "PSC" means the Recipient's committee referred to in Section I.A.1 of Schedule 1 to the Project Agreement.

28. "Scholarship" means a grant made or proposed to be made out of the proceeds of the Financing to a Beneficiary to finance Eligible Expenditures for an eligible pre-service formal training program and such term includes, inter alia, related tuition fees, accommodation, travel and stipends, and "Scholarships" means, collectively, two or more such grants.


30. "Subsidiary Agreement" means the agreement referred to in Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement pursuant to which the Recipient shall make the proceeds of the Financing available to the Project Implementing Entity.

31. "Training" means the costs associated with training, conferences, workshops and study tours provided under the Project, based on the Annual Work Plan and Budget approved by the Association pursuant to Section I.B.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, consisting of reasonable expenditures (other than expenditures for consultants' services) for: (a) travel, room, board and per diem expenditures incurred by trainers and trainees in connection with their training and by non-consultant training facilitators; (b) course fees; (c) training facility rentals; and (d) training material preparation, acquisition, reproduction and distribution expenses.

32. "Training Provider" means a legal entity selected to provide pre-service formal training to a Beneficiary under Part 1(b)(iii)(A) of the Project; and "Training Providers" means, collectively, two or more such entities.
Section II. Modifications to the General Conditions

The modifications to the General Conditions are as follows:

1. Section 3.02 is modified to read as follows:

"Section 3.02. Service Charge and Interest Charge

(a) Service Charge. The Recipient shall pay the Association a service charge on the Withdrawn Credit Balance at the rate specified in the Financing Agreement. The Service Charge shall accrue from the respective dates on which amounts of the Credit are withdrawn and shall be payable semi-annually in arrears on each Payment Date. Service Charges shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months.

(b) Interest Charge. The Recipient shall pay the Association interest on the Withdrawn Credit Balance at the rate specified in the Financing Agreement. Interest shall accrue from the respective dates on which amounts of the Credit are withdrawn and shall be payable semi-annually in arrears on each Payment Date. Interest shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months."

2. Paragraph 28 of the Appendix ("Financing Payment") is modified by inserting the words "the Interest Charge" between the words "the Service Charge" and "the Commitment Charge".

3. The Appendix is modified by inserting a new paragraph 32 with the following definition of "Interest Charge", and renumbering the remaining paragraphs accordingly:

"32. "Interest Charge" means the interest charge specified in the Financing Agreement for the purpose of Section 3.02(b)."

4. Renumbered paragraph 37 (originally paragraph 36) of the Appendix ("Payment Date") is modified by inserting the words "Interest Charges" between the words "Service Charges" and "Commitment Charges".

5. Renumbered paragraph 50 (originally paragraph 49) of the Appendix ("Service Charge") is modified by replacing the reference to Section 3.02 with Section 3.02 (a).