Financing Agreement

(Benin Cities Support Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF BENIN

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated October 9, 2013
FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated October 9, 2013, entered into between REPUBLIC OF BENIN ("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 forty million one hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 40,100,000) (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 The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.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 Payment Dates are February 15 and August 15 in each year.
2.06. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.

2.07. The Payment Currency is Euro.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through its Ministry of Urban Development, Housing and Sanitation ("MUHA") in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.

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 — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

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

(a) the Recipient’s Delegated Management Contract with a competitively selected entity has been executed; and

(b) the Project Implementation Manual has been adopted by the Recipient, satisfactory in form and substance to the Association.

4.01 The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

4.02 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 years after the date of this Agreement.
ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

5.01. The Recipient’s Representative is its Minister of Economy and Finance.

5.02. The Recipient’s Address is:

Ministère de l’Économie et des Finances
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5.03. The Association’s Address is:

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AGREED at Washington DC, USA, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF BENIN

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Toun A. Gbien
Title: Minister of Economic Planning

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Authorized Representative

Name: DIAM. M. Tall
Title: Country Director
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objectives of the Project are to increase access to urban services and improve urban management in selected cities of the Recipient ("The Project Cities").

The Project consists of the following parts:

1. **Service Delivery Improvement through Infrastructure Rehabilitation, Maintenance and Expansion**

   Carrying out selected community-driven investments in various sectors including, inter alia, water and sanitation, transport, electrification, education, roads, or other urban and social economic infrastructure, including preservation and rehabilitation of cultural assets, all aligned with Project Cities’ community development plans and consisting of civil works, equipment, consultants services and support for the design, implementation and supervision of the rehabilitation, maintenance and expansion of said investments.

2. **Municipal Management and Deepening Decentralization**

   Strengthening critical aspects of municipal and urban management and the financial support therefor, including the development of a fair, transparent and effective intergovernmental transfer system through the provision of technical assistance, studies, training and support to:

   (a) municipal governments of Project Cities for the building of capacity in municipal management, financial management, public procurement, social and environmental safeguards design and implementation, municipal engineering and planning services and community participation to ensure a more strategic planning and management of investments; and

   (b) (i) Recipient’s central government to refine the intergovernmental fiscal transfer system and its responsible entities, and (ii) municipal governments of Project Cities to enhance fiscal collection at municipal level.
3. Institutional Strengthening, Capacity Building, Monitoring and Evaluation and Project Management

Ensuring optimal Project implementation and sustainability of Project achievements through the provision of support, technical assistance, goods and equipment, Training and Operating Costs, wherever appropriate, to pertinent Recipient’s central government staff, municipality level staff, and Project implementing entities for capacity-building and institutional strengthening in the area of:

(a) operation and maintenance of municipal infrastructure, support and monitoring of municipal development, structuring of mechanisms for accounting, transfer and auditing; and

(b) project management, monitoring and evaluation of results and certain environmental and social studies and activities related to the Project.
Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

The Recipient shall:

1. Vest main responsibility for Project implementation, management coordination and supervision in MUHA which shall maintain a Project management unit specially staffed, at all times during Project implementation, with personnel adequate in numbers and having functions, experience and resources satisfactory to the Association in respect of the technical, environmental, planning and engineering, community outreach, communications, administrative and fiduciary capacity needed for the Project ("Technical Secretariat" or "TS") and with specific focus on:

   (a) the approval, for implementation, of the infrastructure investments screened, prioritized and selected by the Local Steering Committees ("LSC") in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the Project Implementation Manual ("PIM");

   (b) the monitoring and follow up of all the activities performed under the Delegated Management Contract ("DMC");

   (c) the preparation of consolidated technical and financial Project reports;

   (d) undertaking secretariat function for COSUCO; and

   (e) ensuring the dissemination of learning from the Project to the entire MUHA;

all as further described in the PIM;

2. Ensure throughout Project implementation, an active and efficient collaboration among all Project stakeholders, notably selected MUHA structures and departments, Project Cities local government staff and other Recipient’s agencies and entities listed in the PIM;
3. Establish and maintain throughout Project implementation:

(a) an inter-ministerial committee ("COSUCO") under MUHA’s leadership, with mixed membership including central government’s and Project cities’ representatives and operating along procedures described in the PIM, to provide sector and Project overall guidance, review Project implementation progress and address potential execution constraints in relation thereto, including the progress on the execution and performance of Implementation Agreements; and

(b) Project City level coordination committees ("Local Steering Committees") headed by Project Cities’ secretary generals and with mixed membership comprising as well Project beneficiaries such as representatives of local associations and neighborhood development committees, to: (i) oversee daily field implementation of the Project; and (ii) review and select proposals for infrastructure investments to be submitted for approval by TS prior to their implementation by the Delegated Management Contract Agency, on behalf of Project Cities.

