Dr. Paco Sereme  
Acting Executive Director  
Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour la Recherche et le Développement Agricoles (CORAF/WECARD)  
7, Avenue Bourguiba  
BP 48, Dakar RP  
Republic of Senegal  

Re: ERRTF Grant No. TF0A0332  
Support to the Rebuilding of the Agricultural Productivity in Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia Project  

Dear Sir/Madam:  

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour la Recherche et le Développement Agricoles (CORAF/WECARD) (“Recipient”), I am pleased to inform you that the International Development Association (“World Bank”), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors (“Donors”) under the Ebola Recovery and Reconstruction Trust Fund, proposes to extend to the Recipient for the benefit of the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Sierra Leone and the Republic of Liberia (“Member Country”), a grant in an amount not to exceed three million United States Dollars (U.S.$3,000,000) (“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.

Very truly yours,
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

[Signature]
Colin Bruce
Director, Regional Integration
Africa Region

AGREED:
CONSEIL OUEST ET CENTRE AFRICAIN POUR LA RECHERCHE ET LE DéVELOPPEMENT AGRICOLES (CORAF/WECARD)

[Signature]
The Ag Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD
Dr. Patrice SEREME

Date: 29 JUIN 2015

Enclosures:

(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
ERRTF Grant No. TF0A0332  
ANNEX

Article I  
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. Standard Conditions. The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank out of Various Funds dated February 15, 2012 (“Standard Conditions”), with the modifications set forth in the Appendix to this Agreement, constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

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 and the following terms have the following meanings:

a) “CORAF/WECARD Project Implementation Manual” means the Recipient’s set of manuals of procedure including: (a) CORAF/WECARD Manual of Procedures for the Management of Programmes dated December 2008 and revised July 2010; (b) CORAF/WECARD Manual of Procedures of Competitive Funds dated July 2010; (c) CORAF/WECARD Financial and Administrative Procedures Manual dated December 2008 and revised March 2011; and (d) CORAF/WECARD Procurement Manual dated March 2011) outlining detailed arrangements and procedures for implementation of the Project including, inter alia: (a) institutional coordination and day-to-day implementation of the Project; (b) disbursement and financial management arrangements including audit of the Project; (c) procurement arrangements and procedures; (d) monitoring and evaluation, reporting and communication; and (e) such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for the Project, as the same may be amended from time to time with the agreement of the World Bank.

b) “Environmental and Social Management Framework” and “ESMF” means the Recipient’s framework dated February 1, 2012, updated and re-disclosed on March 10, 2015, which: (i) sets forth standards, methods and procedures specifying how technological research activities under the Project which location, number and scale are presently unknown shall systematically address environmental and social issues in the screening and categorization, siting, design, implementation and monitoring phases during Project implementation; (ii) systematizes the environmental and social impact assessment required for such activities before Project execution; and (iii) stipulates the procedures for conducting site-specific environmental impact assessments, be they limited environmental impact assessments or full environmental impact assessments.

c) “Operational Costs” means expenditures incurred to finance the cost under the Project of: (i) salaries of the staff of CORAF/WECARD (excluding civil servants); (ii) per diem and travel expenses of personnel to perform responsibilities under the Project; (iii) fuel and vehicle maintenance and insurance; (iv) communication technology (including, without limitation, internet and telephone); (v) building security and maintenance; (vi) translation services, photocopies and publications; (vii) bank commissions; and (viii) utilities and office supplies.

d) “Pest Management Plan” and “PMP” means the Recipient’s plan dated February 1, 2012, updated and re-disclosed on March 10, 2015 which: (i) addresses the concerns relating to the Project risks associated with potential increases in the use of pesticides for agricultural
production, intensification and diversification and controlling disease vector populations arising from irrigation schemes; (ii) sets forth mitigation and monitoring measures to be taken during Project implementation and operation to eliminate adverse environmental and social impacts, offset them, or reduce them to acceptable levels; and (iii) recommends institutional measures to strengthen national capacities to implement the mitigation and monitoring measures.

**Article II**

**Project Execution**

2.01. *Project Objectives and Description.* The objective of the Project is to support the restoration of the agricultural productivity of small scale producers including women producers through the provision of improved certified and foundation seeds (mainly for rice and maize) in the Member Country’s territory in order to mitigate the impact of the Ebola outbreak on the vulnerable poor rural households. The Project consists of the following parts:

A. **Provision of agriculture inputs (mainly certified and foundation seeds) to producers**

Procurement and transportation to identified warehouses in the Member Country’s territory of approximately: (i) 1,000 tons of certified seeds and 160 tons of foundation seeds of improved rice varieties; and (ii) 200 tons of certified seeds and 40 tons of foundation seeds of improved maize varieties.

B. **Project Management**

Carrying out the management, coordination, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of the Grant’s activities, including the audit of the Grant.

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. **Institutional and Other Arrangements**

A. **Project Coordination Units**

Without limitation upon Section 2.02 above, the Recipient shall maintain throughout the implementation the Project, the coordinating units with structure, mandate and resources satisfactory to the World Bank, to support the implementation of the Project at the country level (“Project Coordinating Units”).

