May 20, 2011

His Excellence Mr. Idriss L. Daouda
Minister of Economy and Finance
Ministry of Economy and Finance
Cotonou
Republic of Benin

Excellency:

Benin: Community-based Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Management Project
(GEF GRANT NUMBER TF091739)
Amendment to the GEF Grant Agreement

We refer to the Global Environment Facility Trust Fund Grant Agreement (the Agreement) for the above-referenced project (the Project), dated July 14, 2008, between the Republic of Benin (the Recipient) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the Bank) acting as an implementing agency of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in respect of grant funds provided to the GEF Trust Fund by certain members of the Bank as participants of the GEF.

Further to your letters dated October 6, 2010 and May 13, 2011 in which the restructuring of the Project is requested in order to facilitate its implementation, the Bank proposes the following amendments to the Agreement:

1. Components 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 (Description of the Project) to the Agreement are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced by Components 1 and 2 in the Annex 1 to this letter.

2. Section II.A.1 (Project Monitoring; Reporting and Evaluation) of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

“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 set forth in the PIM. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the Bank not later than one month after the end of the period covered by such report.”
3. The table in Section IV.A.2 (Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds) of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by the table in the Annex 2 to this letter.

4. Section IV.B.2 (Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds) of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

   “2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is May 15, 2014;”

All other provisions of the Agreement, except as amended herein, shall remain in full force and effect.

Please indicate your acknowledgement of, and agreement with, the foregoing amendments to the Agreement on behalf of the Recipient by countersigning and dating the two original copies of this letter and returning one countersigned original to us. The amendments to the Agreement shall become effective as of the date of countersignature of this letter.

Sincerely,

   By: Madani M. Tall
   Country Director for Benin
   Africa Region

ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF BENIN

By: //s// Adidjatou A. Mathys
Name: H.E. Adidjatou A. Mathys
Title: Minister of Economy and Finance
Date: June 20, 2011
ANNEX 1

COMPONENTS 1 AND 2 OF THE PROJECT

Component 1: Coordination, Institution and Capacity Building for Integrated Coastal Zone Management

1. Reduction of the fragmentation of policy and institutions related to the management of coastal resources by assisting with the creation and/or strengthening communal councils (CCED) and the inter-communal council for eco-development (CIED) to coordinate economic development and the management of critical natural resources, including biodiversity hot spots in communal territories, and areas that span over several municipalities, and to oversee the implementation of the CBCA Management Plans.

2. Strengthening of the technical capacity of line ministries, coastal municipalities, the ABE, and local communities involved in coastal resource management and conservation, through workshops seminars, awareness raising, study tours, participation in regional conferences, and ‘learning-by-doing’, and short-term training sessions, which will focus on developing skills in: (i) integrated land use planning, (ii) conflict resolution in resource multiple-use systems, (iii) environmental impact assessment, and (iv) participatory monitoring and evaluation in sustainable natural resource management.

Component 2: Community-Based Coastal Biodiversity Conservation Areas

1. Establishment of three Community-Based Biodiversity Conservation Areas (CBCAs), through (i) the elaboration of a baseline study on socio-economic and institutional conditions, (ii) consultation and sensitization of local populations and governments, (iii) supporting the adoption of communal statutes designating the targeted sites as CBCAs, (iv) demarcation of the conservation sites, (v) the preparation and adoption of site management and conservation charters, (vi) the formulation of effective site-specific conservation managements plans (“CBCA Management Plans”), which will provide for small grants to be available for Sub-projects, (vii) the creation of site management units for each of the CBCAs (“CBCA Management Units”), through technical assistance, surveys and baseline studies, and (viii) support to the creation and reinforcement of the capacities of associations of CBCA users, representatives of local communities and local partners for the implementation of the CBCA Management Plans.
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