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Amendment to the Trust Fund Administration Agreement between the United States Government and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association concerning the Umbrella Facility for Gender Equality (UFGE) Multi-Donor Trust Fund
USAID Grant. No. AID-BFS-10-13-00005) (Bank TF071893)

Dear Ms. Grown:

1. We refer to the Administration Agreement between the United States Government, acting through the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) (the “Donor”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“IBRD”) and the International Development Association (“IDA”) (collectively, the “Bank”) regarding Umbrella Facility for Gender Equality Multi-Donor Trust Fund (the “Trust Fund”) effective September 30, 2013 (the “Administration Agreement”).

2. Pursuant to recent discussions between the Bank and the Donor, the Bank proposes (a) to remove all references to the PREM Gender and Development Group (PRMGE) and all references to the Gender Board in Annex 1, and (b) amend the End Disbursement Date in paragraph 8.2 of Annex 2 of the Agreement to read as follows:

   (a) Annex 1 of the Administration Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the Attachment 1 to this Amendment; and

   (b) Paragraph 8.2 of Annex 2 to the Administration Agreement is amended to read as follows:

   “8.2 It is expected that the Contributions will be fully disbursed by the Bank by June 30, 2022. The Bank shall only disburse Contributions for the purpose of this Agreement after such date with written approval of the Donors.”

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3. All other terms of the Administration 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. This Agreement shall, upon your confirmation in the manner indicated below, constitute an agreement between USAID and the Bank effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Margot Ellis
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U.S. Agency for International Development

Enclosure:
Annex 1

AGREED:
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By: [Signature] Date: Dec 22, 2015

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Description of Activities, Criteria for Allocation of Funds, and Expenditures under the UFGE Multi-Donor Trust Fund

This Annex will be applicable to and form an integral part of all agreements entered into between the Bank and entities (collectively, the “Donors”) that provide contributions (the aggregate of all contributions from the Donors, the “Contributions”) to be administered by the Bank for the Trust Fund.

A. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

The main objective of the Trust Fund is to strengthen awareness, knowledge, and capacity for gender-informed policy making and programs. The Trust Fund will support activities that contribute to better gender-informed policy making at the country level by increasing the availability of gender-relevant data and evidence; contribute to global knowledge by road testing new evidence; and help raise awareness of and demand for gender equality interventions by working in partnership with client governments, civil society, research institutes, academia, the private sector, and development partners.

Activities

The Trust Fund will finance activities with a strong ‘public good’ element, as well as those that are innovative and push the frontiers of gender equality work. Activities to be financed by the Trust Fund will fall under three main priority areas:

I. Increasing availability of gender-relevant data and evidence. Activities will include addressing data gaps, making existing data more accessible and building evidence in frontier areas and those where gender gaps persist.

II. Road testing new evidence. Activities will include identifying relevant lessons on how development practitioners can effectively translate new evidence into results on the ground, such as strengthening and expanding successful approaches.

III. Leveraging partnerships to help advance gender equality. Under this activity the Bank will engage civil society and private sector, especially from developing client countries to identify, disseminate and implement innovative gender equality initiatives.
The implementation of the activities to be financed by the Trust Fund is as follows:

(I) Bank-Executed Trust Fund Activities:

(a) Activities related to priority areas I (Increasing availability of gender-relevant data and evidence) II (Road testing new evidence), and III (Leveraging partnerships) mentioned above.

(b) Program Management, Program Administration and Knowledge Management: The Gender Cross Cutting Solution Area (GCGDR) will coordinate the day to day activities including leveraging global partnerships, aggregate knowledge management activities and administering the Trust Fund, working in close collaboration with regions and networks.

(II) Recipient-Executed Trust Fund Activities:

(a) Activities related to priority areas I (Increasing availability of gender-relevant data and evidence), and II (Road testing new evidence).

B. CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

The Gender Leadership Council (GLC) is responsible for allocation decisions, and ensuring that such allocations are aligned with the objectives of the UFGE and the strategy for gender mainstreaming in the Bank.

The GLC will make allocation decisions based on the following general criteria:

- Alignment with the Bank’s strategy for gender mainstreaming.
- Alignment with Regional needs and priorities, as laid out in the Regional Gender Action Plans.
- Alignment with the overall objectives of the UFGE: to strengthen awareness, knowledge and capacity for gender-informed policy making.
- Extent to which activities have a strong public-good rationale and/or are catalysts for innovation and investment in frontier issues and persistent gaps.

Funds under the UFGE will mainly be allocated through:

B. 1. Strategic Allocations

a) **Strategic Activities**: Activities related to priority areas I (Increasing availability of gender-relevant data and evidence) II (Road testing new evidence), and III (Leveraging partnerships) mentioned above.

b) **Regional Block Grants** (for both, Bank and Recipient execution): These will cover a three-year period and be considered once every 18 months, depending on funding availability. Proposals must be endorsed by the Regional Vice
President. The GLC will review and approve proposals based on the criteria above.

B. 2. Competitive Calls for Proposals
A portion of the Trust Fund may be used for competitive calls for proposals for Bank executed activities. The intent of this mechanism is to incentivize Bank teams to undertake activities in areas where the agenda on gender equality needs a push. It might also be used to address areas where the implementation of the 2012 WDR is lagging.

A Technical Review Committee, consisting of World Bank experts, would be convened to establish criteria for a call for proposals and to review and rank those that are submitted. The GLC will endorse the criteria and clear the selection of proposals.

B. 3. GCGDR Managed Allocation
The focus under this allocation is priority area III (leveraging partnerships) as described above, as well as activities that will include aggregate knowledge management and UFGE’s Program management and administration, to be carried out by GCGDR.

C. ELIGIBLE CATEGORIES OF EXPENDITURE

For Bank-Executed activities the Contributions may be used to finance:
(a) consultants’ services (individuals and firms);
(b) extended term consultants;
(c) associated overheads (e.g., telephone, fax, internet connection expenses during mission travel, telecommunications for learning events, etc.);
(d) contractual services;
(e) staff costs, benefits and indirects (e.g., communications, use of office space and IT equipment by staff, etc.);
(f) travel expenses (including travel related charges and subsistence for staff, consultants and workshop participants, etc.);
(g) media, workshop, conference and meeting expenses (including external participant costs, honoraria, facilities for events, etc.); and
(h) temporary support staff costs.

For Recipient-Executed activities, the Contributions may be used to finance eligible expenditures in accordance with the Bank’s applicable policies and procedures.

The foregoing categories of expenditures may include the financing of taxes."