B. **CORAF/WECARD Project Implementation Manual**

1. The Recipient shall:

(i) implement the Project in accordance with the CORAF/WECARD Project Implementation Manual in order to achieve the objective of the Project;
(ii) take all action required to carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions and requirements set forth or referred to in the CORAF/WECARD Project Implementation Manual; and

(iii) not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the CORAF/WECARD Project Implementation Manual or any of its provisions without the World Bank’s prior agreement.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any of the provisions of the CORAF/WECARD Project Implementation Manual is inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail and govern.

C. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall: (i) ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (“ESMF”) and the Pest Management Plan (“PMP) in a timely and technical manner satisfactory to the World Bank; (ii) make available resources adequate for the proper implementation of the ESMF, (iii) include in the Project Reports referred to in section 2.04 of this Annex adequate information on the monitoring measures defined in the ESMF and the PMP; and (iv) not amend or waive any provision of the aforementioned documents without the prior written agreement of the World Bank.

2.04. 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 forty five days 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.

2.05. 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 not later than forty five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, 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. Such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.

2.06. Procurement

(a) General. All goods, non-consulting services and consultants’ services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:

(ii) Sections I and IV of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (revised July 2014) (“Consultant Guidelines”) in the case of consultants’ services; and

(iii) the provisions of this Section, as the same shall be elaborated in the procurement plan prepared and updated from time to time by the Recipient for the Project in accordance with paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines (“Procurement Plan”).

(b) Definitions. The capitalized terms used in the following paragraphs of this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in Sections II and III of the Procurement Guidelines, or Sections II, III, IV and V of the Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

(c) Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods and Non-consulting Services

(i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods and non-consulting services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

(ii) The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods and non-consulting services for those contracts which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) National Competitive Bidding following the competitive bidding procedure normally used for public procurement in the Republic of Senegal, subject to the provisions of paragraph (iii) below; (B) Shopping; (C) procurement under Framework Agreements in accordance with procedures which have been found acceptable to the World Bank; and (E) Direct Contracting.

(iii) The following provisions apply to National Competitive Bidding: (a) bids shall be advertised in national newspapers with wide circulation; (b) bid evaluation, bidder qualification and award criteria shall be specified clearly in the bidding documents; (c) bidders shall be given an adequate response time (minimum four weeks following the date of the invitation to bid or the date of availability of the bidding documents, whichever is later) to prepare and submit bids; (d) bids shall be awarded to the lowest evaluated bidder which meets the qualification criteria; (e) eligible bidders, including foreign bidders, shall not be precluded from participating; and (f) no preference margin shall be granted to domestic contractors.

(d) Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services

(i) Except as otherwise provided in item (ii) below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

(ii) The following methods, other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, may be used for the procurement of consultants’ services for those assignments which are specified
in the Procurement Plan: (A) Quality-based Selection; (B) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (C) Least Cost Selection; (D) Selection based on Consultants' Qualifications; (E) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (F) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (G) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

(e) **Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions.** The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank's Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.

**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) 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 Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the following table. The table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant ("Category"), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>Goods, non-consulting services, Operating Costs, and consultants' services under the Project</td>
<td>3,000,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL AMOUNT</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,000,000</strong></td>
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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 this Agreement, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed $3,000,000 equivalent may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after February 1, 2015, for Eligible Expenditures under the Project.

3.03. **Withdrawal Period.** The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is December 31, 2016.

**Article IV**

**Additional Remedies**

4.01. **Additional Events of Suspension.** The Additional Events of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02 (k) of the Standard Conditions consists of the following:
(a) the World Bank has determined after the Effective Date referred to in Section 5.03 of this Agreement that prior to such date but after the date of this Agreement, an event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the Recipient's right to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective on the date such event occurred.

(b) CORAF's Legislation has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of CORAF to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement.

Article V
Recipient’s Representative; Addresses

5.01. **Recipient’s Representative.** The Recipient’s Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Executive Director.

5.02. **Recipient’s Address.** The Recipient’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

7, Avenue Bourguiba
BP 48, Dakar RP
Republic of Senegal

Facsimile: (221) 869-96-31

5.03. **World Bank’s Address.** The World Bank’s Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America

Cable: Telex: Facsimile:

INDEVAS 248423 (MCI) or 1-202-477-6391
Washington, D.C. 64145 (MCI)
APPENDIX
Modifications to the Standard Conditions

The Standard Conditions are modified as follows:

Paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Appendix (Definitions) are modified to read as follows:

"17. "Member Country" means the member of the World Bank in whose territory the Project is carried out or any of such member's political or administrative subdivisions. If the Grant is extended by the World Bank to such member as a party to the Grant Agreement, the term "Member Country" and "Recipient" refer to the same entity. If the Project is carried out in the territory of more than one member of the World Bank, "Member Country" refers separately to each such member.

18. "Project" means the Project for which the Grant is made. If the Project is carried out in the territory of more than one Member Country, "Project" refers separately to the Project of each such Member Country."