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CREDIT NUMBER 5605-ET

**Financing Agreement**

(Second Agricultural Growth Project)

between

**FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA**

and

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

Dated May 7, 2015

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**FINANCING AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated May 7, 2015, entered into between FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA ("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 or in the Appendix to this Agreement.

**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 credit in an amount equivalent to two hundred forty-eight million three hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 248,300,000) (variously, "Credit" and "Financing"), to assist in financing the 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 The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.05. The Payment Dates are September 15 and March 15 in each year.
- 2.06. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.
- 2.07. The Payment Currency is Dollars.

### 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; TERMINATION

- 4.01. The Additional Condition of Effectiveness consists of the following, namely, that the Recipient has prepared and adopted a Project Implementation Manual in form and substance acceptable to the Association.
- 4.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of this Agreement.
- 4.03. For purposes of Section 8.05(b) of the General Conditions, the date on which the obligations of the Recipient under this Agreement (other than those providing for payment obligations) shall terminate is twenty (20) years after the date of this Agreement.

### ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 5.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister of Finance and Economic Development.
- 5.02. The Recipient's Address is:

Ministry of Finance and Economic Development  
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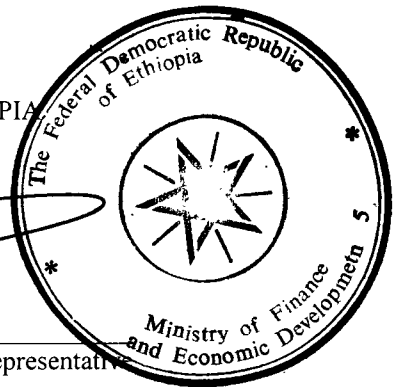
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AGREED at Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, as of the day and year first above written.

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

By



  


Authorized Representative

Name: H.E. Ato Ahmed Shide  
Title: State Minister

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Authorized Representative

Name: Guang Z. chen  
Title: Country Director

## SCHEDULE 1

### Project Description

The objective of the Project is to increase agricultural productivity and commercialization of smallholder farmers targeted by the Project.

The Project consists of the following parts:

#### Part 1: Agricultural Public Support Services

- (a) Identifying local priorities for agricultural public services through the establishment, operation and strengthening of ADPLACs and linkages to other planning mechanisms including community consultation and local strategic planning.
- (b) Strengthening public service delivery for agricultural extension, livestock production, animal health, crop production, plant health, natural resource management, soil fertility management, and agricultural mechanization, including, *inter alia*, following activities:
  - (i) construction and/or rehabilitation of public facilities for local agricultural service providers at the Kebele and Woreda levels, such as farmers' training centers and animal health posts;
  - (ii) promotion and demonstration of identified priority agricultural technologies;
  - (iii) establishing and/or strengthening national and regional-level agriculture related public facilities, such as, soil laboratories; and
  - (iv) strengthening the capacity of agriculture public service providers through the provision of training and human resources development.
- (c) Supporting the scaling up of agricultural technologies and best managerial practices in agricultural production and post-harvesting through identifying such technologies and management practices that are proven effective on farmer fields.

Part 2: Agricultural Research

- (a) Supporting the application of proven technologies to the agricultural extension system through:
  - (i) identifying prioritized technologies through local planning processes; and
  - (ii) supporting the adaptation and generation of proven agricultural technologies through supporting pre-extension demonstration; participatory research programs, and establishing and strengthening farmers' research and extension groups.
- (b) Supporting the production of source livestock and forage technologies and multiplication of land and water resources technologies, including, *inter alia*, the production of breeder and pre-basic seeds for major crop varieties and multiplication of disease and insect free tissue culture.
- (c) Strengthening the capacity of national and regional research centers to enable them to effectively respond to emerging research needs through construction and/or rehabilitation of research facilities and the provision of technical assistance.

Part 3: Small-Scale Irrigation Schemes

- (a) Carrying out a program to increase the availability of irrigated water through:
  - (i) rehabilitation, upgrading and/or improvement of existing small-scale irrigation schemes;
  - (ii) development of small-scale irrigation systems integrated with access roads where necessary; and
  - (iii) development of household irrigation systems.
- (b) Improving water management services through establishing new and/or strengthening existing irrigation water users organizations and the introduction of improved irrigational management practices.