B. Subordinated Agreements

1. (a) The Recipient shall, not later than the Effective Date, enter into an agreement (the “Delegated Management Contract” or “DMC”) with an entity competitively selected and appointed in accordance with the provisions of Section III of this Schedule, said DMC to set forth the respective obligations of the parties thereunder, notably with respect to: (i) the preparation, implementation and monitoring of infrastructure investments financed under the Project, including the modalities for the payment of contracts for goods, works and services made pursuant to the Implementation Agreements, the transfer of funds in connection therewith and the provision of technical assistance and training in various aspects of infrastructure management, maintenance and associated financing, including related procurement and monitoring considerations, all in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the PIM; and (ii) the requirement that the DMC include provisions allowing for a change in contract terms, conditions, scope or contents, all without prejudice, after the conclusion of the midterm review referred to in Section I.D.8 of this Schedule and the ensuing transfer of responsibility for Project implementation to selected Project Cities deemed eligible therefor under criteria set forth in the PIM.

(b) the Recipient shall exercise its rights under the DMC 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 DMC or any of its provisions.

2. (a) Thereafter, Recipient shall cause the Delegated Management Contract Agency to further enter into an Implementation Agreement with each respective Project City for the purpose of carrying out, on their behalf, selected approved infrastructure investments consisting of rehabilitation, maintenance or expansion works, all with associated technical assistance and training, as appropriate; and

(b) except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not cause or allow any implementing party to the Implementation Agreements to amend, abrogate, waive or fail to enforce the Implementation Agreement and the PIM, the ESMF and the RPF included or referred to therein, or any respective provisions thereof. In case of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and those of any Implementation Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

C. Implementation Documents

(a) The Recipient shall, not later than the Effective Date, adopt a manual in form and substance satisfactory to the Association ("the Project Implementation Manual"), therein setting forth rules, methods, guidelines, instructions, directives, model standard documents and procedures for the carrying out of the Project, including the following:

(i) (A) the detailed description of Project implementation activities, their sequencing and the prospective timetable and benchmarks in relation thereto; and (B) the detailed institutional arrangements in respect thereof;

(ii) the Project administrative, accounting, auditing, reporting, financial, procurement and disbursement procedures, including all pertinent standard documents and model contracts in relation thereto;

(iii) the ESMF and the RPF for the Project;

(iv) the plan for the training and capacity building activities under the Project;

(v) provisions to guide works under Part 1 of the Project (which shall include, inter alia, the ESMF and RPF, provisions for erosion control, first aid instructions and restriction on the use of child labor;
the detailed funds flow for the implementation of the Project including, inter alia, the flow of proceeds of the Financing among the MEF, Delegated Management Contract Agency to and from the Project Cities;

the steps of the process of selecting, approving implementing, monitoring and evaluating each of the infrastructure investments under the Project, including, inter alia: (i) the review for eligibility of each proposed infrastructure investment including the bidding documents and procurement contracts; (ii) the review of the documentation provided in respect of Project expenditures for each approved infrastructure investment under this Agreement; and (iii) the modalities for the signing of the Implementation Agreements and the model forms for the Implementation Agreements;

the plan for the monitoring and supervision of the Project, including all environmental, economic and social aspects in relation thereto; and

the performance indicators for the Project agreed with the Association.

(b) The Recipient shall carry out, and ensure that the Project is carried out, in accordance with the PIM.

(c) In the event that any provision of the PIM shall conflict with any provision under this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

(d) The PIM may only be amended from time to time with the Association’s prior written consent.

