

GRANT NUMBER H988-GN

Financing Agreement

(Agriculture Sector Support Project)

between

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated October 6, 2014

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FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated October 6, 2014, entered into between REPUBLIC OF GUINEA ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION ("Association"). The Recipient and the Association hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I — GENERAL CONDITIONS; DEFINITIONS

- 1.01. The General Conditions (as defined in 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 General Conditions.

ARTICLE II — FINANCING

- 2.01. The Association agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount equivalent to nine million eight hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 9,800,000) ("Financing"), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project").
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance shall be one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.04. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 in each year.
- 2.05. The Payment Currency is United States Dollar.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.
- 3.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the Association 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 IV — EFFECTIVENESS

- 4.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:
- (a) The Recipient has adopted the Project Implementation Manual in accordance with the provisions of Section I.C of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
 - (b) The Interministerial Strategic Steering Committee has been established and staffed in accordance with Section A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
 - (c) The Coordination Unit Delegate (COD) has been established and staffed in accordance with Section A.3 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement
- 4.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

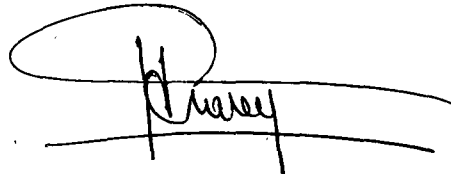
- 5.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister of State in Charge of Economy and Finance.
- 5.02. The Recipient's Address is:
- Ministry of Economy and Finance
PO Box 579,
Conakry
Republic of Guinea
- 5.03. The Association's Address is:
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AGREED at Washington D.C, United States of America, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF GUINEA

By



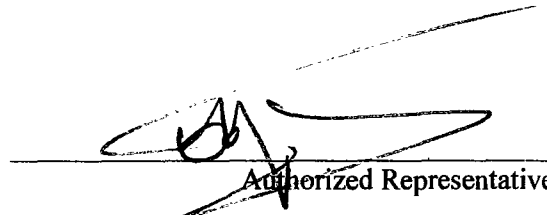
Authorized Representative

Name: Mohamed Diaré

Title: Minister of State,
Minister of Economy
and Finance

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By



Authorized Representative

Name: Ousmane Diagana

Title: Country Director for
Guinea

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to strengthen the capacity of selected sector institutions to support the effective implementation of the Recipient's National Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plan (PNIASA).

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Strengthening of Sector Management Capacities

1. Strengthening of sector management capacities through: (i) a review of the organizational structure of the Sector Ministries, the Chamber of Agriculture and other Sector Institutions; (ii) a revision of the legal and regulatory framework needed to implement the review of the organizational structure referred to under Part 1.1(i) above; (iii) a review of the codes governing Priority Sub-sectors; and (iv) preparation of the regulatory instruments required for the implementation of the *Loi d'Orientation Agricole*.
2. Establishing a Management and Information System (MIS) to support core management functions of the sector ministries and Chamber of Agriculture, including: (i) fiduciary capacity; (ii) social and environmental safeguards capacity, including support to the BGEEE; (iii) a comprehensive Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) System for Project results and impacts, including design and development of software, training, acquisition of computer equipment, logistical support at regional level and data processing and analysis; (iv) information and communication; (v) implementation of the Recipient's newly enacted procurement code; and (vi) the capacity of institutions responsible for collecting basic statistics including support to the preparation of the Agricultural and Livestock Census in partnership with FAO.
3. Developing the capacity of the Sector Ministries and the Chamber of Agriculture to support the Sector-Wide Approach through: (i) the preparation of economic and sector analysis; (ii) the preparation of the PNIASA's Results Framework (RF); and (iii) the implementation of a Results-Based Management and Accountability System (R-BMAS) for all sector activities.

Part 2: Analytical support to PNIASA Implementation

1. Preparation of Feasibility Studies to: (i) prepare the Master Plan for Irrigation Infrastructure; (ii) update the Master Plan for Rural Roads Scheme; and (iii) prepare the National Pastoral Space Management Scheme.

2. Preparation of: (i) an assessment of national resources and potentialities; (ii) value chain studies for Priority Sub-sectors; (iii) impact assessments of selected PNIASA programs and sub-programs; (iv) support to policy and implementation strategy development including review of policy and strategy for agriculture inputs; (v) Demand-Driven Studies; and (vi) preparatory activities for Agricultural and Livestock Censuses.

