Cooperation in International Waters in Africa
Grant Agreement
(Niger River Basin Management Project)

between

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
(acting as administrator of the Cooperation in International Waters in Africa Trust Fund)

and

NIGER BASIN AUTHORITY

Dated February 18, 2016
COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS
IN AFRICA TRUST FUND

GRANT AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated February 18, 2016, entered into between NIGER BASIN AUTHORITY ("Recipient"); and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("World Bank"), acting as administrator of the Cooperation in International Waters in Africa Trust Fund.

WHEREAS (A) the Recipient: (i) having satisfied itself as to the feasibility and priority of the project described in Schedule 1 to the Agreement (the "Project"); (ii) has requested the World Bank, acting as administrator of the Cooperation in International Waters in Africa (CIWA) Trust Fund, to assist in the financing of the Project;

(B) said request has been approved in accordance with the rules and procedures governing the Trust Fund; and

WHEREAS the World Bank has agreed, on the basis, inter alia, of the foregoing, to extend a grant out of the CIWA Trust Fund to the Recipient upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, the Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. 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 Section I of the Appendix to this Agreement, constitute an integral part of this Agreement.

1.02. 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
The Project

2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions.
2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Article III
The Grant

3.01. The World Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount equal to seven million five hundred thousand United States Dollars ($7,500,000) ("Grant") to assist in financing the Project.

3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

3.03. The Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund. In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, 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.

Article IV
Additional Remedies

4.01. The Additional Event of Suspension referred to in Section 4.02 (k) of the Standard Conditions consists of the following:

The World Bank has determined after the Effective Date referred in Section 5.02 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.

Article V
Effectiveness; Termination

5.01 This Agreement shall not become effective until evidence satisfactory to the World Bank has been furnished to the World Bank that the conditions specified below have been satisfied.

(a) The execution and delivery of this Agreement on behalf of the Recipient have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action.
(b) The Recipient has recruited, for the Project Management Unit, a procurement specialist on the basis of terms of reference, qualifications and experience satisfactory to the World Bank and in accordance with the provisions of Section III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

5.02 As part of evidence to be furnished pursuant to Section 5.01 (a), there shall be furnished to the World Bank an opinion or opinions satisfactory to the World Bank of counsel acceptable to the World Bank or, if the World Bank so requests, a certificate satisfactory to the World Bank of a competent official of the Recipient, showing that on behalf of the Recipient, that this Agreement has been duly authorized by, and executed and delivered on its behalf and is legally binding upon it in accordance with its terms.

5.03 Except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, this Agreement shall enter into effect on the date upon which the World Bank dispatches to the Recipient notice of its acceptance of the evidence required pursuant to Section 5.01 ("Effective Date"). If, before the Effective Date, any event has occurred which would have entitled the World Bank to suspend the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account if this Agreement had been effective, the World Bank may postpone the dispatch of the notice referred to in this Section until such event (or events) has (or have) ceased to exist.

5.04 This Agreement and all obligations of the parties under it shall terminate if it has not entered into effect by the date 90 days after the date of this Agreement, unless the World Bank, after consideration of the reasons for the delay, established a later date for the purpose of this Section. The World Bank shall promptly notify the Recipient of such later date.

Article VI
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

6.01. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Executive Secretary.

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

Niger Basin Authority
288, Avenue du Fleuve du Niger, Plateau - Niamey
P.O. Box 729, Niamey, Niger

Facsimile:
(+227) 20 72 42 08
6.03. 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)

AGREED at Niamey, Republic of Niger, as of the day and year first above written.

NIGER BASIN AUTHORITY

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Name: Mrs Toupta Boguena
Title: Executive Secretary

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION
(acting as administrator of the Cooperation in International Waters in Africa Trust Fund)

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Name: Siaka Bakayoko
Title: Country Manager for Niger
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to strengthen the institutional framework for regional cooperation in water resources in the Niger River Basin.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part I. Strengthening the NBA for Sustainably Delivering its Mandate

A. Carrying out required analysis for the operationalization of a hydro-electricity levy through, *inter alia*: (a) the development of a business case for hydropower levy; (b) the development of a related feasibility study; (c) regional and national stakeholder consultations; (d) the design of an implementation plan; and (e) the provision of support to the NBA to implement said plan.

B. Facilitating the implementation of the Water Charter through *inter alia*: (a) revisions of the annex 2 to the Water Charter; and (b) the improvement and operationalization of the information system tool required for the implementation of said annex 2.

C. Strengthening the NBA’s institutional and organizational systems by: (a) providing support to: (i) the Dam Safety and Safeguards Panel of Experts; (ii) the NBA on-going operations; and (iii) the implementation of priority recommendations from the institutional and organizational audit prepared under the Niger Basin Water Resources Development and Sustainable Ecosystems Management Program; and (b) supporting the capacity of the Project Management Unit (PMU) for Project management.

