Mr. Alexandre Samon  
Director General  
_Institut National de la Statistique et de l'Analyse Economique_ 
Cotonou  
Republic of Benin  

Re: TFSCB III Grant No.TF0A4794  
Republic of Benin: Statistical Capacity Building Project  

Dear Sir:  

In response to the request for financial assistance made on behalf of the _Institut National de la Statistique et de l'Analyse Economique_ ("INSAE") ("Recipient"), I am pleased to inform you that the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association (collectively, the "World Bank"), acting as administrator of grant funds provided by various donors ("Donors") under the Multi-Donor Trust Fund for Statistical Capacity Building - III, proposes to extend to the Recipient for the benefit of the Republic of Benin ("Member Country"), a grant in an amount not to exceed two hundred sixty four thousand forty United States Dollars (US $264,040) ("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 BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT
AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Pierre Laporte
Country Director for Benin
Africa Region

AGREED:

INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA STATISTIQUE ET DE L'ANALYSE ECONOMIQUE

By:

Authorized Representative

Name: Alexandre Djacou
Title: Directeur Général
Date: 07 April 2017

Enclosures:

(2) Disbursement Letter of the same date as this Agreement, together with World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006
(5) 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

1.01. **Standard Conditions.** The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank out of Various Funds dated February 15, 2012 ("Standard Conditions") 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 additional terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Access to Information Policy" means a policy that provides for public disclosure of documents.

(b) "African Statistics Day" means a celebration day to increase awareness about the important role of statistics in all aspects of social and economic development in Africa.

(c) "ADEPT" means a poverty measurement and analysis tool.

(d) "DDI" means data documentation initiative.

(e) "DHS" and "Demographic and Health Survey", each means nationally-representative household surveys which provide data for a wide range of monitoring and impact evaluation indicators in the areas of population, health, and nutrition.

(f) "Economic Modeling Unit" means a unit within INSAE in charge of macroeconomic and macro econometric modeling.

(g) "Institut National de la Statistique et de l’Analyse Economique", "INSAE" and "National Institute of Statistics and Economic Analysis", each means a public institution within the Recipient’s ministry in charge of statistics comprising: (i) the directorate of statistics and economic studies; (ii) the directorate of demographic studies; (iii) the directorate of information processing and publications; and (iv) the directorate of statistical coordination, training and research.

(h) "NSDS-2" means the Recipient’s national strategy for the development of statistics.

(i) "NSO" means the Recipient’s national statistics office.

(j) "NSS" means the Recipient’s national statistical system.

(k) "Poverty Mapping" means a method that uses a household expenditure model from a survey dataset to estimate household welfare in a census dataset which typically does not include household expenditure or income information.

(l) "Legislation" means the ordinance No. 73-72 of October 16, 1973, as amended by Presidential Decree No. 93-168 of April 7, 1997, establishing the Recipient’s National Institute of
Statistics and Economic Analysis as a public institution with legal personality and financial autonomy.

(m) "Social Account Matrix" and "SAM", each means a technique for capturing the details of disaggregated national accounts in which data are displayed in a single-entry matrix format.

(n) "Training" means the reasonable costs associated with training and workshop participation under the Project, consisting of travel and subsistence costs for training participants, costs (other than consulting services) associated with securing the services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other costs directly related to course or workshop preparation and implementation.

(o) "WBCAPI" means the computer assisted personal interview technology developed by the World Bank to assist governments, statistical offices and non-governmental organizations in conducting complex surveys with dynamic structures using tablet devices.

Article II
Project Execution

2.01. Project Objectives and Description. The objective of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of the NSS to implement of the NSDS-2 through the production of better, more accessible and relevant statistics. The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A. Capacity Building of the NSS and NSO

Strengthening the technical capacity of human resources within the NSS through the carrying out of: (a) basic or fundamental statistics training to NSS employees; and (b) training to NSO and NSS staff on technical tools, including methodology and poverty measurement and analysis to improve their capacity in statistics and related fields such as poverty.

Part B. Improved Statistical Production

1. Setting-up a modeling structure to support: (a) an index of agricultural production prices; (b) Supplying the modeling center with necessary materials; and (c) preparing a new and updated SAM for forecasting and socioeconomic modeling.

2. Carrying out a comprehensive poverty mapping exercise, including training of staff to ensure the transfer of competencies and skills.

Part C. Improved Dissemination

Carrying out of a program of activities aimed at improving data access, outreach and dissemination, including: (a) expansion of data archiving to continue the NSO efforts to: (i) organize the major household surveys metadata and microdata under DDI format, (ii) store them through a secured platform; and (iii) allow free access to users under a clear Access to Information Policy; (b) a socioeconomic indicators dashboard and statistical yearbooks; and (c) a framework to undertake outreach activities, including: (i) training of NGO members and journalists; and (ii) celebration of the African Statistics Day through workshops and special events.
Part D. Project Management

Supporting the overall coordination of Project activities, including administrative and fiduciary aspects of Project implementation, meetings preparation and Project audits.

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 quarter, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than forty-five (45) 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 (6) 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 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. Each 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 (6) months after the end of such period.

2.05. Procurement

(a) General. All goods 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

(i) Except as otherwise provided in sub-paragraph (ii) below, goods 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 for those contracts which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (A) National Competitive Bidding; (B) Shopping; and (C) Direct Contracting.

(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) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (B) Least Cost Selection; (C) Selection based on Consultants’ Qualifications; (D) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (E) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (F) 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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<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>(1) Goods, consultants’ services and Training under the Project</td>
<td>264,040</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>264,040</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.

3.03. **Withdrawal Period.** The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is February 28, 2019.

**Article IV**
**Additional Remedies**

4.01. **Additional Event of Suspension.** The Additional Event of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02 (k) of the Standard Conditions consist of the following, namely the Legislation establishing INSAE has been amended, suspended, abrogated, repealed or waived so as to affect materially and adversely the ability of INSAE 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 director general.

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

*Institut National de la Statistique et de l’Analyse Economique*
Route de l’Aéroport
01 BP 323
Cotonou
Republic of Benin

Facsimile:

(229) 21308246
5.03. **World Bank's Address.** The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

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

Telex:  
248423 (MCI) or  
64145 (MCI)

Facsimile:  
1-202-477-6391