June 17, 2010

Dear Excellency M. Idriss L. DAOUDA,

We refer to the Letter Agreement (the Agreement) for the above-mentioned project (the Project) dated April 14, 2008 signed by the International Development Association (the World Bank), acting as administrator of the Education for All – Fast Track Initiative Catalytic Trust Fund (“EFA-FTI CTF”) and countersigned by the Republic of Benin (the Recipient) on April 18, 2008, as same was amended by an amendment letter dated May 20, 2009 signed by the World Bank and countersigned by the Recipient on May 20, 2009. We also refer to your letter dated May 3, 2010 requesting, inter alia, an extension of the closing date provided under the Agreement.

We are pleased to inform you that the World Bank agrees to your request, and accordingly we propose to amend the Agreement as follows:

1. Section 2.01 of the Annex to the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the terms set out in Schedule 1 to this letter.

2. Section 2.04(a) of the Annex to the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

   “2.04 Program and Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation. (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Program and the Project and prepare Program and Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the Association and set forth in the Operational Manual. Each Program and Project Report shall cover the period of one calendar semester, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than one month after the end of the period covered by such report.”

Please find attached the draft amendment letter to this effect.

We look forward to your prompt acknowledgment of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development
3. Section 3.03 of the Annex to the Agreement is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

“3.03 Withdrawal Period. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06(c) of the Standard Conditions is December 30, 2011.”

4. Appendix 2 to the Agreement is deleted in its entirety.

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

Please indicate your agreement with the foregoing amendment by countersigning, dating and returning to us the enclosed copy of this letter, while keeping one original for your records. The amendment will become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

//S// Madani M. Tall
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AGREED

REPUBLIC OF BENIN

By:  //s// Idriss Daouda_____________________
    Authorized Representative

Name:  Idriss Daouda_____________________

Title:  Minister de L/Economie et de Finances_________________

Date:  June 25, 2010_
SCHEDULE 1

“2.01 Project Description. The Project, which is part of the Recipient’s Program, consists of the following parts:

**Part A: Improving Access to Education, Equity and Retention**

Improving access, equity, and retention by: (a) constructing, rehabiliting, and equipping educational infrastructure, and (b) supporting a program of daily nutrition assistance in pre-primary and primary public schools.

**Part B: Improving Quality of Teaching and Literacy Training**

Improving quality of teaching, by: (a) supporting implementation of programs based on the ‘competence approach’; (b) strengthening the qualifications of teachers and management personnel with training and support to training institutions; (c) providing direct support to public pre-primary school and primary schools for teaching materials and operating costs; and (d) improving literacy by elaborating new programs and materials, training literacy trainers and personnel and providing literacy training to adults, in particular to girls and women.

**Part C: Improving Management and Steering of the Educational System**

Improving the management of the educational system and building management capacity, by: (a) improving pedagogical and institutional management with the use of student learning assessments, results-based management systems, and external evaluations of the efficacy of certain pedagogical interventions; and (b) building management capacity in order to improve the sector’s planning, programming, procurement, financial management, and monitoring and evaluation capacity, and putting in place an information management system.”

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