Part II. Facilitating Evidence Based-Decision Making in Fomi Multipurpose Project

A. Facilitating an informed decision-making process of the Fomi Multipurpose Project through: (a) the provision of support to the NBA for the development of a summary of the state of knowledge on the Fomi Multipurpose Project; (b) the development of a strategy for the decision-making process on the Fomi Multipurpose Project; and (c) the carrying out of a process of engagement and sensitization of stakeholders, and workshops to familiarize decision-makers with technical details of key studies.

B. Carrying out a review of the potential institutional arrangements to best support the preparation, implementation and management of the Fomi Multipurpose Project.
C. Carrying out complementary studies related to environmental and social risks arising from the Fomi Multipurpose Project, including: (a) an advanced modeling of the ecosystem services in the Niger Inner Delta; and (b) further studies in response to issues emerging from the technical reports and the ESIA.

D. Carrying out a program of activities to enable the NBA to mobilize resources from a range of potential sources, including the organization of an investors’ conference and the development of communication material aimed at introducing the Fomi Multipurpose Project to investors.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Other Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

1. The Recipient shall maintain, throughout the implementation of the Project, the PMCU with terms of reference satisfactory to the World Bank and with resources and staff in number and with qualifications acceptable to the World Bank to be responsible for the overall Project coordination.

2. The Recipient shall maintain, throughout the implementation of the Project, the Regional Steering Committee with a mandate, composition and resources satisfactory to the World Bank, to be chaired by the Executive Secretary of the NBA or his representative.

B. Project Implementation Manual

1. The Recipient shall maintain, throughout Project implementation, the Project Implementation Manual ("PIM"), in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, containing, detailed arrangements and procedures for: (a) institutional coordination and day-to-day execution of the Project; (b) Project budgeting, disbursement and financial management; (c) procurement; (d) such other administrative, financial, technical and organizational arrangements and procedures as shall be required for purposes of implementation of the Project.

2. The Recipient shall afford the World Bank a reasonable opportunity to review such manual, and shall thereafter adopt said manual as shall have been approved by the World Bank.

3. The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the Project Implementation Manual and shall not amend, abrogate, waive or permit to be amended, abrogated or waived, the aforementioned manual or any provision thereof, without the prior written consent of the World Bank.

C. Annual Work Plan and Budget

1. The Recipient shall prepare, in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the World Bank, and furnish to the World Bank no later than December 31 of each Fiscal Year throughout the implementation of the Project, a work plan of proposed activities for inclusion in the Project for the next calendar year, together with a budget for such activities and a timetable for their implementation.
2. The Recipient shall afford the World Bank a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on such proposed work plan; and, thereafter, carry out such work plan during the period covered by said work plan, according to such budget, both as shall have been approved by the World Bank ("Annual Work Plan and Budget").

3. Only such Activities as shall have been included in the Annual Work Plan and Budget shall be eligible for financing out of the proceeds of the Grant.

D. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of 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").

E. Safeguards

The Recipient shall ensure that all studies and technical assistance under the Project are undertaken pursuant to terms of reference reviewed and found satisfactory by the World Bank, such terms of reference shall be designed to ensure that said studies and technical assistance are consistent with the World Bank's environmental and social safeguard policies, and take into account the Recipient's own guidelines to the environment and social aspects.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports; Completion Report

1. 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.

2. 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.

B. Financial Management; Financial Reports; Audits

1. The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.
2. 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.

3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements for the Project 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 (6) months after the end of such period.

4. The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, recruit an assistant accountant for the Project with terms of reference acceptable to the World Bank.

5. The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date, acquire, install, and thereafter maintain a computerized accounting system for the Project, acceptable to the World Bank.

Section III. Procurement

A. General

1. Procurement and Consultant Guidelines. 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:


(b) the provisions of this Section III, 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”).
2. **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used below in 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.

B. **Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods**

1. **International Competitive Bidding.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, goods shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Goods.** The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan: (a) Limited International Bidding; (b) National Competitive Bidding, subject to the following additional provisions set forth in paragraph 3 below; (c) Shopping; and (d) Direct Contracting.

