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Amendment to the Trust Fund Administration Agreement and the Supplemental Agreement between the Republic of India and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association concerning the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the South-South Experience Exchange Between Practitioners (TF 071093) and Parallel Trust Fund No. TF072546

Dear Mr. Kumar,

1. We refer to the Trust Fund Administration Agreement between the Republic of India through its Ministry of Finance (the “Donor”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (collectively, the “Bank”) regarding the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the South-South Experience Exchange Between Practitioners (the “Trust Fund”) (TF 071093), effective as of January 20, 2010 (the “Administration Agreement”) as amended and Parallel trust fund agreement effective as of March 8, 2016 (the “Supplemental Agreement”).

2. Pursuant to recent discussions between the Bank and the Donor, the Bank proposes to amend the Administration Agreement and the Supplemental Agreement as follows:

   (a) Paragraph B of Annex 1 to the Administration Agreement is hereby amended to add a new paragraph to read as follows:

   “(f) Provide technical assistance to participating countries for knowledge sharing.”

   (b) Paragraph C of Annex 1 to the Administration Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

   “The Contribution funds shall be used to finance associated overheads, short terms temporaries and consultant fees, contractual services, staff costs including salary,
benefits and indirects, extended term temporaries and consultants, travel expenses, and media and workshops costs.”

(c) Section C (Expenditures) of Annex 1 of the Administration Agreement of the parallel Trust Fund No. TF072546 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(C) The following eligible expenditures categories may be used to finance Bank-executed activities:

(a) staff costs (excluding short term consultants and temporaries, and also excluding extended term consultants and temporaries);
(b) extended term consultants and temporaries;
(c) short-term consultants;
(d) short terms temporaries
(e) contractual services;
(f) media, workshops, conferences and meetings; and
(g) travel expenses.

(i) For purposes of the above expenditure categories: (i) “staff costs (excluding short term consultants and temporaries, and also excluding extended term consultants and temporaries)” includes salaries, benefits and indirect rates charged to the Trust Fund as applicable under Bank policies and procedures; (ii) “extended term consultants and temporaries” includes fees, benefits and indirect rates charged to the Trust Fund as applicable under Bank policies and procedures; and (iii) “short term consultants” includes fees and indirect rates charged to the Trust Fund as applicable under Bank policies and procedures.

(ii) The “Indirect Rate” means the indirect rate, defined as a percentage of personnel costs and available at the World Bank’s Donor center secure website, as such rate may be revised from time to time by the Bank and applied to this Trust Fund, in accordance with its policies and procedures.”

(d) Paragraph 7.1 of Annex 2 to the Administration Agreement is hereby amended to read as follows:

“7.1. It is expected that the Contribution funds shall be fully disbursed by the Bank in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement by June 30, 2020. The Bank shall only disburse Contribution funds for the purposes of this Agreement after such date with the written approval of the Donors.”

3. All other terms of the Administration Agreement and the Supplemental Agreement shall remain the same.

4. The Bank will disclose this Amendment and related information on this Trust Fund in accordance with the World Bank Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this Amendment, the Donor consents to disclosure of this Amendment and related information on this Trust Fund.
5. Please confirm your acceptance to the foregoing, on behalf of the Donor, by signing and dating the two originals, retaining one original for your records and returning the other original to the Bank. Upon receipt by the Bank of the original Amendment countersigned by you, this Amendment will become effective as of the last date of the countersignature of the respective amendments signed by all donors contributing to this Trust Fund.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Abha Joshi-Ghan
Acting Vice President
Leadership, Learning and Innovation

CONFIRMED AND AGREED

REPUBLIC OF INDIA

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To,

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Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated June 16, 2016 on the above cited subject and forward the original copy of document containing the amendments to the Trust Fund Administration Agreement and the Supplemental Agreement formulated between the Republic of India and the IBRD and the IDA concerning the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for the South-South Experience Exchange (SEETF) Between Practitioners (TF 071093) and Parallel Trust Fund No. TF 072546 duly countersigned and dated by Mr. Raj Kumar, Joint Secretary (MI) of Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

The scanned copy has already been sent via email to the World Bank.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: One original copy of the TF Administration Agreement & Supplemental Agreement

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