Part 3: Project management and coordination

Project management and coordination, supervision and communication, including the payment of Operating Costs, and the procurement of goods and services required for the purpose.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements.

1. The Recipient shall vest overall responsibility for implementation of the Project in the Ministry of Agriculture.
2. Interministerial Strategic Steering Committee
 - (a) The Recipient shall, at all times during Project implementation, maintain a strategy committee with a mandate, composition and resources acceptable to the Association for the purpose of overseeing the execution of the Project (Interministerial Strategic Steering Committee).
 - (b) The Interministerial Strategic Steering Committee shall be chaired by the Recipient's Minister of Agriculture and composed of, among others: (i) representatives of the four Sector Ministries; (ii) a representative of the Ministry of Economy and Finance; (iii) a representative of the Ministry of Planning; (iv) a representative of the National Chamber of Agriculture; (v) representatives of producer organizations; a representative of the Administration of Large Projects; (vi) a representative of civil society; (vii) a representative of the private sector; (viii) a representative of microfinance institutions; and (ix) a representative of each Technical and Financial Partner (as observers).
 - (c) The Interministerial Strategic Steering Committee shall provide overall strategic direction for the Project, including: monitoring sector trends and performance, facilitating dialogue among stakeholders, reviewing PNIASA annual work plans and budget, providing strategic guidance for implementation of the Project and PNIASA, mediating decisions of Sector Ministries that have an impact on the agricultural and facilitating the alignment of development partner interventions to SWAp and PNIASA principles and objectives.
3. Coordination Unit Delegate
 - (a) The Recipient shall establish and, at all times during Project implementation, maintain a coordinate unit delegate with a mandate, composition and resources acceptable to the Association for the purpose of coordinating the execution of the project (Coordination Unit Delegate or COD).

- (b) The COD shall be headed by a Coordinator Delegate (CD) and composed of, among others, a senior accountant, a M&E specialist and a procurement specialist.

4. Project Directorates

The Recipient shall, at all times during Project implementation, vest responsibility for operational execution in the Project Directorates of the four Sector Ministries.

5. Technical Committee

The Recipient shall establish and, at all times during Project implementation, maintain a technical committee chaired by the Minister of Agriculture which shall provide technical oversight of the Project and ensure coordination among the Implementing Agencies (Technical Committee).

6. Environmental and Social Units

The Recipient shall establish and, at all times during Project implementation, maintain an environmental and social unit in each of the four Sector Ministries which shall: (i) ensure that the Project activities, as well as any other projects and programs implemented by each Sector Ministry, are carried out in compliance with the requirements provided for under Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, and (ii) report on environmental and social aspects of Project implementation as part of the Project reports referred to under Section II.A.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

B. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

C. Project Implementation Manual

- 1. The Recipient shall prepare, under terms of reference acceptable to the Association, and furnish to the Association for review and comments, an implementation manual for the Project setting forth the detailed arrangements and procedures for: (i) institutional coordination and day-to-day execution of the Project, including the roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders; (ii) disbursement, financial arrangements and internal controls; (iii) procurement; (iv) environmental and social safeguards management; (v) monitoring and evaluation, reporting and communication; and (vi) arrangements for the hiring of the Technical Assistance firm, including a Performance Assessment Mechanism and payment arrangements under the Performance Contract.

2. The Recipient shall afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to exchange views with the Recipient on such manual, and thereafter shall adopt, and carry out the Project in accordance with such manual, as shall have been found satisfactory to the Association.
3. The Recipient shall not amend, abrogate, repeal, suspend, waive, or otherwise fail to enforce, or permit to be amended, abrogated, repealed, suspended or waived, the Project Implementation Manual or any provision thereof without the prior written approval of the Association. In case of inconsistency between this Agreement and the Project Implementation Manual, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

D. Safeguards.

1. The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) years after the Effective Date, prepare and adopt a Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) in form and substance acceptable to the Association, and ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance therewith.
2. The Recipient shall, not later than three (3) years after the Effective Date, prepare and adopt a Pest Management Plan (PMP) in form and substance acceptable to the Association, and ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance therewith.

