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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ENPM	Eastern Nile Planning Model
ENTRO	Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office
NBI	Nile Basin Initiative
NBTF	Nile Basic Trust Fund

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Extension of Closing Date

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1. The closing date for the NBTF Grant for the *Africa*, Eastern Nile Planning Model (ENPM) Project, *TF094549*, *P103639* will be extended from October 30, 2012 until December 31, 2012.
2. The ENPM project intends to support the Eastern Nile Technical Regional Office (ENTRO), one of the three Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) organizations, to provide knowledge and analytical services to support water resources planning and management in the Eastern Nile. The project has had a slow start but has showed remarkable progress in recent months when the implementation modalities were modified to improve in-house capacity at ENTRO in providing these services, especially in the public domain. In spite of overall (and rapidly evolving) governance issues that affect broader regional cooperation among the Eastern Nile countries, the project has managed to help ENTRO build strong constituencies for regional cooperative work on the development of a knowledge base and analytical tools to support the region, especially through excellent work with university networks.
3. The development objective of the ENPM Project is that countries in the Eastern Nile operationalize an improved decision support modeling framework to identify water-related investments and evaluate them in a regional context. This objective still remains valid and achievable with the proposed restructuring.
4. The proposed extension of two months till December 31, 2012 is necessary to bring the project to an orderly closure building on its recent momentum. In particular, this minor extension will allow the project to be consistent with the Nile Basin Decision Support System activities (given the close inter-relationship of activities that is being pursued with ENPM) and allow for continuity into a new overall NBI project that is expected to start on January 1, 2013. This will enable ENTRO to systematically complete its internship program under the project, enhance support for all EN riparans, and complete the training and capacity development activities related to spatial analysis, model development, knowledge products, and portal development under the project. ENTRO has in place an appropriate action plan to complete this project by the new closing date.
5. All audit opinions issued have been unqualified and no substantial issues have been raised in the management letters. There are no outstanding audits. The current audit for the fiscal year ending June 2012 is on-going and not over-due.
6. This will be the first extension of the Closing Date under the project.