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Dr. Domitien Ndiwokubwayo
Minister of Finance, Budgeting, and Privatization
Ministry of Finance, Budgeting, and Privatization
Bujumbura
Republic of Burundi

Re: Republic of Burundi: Advance Agreement for Preparation of
Proposed Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project
Phase Three (LVEMP3)
Project Preparation Advance No. V1580-BI

Excellency:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the Republic of Burundi (“Recipient”), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association (“World Bank”) proposes to extend to the Recipient an advance out of the World Bank’s Project Preparation Facility in an amount not to exceed one million one hundred eighty-six thousand nine hundred seventy-four Dollars (\$ 1,186,000) (“Advance”) on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement (“Agreement”), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in financing the activities described in the Annex (“Activities”). The objective of the Activities is to facilitate the preparation of a proposed project designed to improve environmental and natural resource management and participation in livelihood-enhancing practices in targeted sub-catchments areas and pollution hotspots in the Lake Victoria Basin (“Project”), for the carrying out of which the Recipient has requested the World Bank’s financial assistance.

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that: (a) it understands that the provision of the Advance does not constitute or imply any commitment on the part of IBRD or IDA to assist in financing the Project; and (b) it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Activities, repay the Advance and perform its other obligations under this Agreement, all in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

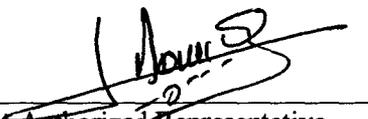
Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature; provided, however, that the offer of this Agreement shall be deemed withdrawn if the World Bank has not received this countersigned copy within 90 days after the date of signature of this Agreement by the World Bank, unless the World Bank has established a later date for such purpose.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By 
Bella Bird

Country Director for Tanzania, Burundi, Malawi and Somalia

AGREED:
REPUBLIC OF BURUNDI

By 
Authorized Representative

Name Dr Juvénal NDIRAKOBWAHO

Title Ministre des Finances, du Budget et de la Coopération au Développement Economique

Date: 2018/07/20

Enclosures:

- (1) "Standard Conditions for Advances Made by the World Bank under its Project Preparation Facility", dated July 31, 2010; and
- (2) Disbursement Letter for the Advance of the same date as this Agreement, together with "World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects", dated February 2017.

**PPA No. V1580-BI
ANNEX**

**Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions**

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The “Standard Conditions for Advances Made by the World Bank under its Project Preparation Facility” dated July 31, 2010 (“Standard Conditions”), constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. **Definitions.** 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.

- (a) “Operating Costs” means the incremental operating expenses incurred by the Recipient on account of the implementation of the Activities, management and monitoring including on account of operation and maintenance costs of office and office equipment; office supplies, additional staff costs, travel and supervision costs, *per diem*, but excluding the salaries and indemnities of officials and public servants of the Recipient’s civil service.
- (b) “National Project Coordination Team (NPCT) Project Coordination Unit (PCU)” means the implementation unit established under the Recipient’s ministry responsible for environment, agriculture and livestock for the purpose of the Lake Victoria Environmental Management Project (LVEMP) – Phase II (Grant No. H710-BI, dated September 12, 2011).
- (c) “Training” means the reasonable costs associated with training, seminars and workshop participation under the Activities, consisting of travel and subsistence costs for Training participants, costs (other than consulting services) associated with securing the services of trainers and presenters, rental of training facilities, translation and interpretation services, preparation and reproduction of training materials.

**Article II
Execution of the Activities**

2.01. **Description of the Activities.** The Activities for which the Advance is provided consist of the following parts:

- (a) Technical assistance in the preparation and updating of the following documents:
 - (i) national Project document, (ii) related project implementation plans and operational manuals; (iii) environmental and social safeguards instruments; (iv) Project-related financial analyses; (v) bidding documents for sustainable land management activities.
- (b) Technical assistance for: (i) Project pre-feasibility and feasibility studies; (ii) analysis of climate resilient sectors; (iii) design watershed management activities; and (iv) carrying out baseline studies for Project activities.
- (c) Develop a monitoring and evaluation system for Project activities.

- (c) Facilitate stakeholder and consultative meetings regarding the Project, including workshops related to the Project's environmental and social safeguards instruments;
- (d) Capacity building, external audit, and operating expenses for the NCPT PCU, including equipment and vehicle maintenance; and
- (e) Purchase of office equipment and related software for the PIU.

2.02. **Execution of the Activities Generally.** The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Activities. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Activities through its Ministry ministry of environment, agriculture and livestock in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Article II; and (c) 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 and as of July 1, 2016.

2.03. **Institutional and Other Arrangements.** Without limitation upon paragraph 2.02 above, the Recipient shall cause the NCPT PCU, with staffing in number and with qualification and experience acceptable to the World Bank, to be responsible for the implementation and the fiduciary aspects of the Activities.

2.04. **Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation of the Activities.** The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Activities in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.08 of the Standard Conditions.

2.05. **Financial Management.** (a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.09 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim un-audited financial reports for the Activities are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than [one month] after the end of each [calendar quarter], covering the [quarter], in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Sections 2.09 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal under the Advance was made. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

(i) If, on or before the Refinancing Date, a Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, the Recipient shall have the Financial Statements included in the first audit of financial statements required under the Refinancing Agreement.

(ii) If, by the Refinancing Date, no Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of the Advance, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal under the Advance was made. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of the Recipient's fiscal year in which the Refinancing Date occurs.

(iii) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this Section, the World Bank may request an audit of the Financial Statements prior to the Refinancing Date, covering such period as is indicated in its request. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

2.06. Procurement

All goods, non-consulting services and consulting services required for the Activities and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Advance shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” dated July 2016, revised November 2017 (“Procurement Regulations”) and the provisions of the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Activities dated March 6, 2018 (“Procurement Plan”) provided for under Section IV of the Procurement Regulations, as the same may be updated from time to time in agreement with the World Bank.

**Article III
Withdrawal of the Advance**

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Advance 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 “Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing” dated February 2017, 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 following table. The table specifies each category of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Advance (“Category”), the amount of the Advance allocated to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Advance Allocated (expressed in Dollars)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Operating Costs and Training under the Activities	1,186,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	1,186,000	

3.02. **Withdrawal Conditions.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed \$237,200 equivalent may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after January 1, 2018, for Eligible Expenditures.

3.03. **Refinancing Date.** The Refinancing Date is December 31, 2019.

**Article IV
Terms of the Advance**

4.01. **Refinancing under the Refinancing Agreement:** If, on or before the Refinancing Date, a Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, then the full amount of the Withdrawn Advance Balance shall be paid to the World Bank as soon as the Refinancing Agreement becomes effective, by means of a withdrawal by the World Bank of such amount of the Refinancing Proceeds, in accordance with the provisions of the Refinancing Agreement.

4.02. **No Repayment in the absence of a Refinancing Agreement:** Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Standard Conditions, if, on or before the Refinancing Date, no Refinancing Agreement has been executed by all of its parties, or if, by such date or at any time thereafter, it has been so executed but terminates without becoming effective, then the Recipient shall not be obligated to repay the Withdrawn Advance Balance.

**Article V
Recipient's Representative; Addresses**

5.01. **Recipient's Representative.** The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 9.02 of the Standard Conditions is its ministry of finance, budget and privatization.

Ministry of Finance, Budget and Privatization
P. O. Box 1830
Bujumbura
Burundi

Telex: _____ Facsimile: _____

5.03. **World Bank's Address.** The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 9.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

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248423 (MCI) or (1)-202-477-6391
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