E. Performance Contract

To facilitate the carrying out of the Project, the Recipient shall, not later than three (3) months after the Effective Date: (i) enter into a performance contract ("Performance Contract") with an international Technical Assistance Firm, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association; (ii) ensure that all Project activities to be undertaken by the Technical Assistance Firm under the Performance Contract shall be carried out with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, financial and managerial standards and practices acceptable to the Association; and (iii) ensure that the Technical Assistance Firm shall exercise its rights and carry out its obligations under the Performance Contract in such a manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Performance Contract or any provision thereof, or permit to be assigned, amended, abrogated, or waived, the aforementioned, or any provision thereof.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports

1. The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.08 of the General Conditions and on the basis of indicators acceptable to the Association. Each Project Report shall cover the period from January 1 to December 31 of each year, and shall be furnished to the Association not later than one month after the end of the period covered by such report.

B. Financial Management, Financial Reports and Audits

1. The Recipient shall maintain or cause to be maintained a financial management system in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 of the General Conditions.
2. Without limitation on the provisions of Part A of this Section, the Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the Association not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar quarter, interim unaudited financial reports for the Project covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 (b) of the General Conditions. Each audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal was made under the Preparation Advance for the Project. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the Association not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.
4. The Recipient shall, not later than five (5) months after the Effective Date, recruit the external auditor referred to in Section 4.09 (b) of the General Conditions in accordance with Section III of Schedule 2 of this Agreement and pursuant to terms of reference satisfactory to the Association.
5. The Recipient shall, not later than two (2) months after the Effective Date, acquire, install and thereafter maintain for the Project, an accounting software acceptable to the Association.

Section III. Procurement

A. General

1. **Goods and Non-consulting Services.** All goods and non-consulting services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing

shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Section I of the Procurement Guidelines, and with the provisions of this Section.

2. **Consultants' Services.** All consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Sections I and IV of the Consultant Guidelines, and with the provisions of this Section.
3. **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used below in this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the Association 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 and Non-consulting Services

1. **International Competitive Bidding.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, goods and non-consulting services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.
2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Goods and Non-consulting Services.** The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods and non-consulting services for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan:
 - (a) Limited International Bidding;
 - (b) National Competitive Bidding (NCB) procedure shall be subject to the provisions of Section I, and Paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the "Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works, and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers" (January 2011 "Procurement Guidelines"), and the following additional provisions:
 - (i) Bidding documents acceptable to IDA shall be used.
 - (ii) Eligibility to participate in a procurement process and to be awarded an IDA-financed contract shall be as defined under Section I of the Procurement Guidelines; accordingly, no bidder or potential bidder shall be declared ineligible for contracts financed by IDA for reasons other than those provided in Section I of the Procurement Guidelines. Foreign bidders shall be allowed to participate in NCB procedures, and foreign bidders shall not be obligated to partner with local bidders in order to participate in a procurement process.

- (iii) Bidding shall not be restricted to pre-registered firms, and foreign bidders shall not be required to be registered with local authorities as a prerequisite for submitting bids.
- (iv) No margins of preference of any sort (e.g., on the basis of bidder nationality, origin of goods, services or labor, and/or preferential programs) shall be applied in the bid evaluation.
- (v) Joint venture or consortium partners shall be jointly and severally liable for their obligations. Bidders shall be given at least thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the invitation to bid or the date of availability of the bidding documents, whichever is later, to prepare and submit bids. Bids shall be submitted in a single envelope.
- (vi) An extension of bid validity, if justified by exceptional circumstances, may be requested in writing from all bidders before the original bid validity expiration date, provided that such extension shall cover only the minimum period required to complete the evaluation and award a contract, but not to exceed thirty (30) days. No further extensions shall be requested without the prior written IDA concurrence.
- (vii) All bids (or the sole bid if only one bid is received) shall not be rejected, the procurement process shall not be cancelled, and new bids shall not be solicited without IDA's prior written concurrence.
- (viii) Qualification criteria shall be applied on a pass or fail basis.
- (ix) Bidders shall be given at least twenty-eight (28) days from the receipt of notification of award to submit performance securities.
- (x) In accordance with the Procurement Guidelines, each bidding document and contract shall include provisions stating the Association's policy to sanction firms or individuals found to have engaged in fraud and corruption as set forth in the Procurement Guidelines.
- (xi) In accordance with the Procurement Guidelines, each bidding document and contract shall include provisions stating the Association's policy with respect to inspection and audit of accounts, records and other documents relating to the submission of bids and contract performance.

