Ms. Ada van Krimpen  
Director  
International Statistical Institute (ISI)  
P.O. Box 24070  
2490 AB, The Hague  
The Netherlands

Re: Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building III (TFSCB)  
Grant to Support Developing Countries Participation in Conferences,  
Workshops and Short Courses Project (Grant No.TF018269)

Dear Ms. van Krimpen:

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of International Statistical Institute (“Recipient”), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“World Bank”), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various Donors (“Donors” under the Statistical Capacity Building III Trust Fund), proposes to extend to the Recipient for the benefit of Participating Countries a grant in an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand United States Dollars ($500,000) (“Grant”) on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this letter agreement (“Agreement”), which includes the attached Annex, to assist in the financing of the project described in the Annex (“Project”).

This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the Donors. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions (as defined in the Annex to this Agreement), the World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the Donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that it is authorized to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the Project in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement.
Please confirm the Recipient’s agreement to the foregoing by having an authorized official of the Recipient sign and date the enclosed copy of this Agreement, and returning it to the World Bank. Upon receipt by the World Bank of this countersigned copy, this Agreement shall become effective as of the date of the countersignature.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By  

Haishan Pu  
Director  
Development Economics  
Development Data Group

AGREED:

INTERNATIONAL STATISTICAL INSTITUTE

By  

Authorized Representative

Name:  
Title:  
Date:  12 May 2015

Enclosures:

(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
(3) “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011
Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions


1.02. Definitions. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in this Agreement.

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. Project Objectives and Description. The objective of the Project is to expand the statistical capacity in developing countries by (a) developing the leadership and management skills of official statisticians and increasing their ability to build statistical systems; and (b) providing statisticians and practitioners with selected training in statistical methods and software. The Project consists of the following parts:

a) 60th ISI World Statistical Congress (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 26-31, 2015): Provide support for approximately 45 participants to attend the 60th ISI World Statistical Congress (WSC) including the associated meetings. Support the participation of young statisticians in the local region in short courses taking place during the WSC on topics related to key methodological areas;

b) Regional Governance Workshops: Carrying-out up to four regional Governance workshops on leadership and management training for mid- and high-level management staff of National Statistical Offices, as well as targeted workshops in statistical methods in Africa, Asia, and Latin America;

c) Biennial Conference for the ISI Associations: the ISI Associations include International Association of Survey Statisticians (IASS), the International Association of Official Statistics (IAOS), and the International Association of Statistical Computing (IASC), among others. Provide support for about 40 participants from developing countries who will disseminate the relevant knowledge in their National Statistical Offices;

d) ISI Regional Conferences: Provide support for participants in regional conferences which bring together statisticians from the same region, with a specific focus on young statisticians. For example, the first regional ISI conference took place in Malaysia in November 2014; and

e) Carry out activities related to management and monitoring the Project including an annual audit.

2.02. Project Execution Generally. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article II of the Standard Conditions; (b) the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011 (“Anti-Corruption Guidelines”); and (c) this Article II.
2.03. **Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation.**

(a) 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. Each 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.

(b) The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the Closing Date.

2.04. **Financial Management.**

(a) The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

(b) The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank as part of the Project Report not later than one month after the end of each calendar semester, covering the semester, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

(c) The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

2.05. **Procurement.** All goods, non-consulting services, and/or consulting services required for the Project and to be financed, fully or partially, out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in the “Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011 and revised July 2014 (“Procurement Guidelines”), and the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011 and revised July 2014 (“Consultant Guidelines”).

**Article III**

**Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds**

3.01. **Eligible Expenditures.** The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance 100% of Eligible Expenditures consisting of Consultants’ Services, Training and Workshops, and Operating Costs inclusive of taxes.

For the purposes of this paragraph, the term: (i) “Training and Workshops” means the reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the World Bank, for training and workshops conducted under the Project, including expenditures for travel, accommodation, and subsistence of participants; and (ii) “Operating Costs” means the reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the World Bank, for the incremental
expenses incurred on account of Project implementation (but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient's staff).

3.02. Withdrawal Conditions. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of countersignature of this Agreement by the Recipient.

3.03. Withdrawal Period. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is two years from the countersignature date.

Article IV
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

4.01. Recipient's Representative. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is the Director.

4.02. Recipient's Address. The Recipient's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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4.03. World Bank's Address. The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Facsimile: 1-202-477-6391