Amendment to the Agreement between the Adaptation Fund Board and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development concerning the “Increasing Climate Resilience and Enhancing Sustainable Land Management in Southwest of Buenos Aires” Project in Argentina

Dear Mr. Hans Olav Ibrekk:

1. We refer to the Agreement between the Adaptation Fund Board (the “Board”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the “World Bank”), regarding the “Increasing Climate Resilience and Enhancing Sustainable Land Management in Southwest of Buenos Aires” Project in Argentina effective as of February 25, 2013 (the “Agreement”).

2. Pursuant to Decision B.19-24, dated December 12, 2012, the Board approved a revised version of the standard template Legal Agreement between the Board and Implementing Entity (the “Standard Template”).

3. The Adaptation Fund Secretariat recently gave notice to the World Bank of their administrative error in providing the correct version of the Standard Template, and their related request to amend the Agreement, namely its Section 2 on The Project and the Grant and its Section 7 on Reports and Reporting.

4. As per Section 12 of the Agreement, the Agreement is binding on the Board and the World Bank upon its signature by both parties and may only be amended, in writing, by mutual consent between the Board and the World Bank. Accordingly, the World Bank is not bound by past or future Board-approved revisions to the Standard Template. However, in the spirit of good collaboration, the World Bank is pleased to inform the Board that the World Bank agrees to amend the Agreement to read as follows:
Section 2. The Project and the Grant

"2.02. The Trustee shall transfer the Grant funds to the Implementing Entity on the written instructions of the Board. Any subsequent transfer of Grant funds to the Implementing Entity after the first tranche shall only be transferred after the Board approves the annual Project Performance Reports (PPR) referred to in section 7.01.b."

Section 7. Reports and Reporting

"7.01. The Implementing Entity shall provide to the Board, through the Secretariat, the following reports and financial statements:

a) An inception report submitted to the secretariat no later than one (1) month after the inception workshop has taken place. The start date of the Project is considered the date of the inception workshop;

b) Annual Project Performance Reports (PPR) on the status of the Project implementation, including the disbursements made during the relevant period or more frequent progress reports if requested by the Board. The PPR shall be submitted on a yearly basis one (1) year after the start of Project implementation and no later than two (2) months after the end of the reporting year;

c) A mid-term evaluation, prepared by an independent evaluator selected by the Implementing entity for any Project that is under implementation for over four years; the mid-term evaluation should be submitted to the Fund Secretariat within six months of the mid-point of Project implementation;

d) A Project completion report, including any specific Project implementation information, as reasonably requested by the Board through the Secretariat, within six (6) months after Project completion;

e) A final evaluation report, prepared by an independent evaluator selected by the Implementing Entity. The final evaluation report shall be submitted within nine (9) months after Project completion. Copies of these reports shall be forwarded by the Implementing Entity to the Designated Authority for information; and

f) A final audited financial statement of the Implementing Entity Grant Account, prepared by an independent auditor or evaluation body, within six (6) months of the end of the Implementing Entity’s financial year during which the Project is completed."

5. All other terms of the Agreement shall remain the same.

6. The World Bank will disclose this Amendment and related information in accordance with the World Bank Policy on Access to Information. By entering into this Amendment, the Board consents to disclosure of this Amendment.
7. Please confirm your understanding of the foregoing, on behalf of the Board, by signing, dating, and returning to us one of the enclosed originals of this Amendment. Upon receipt by the World Bank of the original of this Amendment countersigned by you, this Amendment will become effective as of the countersignature.

Sincerely,

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Karin Kemper
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World Bank Group Climate Change Vice Presidency

CONFIRMED AND AGREED:

Adaptation Fund Board

By:  Hans Olav Ibrekk

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