D. Additional Implementation Arrangements.

1. Without limitation to the provisions of Section I.A.1(c), the Recipient, through MUHA, shall ensure that: (a) TS submits annual Project work plans and budget to COSUCO and the Association for their respective review and approval; and (b) the implementation of the Project is subsequently carried out applying the views and recommendations of the Association on the matter.
2. The Recipient, through MUHA, shall ensure during the course of Project implementation that annual technical audits of Project activities, including physical inspection in relation thereto, are carried out in a timely manner by an independent auditor. To that end, MUHA shall, not later than 6 months after the Effective Date: (a) select and appoint in accordance with the provisions of Section III of this Schedule an independent auditor to carry out the above referenced audit; and (b) within thirty (30) days after the completion of each such audit, furnish the report thereof to the Association for its review and comments following which further Project implementation shall subsequently be carried out, applying the views and recommendations of the Association in that respect.

3. Not later than 6 months after the Effective Date, the Recipient shall carry out actions agreed with the Association for the strengthening of the financial management and procurement capacity for the Project, including: (a) pertinent training in Project procurement rules for TS and Project City local government staff; and (b) the acquisition and installation, satisfactory to the Association, of appropriate computer hardware and accounting software for the Project.

4. Within 6 months of the end of the midterm review specified in Section I.D.8 of this Schedule, a capacity assessment of the Project Cities regarding Project implementation in the technical, engineering, management, social and environment areas shall be carried out jointly with the Association, after which determination based on criteria set forth in the PIM, the transfer of the responsibility for Project implementation may thenceforward, as agreed with the Association, be transferred from DMCA to qualified Project Cities; and

5. (a) The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of:

(i) this Agreement,

(ii) the PIM,

(iii) the ESMF, the RPF and all EMPs and RAPs prepared pursuant to them,

(iv) the Delegated Management Contract,

(v) the Implementation Agreements, and

(vi) the Anticorruption Guidelines.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph 3 (a) above, the Recipient shall cause each Project City to carry out its respective obligations in accordance with the provisions of the Implementation Agreement to which it is a party.
6. The Recipient shall, through MUHA, require that:

(a) all of the procurement of works under the Project, be carried out in accordance with the provisions of Section III of Schedule 2 of this Agreement, the Procurement Guidelines, and the PIM;

(b) all contractors and consultants providing goods or carrying out works and services under the Project carry out their activities under the Project with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, economic, financial, managerial, environmental and social standards and practices satisfactory to the Association, including in accordance with the provisions of the ESMF, the RPF and the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to recipients of Loan proceeds other than the Recipient, and the applicable provisions of the PIM;

(c) all bidding documents and contracts under the Project incorporate environmental and social standards satisfactory to the Association and provide the Recipient with the Intervention Rights, including, inter alia: (i) upon the contractor’s or consultant’s failure to perform any of its obligations under the applicable contract, the ability to: (A) suspend or terminate the right of any contractor or consultant to receive or use the proceeds of the Financing; or (B) obtain a refund of all or any part of the amount of the Financing withdrawn as of then; (ii) the right to inspect any Project financed infrastructure investment, its operation and any relevant records and documents; and (iii) the right to request all such information as the Association shall reasonably request relating to the Project; and

(d) TS and municipal governments of Project Cities oversee the compliance of contractors and consultants with the financial, managerial, environmental and social standards and practices satisfactory to the Association.

7. The Recipient shall obtain Intervention Rights under the applicable Implementation Agreements that are adequate to protect its interests and those of the Association.

8. By October 31, 2016, or at a date that the Association shall communicate in writing to the Recipient, a midterm review of Project execution shall be carried out. To that end, the Recipient shall cause DMCA under the supervision of TS, at least 3 months prior to the midterm review, to prepare and furnish to the Associations for its review a report including, inter alia: (i) a review of the
Project’s progress to date against the performance indicators agreed with the Association; (ii) a review of the Recipient’s fulfillment of the financial management, disbursement, and procurement requirements under this Agreement; (iii) a review of the technical assistance provided under the Project including findings of studies and research undertaken under the Project; (iv) lessons learned and obstacles encountered in the implementation of the Project; and (v) recommendations for the strategic directions and expenditures priorities for the remainder of Project implementation.

E. **Anti-Corruption**

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

F. **Safeguards**

The Recipient shall, and shall cause the Delegated Management Contract Agency to, comply with the provisions of the ESMF and the RPF, including through the carrying out of specific plans derived from such frameworks, and ensure that same obligations are appropriately upheld and shared under any pertinent contract further entered into for purposes of the Project.

**Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation**

A. **Project Reports**

1. The Recipient 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 calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the Association not later than one month after the end of the period covered by such report.