- (c) Shopping;
- (d) Procurement under Framework Agreements in accordance with procedures which have been found acceptable to the Association;
- (e) Direct Contracting;
- (f) Force Account;
- (g) Procurement from FAO;
- (h) Well-established Private Sector Procurement Methods or Commercial Practices which have been found acceptable to the Association;
- (i) Procurement under Public Private Partnership Arrangements in accordance with procedures which have been found acceptable to the Association; and
- (j) Community Participation procedures which have been found acceptable to the Association.

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 contracts 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) Well-established Private Sector Procurement Methods or Commercial Practices which have been found acceptable to the Association; (g) Selection of FAO; (h) Selection of consultants under Indefinite Delivery Contract or Price Agreement; (i) Procedures set forth in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines for the Selection of Individual Consultants; and (j) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

D. Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the Association's Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the Association.

Section IV. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

A. General

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions, this Section, and such additional instructions as the Association shall 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 Association 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 Financing ("Category"), the allocations of the amounts of the Financing to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Financing Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, non-consulting services, and consultants' services for the Project	9,500,000	100%
(2) Refund of Preparation Advance	300,000	Amount payable pursuant to Section 2.07 of the General Conditions
TOTAL AMOUNT	9,800,000	

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 is January 31, 2019.

APPENDIX

Section I. Definitions

1. “Administration of Large Projects” is the Recipient’s administration for the oversight of large projects.
2. “Agricultural and Livestock Census” means the census of agriculture and livestock, consisting of an in-depth inquiry process to update all relevant data on livestock and crop production in the territory of the Recipient.
3. “Agriculture Orientation Law” and “*Loi d’Orientation Agricole*” each means the framework legislation for the agriculture sector to be adopted by the Recipient.
4. “Agriculture Sector Donors Coordination Group” means the group of donors providing financing or technical assistance to the agriculture sector in the territory of the Recipient.
5. “ANASA” and “*Agerce Nationale des Statistiques Agricoles et Alimentaires*” each means the Recipient’s institution responsible for collecting, analyzing and disseminating agricultural data.
6. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means 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.
7. “Avant Projet Détaillé” and “APD” each means a detailed design plan for a specific irrigation or roads activity.
8. “BGEEE” and “*Bureau Guinéen des Évaluations et des Études Environnementales*” each means the national environmental assessment bureau of the Recipient.
9. “*Bureau de Stratégie et de Développement*” and “BSD” each means the Recipient’s entity responsible for economic strategy and development.
10. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
11. “Chamber of Agriculture” means the chamber of agriculture of the Recipient.
12. “Chamber of Commerce” means the chamber of commerce of the Recipient.
13. “Consultant Guidelines” means the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011.

14. “Coordination Unit Delegate”, “Coordination Operationelle Deleguée” and “COD” each means the unit headed by a CD and composed of, among others, a senior accountant, a M&E specialist and a senior procurement specialist.
15. “Coordinator Delegate” and “CD” each means the competitively selected senior national staff heading the COD and reporting to the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture.
16. “DAF” and “*Division des Affaires Financières*” each means a directorate responsible for Project execution.
17. “Demand-Driven Studies” means studies identified by the Recipient as necessary to reinforce the capacity and conditions for the implementation of the PNIASA.
18. “FAO” means the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization.
19. “Feasibility Studies” means studies prepared under Part 2.1 of the Project.
20. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for Credits and Grants”, dated July 31, 2010.
21. “Implementing Agencies” means the directorates responsible for Project execution, including ESD, ANASA and DAF as well as technical directorates of Sector Ministries.
22. “Interministerial Strategic Steering Committee” means the committee established under Section.1.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement for the purposes of overseeing the execution of the Project.
23. “Irrigation Infrastructure” means infrastructure activities to be carried out under the Master Plan for Irrigation Infrastructure.
24. “Management and Information System” or “MIS” means the system mentioned in Part 1.2 of Schedule 1.
25. “Master Plan for Irrigation Infrastructure” means the Recipient’s master plan for the development of irrigated agriculture schemes, which will include: (i) an assessment of the country’s irrigation potential, (ii) a detailed multivariate analysis of irrigation development, (iii) the definition of broad national objectives to be assigned to irrigated agriculture as regards economic development and food security, (iv) strategic considerations with respect to implementation of future programs, (v) medium and long term investment plan, and (vi) a quantified action plan.
26. “Master Plan for Rural Roads Scheme” means the Recipient’s master plan for planning and decision support for rural roads, which will include: (i) a national

inventory of the rural road network, (ii) strategic orientations, including the development of technical standards, an update of road classification, guidelines for prioritizing investments, mechanisms for management and maintenance, and (iii) an investment plan in the short, medium and long term for the opening of production areas.