3. **Requirements for National Competitive Bidding.** The procedures to be followed for National Competitive Bidding shall be those set forth in the Recipient's Procurement Rules, as revised from time to time in a manner deemed acceptable to the World Bank, subject, however, to the modifications described in the following paragraphs required for compliance with the Procurement Guidelines:

   (i) Eligible bidders, including foreign bidders, shall not be precluded from participating;

   (ii) Standard bidding documents acceptable to the World Bank shall be used for any procurement process under NCB;

   (iii) Invitation to bids shall be advertised in a national newspaper of wide circulation;

   (iv) Bidders shall be given at least thirty (30) days from the date of the invitation to bid or the date of availability of bidding documents, whichever is later, to prepare and submit bids;

   (v) No domestic or regional preference shall be given for domestic or regional bidders or for domestically or regionally manufactured goods or for bidders forming a joint venture with a national firm or for bidders proposing national sub-contractors or for bidders carrying out economic activities in the territory of the Recipient; and
(vi) Qualification criteria shall only concern a bidder's overall capability and financial capacity to perform the contract, taking into account objective and measurable factors. All qualification criteria shall be clearly specified in the bidding documents.

C. Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services

1. Quality- and Cost-based Selection. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.

2. Other Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services. The following methods, other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, may be used for 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.

D. 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.

Section IV. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

A. General

1. 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 Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following 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:
### 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>Goods, consultants’ services, Operating Costs and Training under the Project</td>
<td>7,500,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL AMOUNT</strong></td>
<td>7,500,000</td>
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#### B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section no withdrawal shall be made for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement.

2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06(c) of the Standard Conditions is December 31, 2019.
APPENDIX

I. Modifications to the Standard Conditions

The Standard Conditions are modified as follows:

1. Paragraph 17 of the Appendix (Definitions) is modified to read as follows:

"17. "Member Country" means a member of the World Bank in whose territory the Project is carried out or any of such member’s political or administrative subdivisions, and refers separately to each such member."

2. Section 3.07 is modified to read as follows:

"Section 3.07. Financing Taxes

(a) The Grant Agreement may specify that the proceeds of the Grant may not be withdrawn to pay for Taxes levied by, or in the territory of, a Member Country on or in respect of Eligible Expenditures, or on their importation, manufacture, procurement or supply. In such case, if the amount of any such Taxes decreases or increases, the World Bank may, by notice to the Recipient, adjust the percentage of such Eligible Expenditures to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant specified in the Grant Agreement, as required to ensure consistency with such limitation on withdrawals."

3. Section 4.02 is amended as follows:

(i) Paragraph (a) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) Interference. If the Grant has been made to a Recipient which is not the Member Country, a Member Country has: (i) taken or permitted to be taken any action which would prevent or interfere with the execution of the Project or the performance by the Recipient of its obligations under the Grant Agreement; or (ii) failed to afford a reasonable opportunity for representatives of the World Bank to visit any part of its territory for purposes related to the Grant or the Project."

(ii) Paragraphs (c) and (d) are amended to read as follows:

"(c) Fraud and Corruption. At any time, the World Bank determines that any representative of the Recipient (or any Member Country, if the Recipient is not the Member Country, or any other recipient of any of the proceeds of the Grant) has engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, coercive or collusive practices in connection with the use of the proceeds of the Grant, without the Recipient (or any such Member Country or any other such recipient) having taken timely and
appropriate action satisfactory to the World Bank to address such practices when they occur.

(d) Cross Suspension. IBRD or IDA has suspended in whole or in part the right of the Recipient (or of any Member Country, if the Recipient is not the Member Country) to make withdrawals under any agreement with IBRD or with IDA because of a failure by the Recipient (or by any such Member Country) to perform any of its obligations under such agreement or any other agreement with IBRD or IDA.”

(iii) Paragraph (h) is amended to read as follows:

“(h) Membership. A Member Country: (i) has been suspended from membership in or ceased to be a member of IBRD or of IDA; or (ii) has ceased to be a member of the International Monetary Fund.”

(iv) The first sentence of paragraph (i) is amended to read as follows:

“(i) Condition of Recipient. If the Grant has been made to a Recipient which is not a Member Country:”

(v) Paragraph (j) is amended to read as follows:

“(j) Ineligibility. IBRD or IDA has declared the Recipient (other than a Member Country) ineligible to receive proceeds of any financing made by IBRD or IDA or otherwise to participate in the preparation or implementation of any project financed in whole or in part by IBRD or IDA, as a result of: (i) a determination by IBRD or IDA that the Recipient has engaged in fraudulent, corrupt, coercive or collusive practices in connection with the use of the proceeds of any financing made by IBRD or IDA; and/or (ii) a declaration by another financier that the Recipient is ineligible to receive proceeds of any financing made by such financier or otherwise to participate in the preparation or implementation of any project financed in whole or in part by such financier as a result of a determination by such financier that the Recipient has engaged in fraudulent, corrupt, coercive or collusive practices in connection with the use of the proceeds of any financing made by such financier.”