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. Without limitation on the provisions of Part A of this Section, the Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the Association not later than forty five 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 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 fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the Association not later than six 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 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) National Competitive Bidding; (b) Shopping; (c) Direct Contracting with the Association prior written consent; (d) well-established Private Sector Procurement Methods or
Commercial Practices which have been found acceptable to the Association; and (e) Community Participation procedures which have been found acceptable to the Association.

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 with the Association’s prior written consent; (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 with the Associations’ prior written consent.

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>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Financing Allocated (expressed in SDR)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods and equipment, works, non-consulting services, and consultants’ services for Part 1 of the Project</td>
<td>32,700,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(2) Goods, non-consulting services, Training for part 2 of the Project</td>
<td>4,600,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(3) Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Training and Operating Costs for Part 3 of the Project</td>
<td>2,800,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>40,100,000</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:

   (a) for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed $2,000,000 (US$ two million) equivalent may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after September 01, 2012 for Eligible Expenditures

   (b) under Category 1 for infrastructure investments under Implementation Agreements until and unless such Implementation Agreements shall have been satisfactorily entered into between the Delegated Management Contract Agency and the pertinent Project City including notably: (i) a detailed procurement assessment in relation thereto; and (ii) adequate environmental and social mitigation measures therefor, all in accordance with the guidelines, procedures, terms and conditions set forth in the PIM, the ESMF and the RFP.

2. The Closing Date is June 30, 2020.
## SCHEDULE 3

### Repayment Schedule

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<th>Date Payment Due</th>
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<td>commencing August 15, 2023 to and including February 15, 2033</td>
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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


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


4. "COSUCO" means the Recipient’s inter-ministerial committee for the Project referred to in Section I.A.3 (a) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

5. "Delegated Management Contract" or "DCM" refers to contrat de maîtrise d’ouvrage déléguée, the contract entered into between MUHA and an entity competitively selected and appointed to manage selected aspects of the Project on behalf of the Recipient.

6. "Delegated Management Contract Agency" or "DCMA" means the entity retained by the Recipient as the delegated management contract agency under the Project following a competitive selection process.

7. "ESMF" means the Environmental and Social Management Framework" dated April 13, 2013, prepared by the Recipient for the management of social and environmental aspects of the Project and disclosed to the public on April 19, 2013, as may be amended from time to time only with the express prior consent of the Bank.


9. "Implementation Agreement" refers to Convention, an agreement entered into between DMCA and a Project City for the carrying out by DMCA on behalf of the respective Project City, of selected infrastructure investments approved for financing under the Project.

10. "Intervention Rights" means rights of intervention that may be granted to the Recipient under its laws or expressly under the Implementation Agreements and
any other contracts related to the Project to which the Recipient is not otherwise a party or signatory.

11. “Local Steering Committees” refers to the committees described in Section I.A.3 (b) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.


14. “Operating Costs” means in respect of Category 3 in the table of Section IV.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, the incremental expenses incurred on account of Project implementation, including office equipment and supplies, vehicle operation and maintenance, communication and insurance costs, office administration costs, utilities, travel, per diem and supervision costs and salaries of locally contracted employees.


16. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated April 25, 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.

17. “Project Cities” means the cities of Cotonou, Abomey, Parakou, Porto Novo, Abomey Calavi, Lokossa, Kandi, Bohicon, Comè and Sémè Podji in the territory of the Recipient, which have been found to meet the eligibility criteria described in the PIM for participating in Part 1 of the Project and whose participation in Part 1 of the Project has been approved by the Association.

18. “Project Implementation Manual” or “PIM” refers to the manual described in Section I.C (a) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

19. “RPF” means Resettlement Policy Framework, the process framework of the Recipient dated April 13, 2013 and disclosed to the public on April 19, 2013 for the compensation and relocation of persons potentially displaced on account of Project implementation, as may be amended from time to time only with the express prior consent of the Association.
20. "Technical Secretariat" refers to the unit described in Section I.A1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

21. "Training" means in respect of Categories 2 and 3 in the table of Section IV.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement: (i) reasonable travel, room, board and per diem expenditures incurred by trainers and trainees in connection with their training and by non-consultant training facilitators, including therein workshops and study tours in foreign countries; (ii) course fees; (iii) training facility rentals; and (iv) training material preparation, acquisition, reproduction and distribution expenses not otherwise covered under said section.