27. “Ministry of Agriculture” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for agriculture or any successor thereto.
28. “Ministry of Economy and Finance” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for economy and finance.
29. “Monitoring and Evaluation System” and “M&E System” means the system to be established to monitor PNIASA implementation and the Sector Ministries’ own performance.
30. “National Pastoral Space Management Scheme” means a scheme containing a delineation of land use in the territory of the Recipient specifically concerned with livestock rearing, and use of land by pastoralists and crop producers.
31. “Operating Costs” means costs related to the day-to-day functioning of the COD and other directorates and institutions associated with the Project’s implementation.
32. “Performance Contract” means the contract concluded between the Recipient and the Technical Assistance Firm to govern the carrying out of capacity building activities of selected Sector Institutions.
33. “Performance Assessment Mechanism” means the mechanism in place to assess the performance of the Technical Assistance Firm.
34. “Pest Management Plan” and “PMP” each means a stand-alone plan to be prepared by the Recipient based on TORs cleared by the BGEE and the Association and disclosed at the World Bank InfoShop on April 17, 2013.
35. “Planning, Programming and Budgeting Process” and “PPB Process” means the Recipient’s process for the preparation of annual work programs and budgets to be monitored and evaluated on an annual basis.
36. “PNIASA” and “*Plan National d’Investissement Agricole et de Sécurité Alimentaire*” each means the national agricultural and food security investment plan of the Recipient.
37. “PNIASA RF” and “*Plan National d’Investissement Agricole et de Sécurité Alimentaire – Results Framework*” each means the results framework for the

PNIASA based on the aggregate of the results framework of the various PNIASA programs and economic and financial analysis of public investments.

38. "Preparation Advance" means the advance referred to in Section 2.07 of the General Conditions, granted by the Association to the Recipient pursuant to the letter agreement signed on behalf of the Association on July 16, 2014 and on behalf of the Recipient on July 24, 2014.
39. "Priority Sub-Sectors" means irrigation, feeder roads, pastoralism, livestock, fisheries, environment and forests.
40. "Project Directorates" means the entity responsible for Project implementation composed of: (i) *Bureaux de Stratégie et de Développement* or "BSDs"; (ii) DAFs; and supported by Technical Assistance Staff.
41. "Procurement Guidelines" means 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.
42. "Project Implementation Manual" means manual referred to in Section I.C of Schedule 2 to the Agreement.
43. "Procurement Plan" means the Recipient's procurement plan for the Project, dated July 21, 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.
44. "Results-Based Management and Accountability System" and "R-BMAS" each means the system referred to in Part 1 of the Project for results-based management and accountability for all sector activities.
45. "Rural Roads Scheme" means the scheme resulting from the implementation of the APD.
46. "Sector Institutions" means entities such as sector ministries, chambers of commerce or confederations of producer organizations.
47. "Sector Ministries" means the respective Ministries of Agriculture; Livestock and Animal Production; Fishing and Aquaculture; and Environment, Water and Forest.
48. "SWAp" and "Sector-Wide Approach" each means an approach through which the Recipient prepares a sectoral framework or plan to which several donors contribute.

49. “Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment” and “SESA” each means the assessment to be prepared by the Recipient, based on TORs cleared by the BGEEE and the Bank, and disclosed at the World Bank InfoShop on April 17, 2014, to provide an overall assessment of the environmental and social framework, direction and resources as well as guidance documents needed for the implementation of Master Plans and Feasibility Studies.
50. “Technical Assistance Firm” means an international consultant firm to be recruited on a competitive basis by the Recipient to carry out capacity building activities under Part 1 of the Project.
51. “Technical Assistance Staff” means the Technical Assistance Firm’s staff of the international consultant firm to be recruited to carry out capacity building activities at the Sector Ministries.
52. “Technical Committee” means the committee established by the Recipient to prepare the Project preparation and supervise its implementation.
53. “Technical and Financial Partners” means international financial institutions which are part of the Agriculture Sector Donors Coordination Group and which sit on the Interministerial Strategic Steering Committee, including the *Agence Française du Développement* (AFD), the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), the African Development Bank (AfDB), and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), among others.