4. Paragraph (c) of Section 4.03 is modified to read as follows:

“(c) Fraud and Corruption. At any time, the World Bank determines, with respect to any amount of the proceeds of the Grant, that corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient (or any Member Country, if the Recipient is not a Member Country, or any other recipient of the proceeds of the Grant), without the Recipient (or any such Member Country or other recipient of the proceeds of the Grant) having
5. Paragraph (a)(ii) of Section 4.05 is modified to read as follows:

"(ii) (A) engaging in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive or coercive practices in connection with the use of such amount, or (B) use of such amount to finance a contract during the procurement or execution of which such practices were engaged in by representatives of the Recipient (or any Member Country, if the Recipient is not a Member Country, or other recipient of such amount of the Grant), in either case without the Recipient (or any such Member Country, or other such recipient) having taken timely and appropriate action satisfactory to the World Bank to address such practices when they occur."

6. Paragraph (j) of Section 5.03 is modified to read as follows:

“(j) If, within thirty days after counterparts of the award have been delivered to the parties, the award has not been complied with, any party may: (i) enter judgment upon, or institute a proceeding to enforce, the award in any court of competent jurisdiction against any other party; (ii) enforce such judgment by execution; or (iii) pursue any other appropriate remedy against such other party for the enforcement of the award and the provisions of the Grant Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Recipient is the Member Country, this Section shall not authorize any entry of judgment or enforcement of the award against the Recipient except as such procedure may be available otherwise than by reason of the provisions of this Section.”

II. Definitions

1. “Annual Work Plan and Budget” means each annual work plan, together with the related budget, for the Project approved by the World Bank pursuant to the provisions of Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

2. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

3. “Dam Safety and Safeguards Panel of Experts” means an independent consultative structure with the NBA comprising 12 independent experts who the NBA and its Member States: (i) may call on to review and endorse technical documentation and plans; and (ii) may rely on for technical assistance.

4. “ESIA” means the economic and social impact assessment.

5. “Fomi Multipurpose Project” means the large-scale infrastructure project under preparation by the Republic of Guinea and the Republic of Mali, which includes the Fomi dam.
6. "Member States" means the Republic of Benin, Burkina Faso, the Republic of Cameroon, the Republic of Chad, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, the Republic of Guinea, the Republic of Mali, the Republic of Niger and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

7. "Niger Basin Authority" and "NBA", each means the authority for the management of the Niger River Basin, established pursuant to the Convention concluded at Farana, in the Republic of Guinea, on November 21, 1980, as revised on October 29, 1987, in N'Djamena, entitled "The revised convention of 29th of October relating to the creation of the Niger Basin Authority".


9. "Niger Inner Delta" means one of the four (4) hydro-ecological zones of the Niger Basin with an area of 80,000 square kilometers located in the Republic of Mali.

10. "Niger River Basin" means the geo-morphological area drained by the Niger River and its tributaries.

11. "Operating Costs" means the incremental expenses incurred by the Recipient based on the Annual Work Plans and Budgets as approved by the World Bank, on account of Project implementation, management, and monitoring and evaluation, including the reasonable costs for utilities and supplies, bank charges, communications, vehicle operation, maintenance, and insurance, office space rental, building and equipment maintenance, public awareness-related media expenses, travel and supervision, and salaries of contractual and temporary staff, but excluding salaries, fees, honoraria, and bonuses of members of the Recipient's civil service.

12. "Procurement Plan" means the Recipient's procurement plan for the Project, dated December 2, 2014, and referred to in paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of said paragraphs.
13. “Procurement Rule” means the Recipient’s procurement regulations through resolution no. 3 of the Council of Ministers’ (controlling organ of the NBA comprised of Member States ministers) 30th ordinary session held in N’Djamena, Republic of Chad on October 1st, 2011.

14. “Project Implementation Manual” and “PIM”, each means the manual, in form and substance acceptable to the World Bank, adopted by the Recipient in accordance with the provisions of Section I.B (1) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, as the same may be amended in accordance with the provisions of said Section.

15. “Project Management and Coordination Unit” and “PMCU”, each means the unit established for purposes of the Financing Agreement pursuant to the Niger Basin Water Resources Development and Sustainable Ecosystems Management Program.

16. “Regional Steering Committee” means the committee established by the Recipient pursuant to Decision No. 000005/2 13 of February 14, 2013, relating to the creation, assignments, composition and operation of said committee, as referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

14. “Training” means the reasonable costs of training under the Project, based on the Recipient’s Annual Work Plan and Budget approved by the World Bank, and attributable to seminars, workshops, study programs and tours, along with tuition, travel and subsistence allowances for training participants, services of trainers, rental of training facilities, preparation and reproduction of training materials, and other activities directly related to course preparation and implementation.