Part 4: Agriculture Marketing and Value Chains

- (a) Supporting the promotion and distribution of agricultural inputs through activities, including, *inter alia*, scaling-up of direct seed marketing and community-based seed production; and strengthening the input tracking system.
- (b) Strengthening formal and informal farmer organizations in their business plan preparation and implementation through the provision of equipment, materials and technical assistance to facilitate their business plan implementation and their access to credit.
- (c) Strengthening selected livestock and crop value chains through a range of activities, including technical assistance and strengthening linkages between value chain participants.
- (d) Supporting market infrastructure development and management, including, *inter alia*:
  - (i) construction of public market centers at the Woreda level and improvement of their management; and
  - (ii) construction of warehouses, storage, grading facilities, and footbridges to address critical market access bottlenecks for communities.
- (e) Developing and/or updating various regulations with regard to agricultural inputs.

Part 5: Project Management, Capacity Building and Monitoring and Evaluation

- (a) Strengthening the capacity of agencies at all levels involved in Project implementation in performing functions of Project management, coordination, procurement, financial management, safeguards oversight, monitoring and evaluation through the provision of training, technical assistance and operating support.
- (b) Supporting the Project Implementing Agencies in delivering capacity building required for effectively implementing the Project at all levels.

## SCHEDULE 2

### Project Execution

#### Section I. Institutional and Implementation Arrangements

##### A. Institutional Arrangements

1. The Recipient shall maintain at all times during the Project implementation:
  - (a) Steering Committees at the Federal, Regional and Woreda levels with functions, composition and resources acceptable to the Association, to be responsible for the overall strategic oversight for Project implementation at respective levels;
  - (b) Technical Committees at the Federal, Regional and Woreda levels, with functions, composition and resources acceptable to the Association, to be responsible for providing technical support for implementing Project activities at the respective levels; and
  - (c) the PCUs at the federal and regional levels responsible for the coordination of the Project activities at the respective levels, with qualified staff and adequate resources satisfactory to the Association.
2. Prior to expanding the Project to a Region which currently does not have adequate implementation arrangements, the Recipient shall ensure that Steering Committees, Technical Committees and PCUs are established at Regional and Woreda levels in said Region and thereafter maintained throughout the Project implementation.

##### B. Project Implementation Manual

1. The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Agencies to implement the Project in accordance with the Project Implementation Manual, setting forth rules, methods, guidelines, and procedures for the carrying out of the Project, including, *inter alia*:
  - (a) detailed description of Project, financing and institutional arrangements for implementing the Project;
  - (b) the Environmental and Social Management Framework, Resettlement Policy Framework, and Enhanced Social Assessment and Consultation;
  - (c) monitoring, evaluation, reporting, and governance procedures for the Project; and



(d) disbursement, financial management, auditing and procurement procedures for the Project.

2. In the event that any provision of the Project Implementation Manual shall conflict with any provision of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail. The Recipient shall not amend the Project Implementation Manual without the Association's prior written approval.

**C. Environmental and Social Safeguards**

1. The Recipient shall cause the Project Implementing Agencies to carry out the Project in accordance with the ESMF, RPF, and Enhanced Social Assessment and Consultation, and any other Safeguard Document prepared or to be prepared by the Recipient in accordance with sub-paragraph 2 below, in a manner satisfactory to the Association.

2. Whenever an ESMP and/or RAP shall be required for any proposed Project activities in accordance with the provisions of the ESMF and/or the RPF, the Recipient shall:

(a) prior to the commencement of such activities, proceed to have an ESMP satisfactory to the Association: (i) prepared in accordance with the provisions of the ESMF; (ii) furnished to the Association for review and approval; and (iii) thereafter adopted and disclosed, in a manner acceptable to the Association;

(b) prior to the commencement of such activities, proceed to have a RAP: (i) prepared in accordance with the provisions of the RPF; (ii) furnished to the Association for review and approval; and (iii) thereafter adopted and disclosed as approved by the Association, in a manner acceptable to the Association;

(c) take such measures as shall be necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with the requirements of such ESMP and/or RAP; and

(d) in the case of any resettlement activity under such activities involving Affected Persons, ensure that no displacement (including restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas) shall occur before necessary resettlement measures consistent with the relevant RAP have been executed, including, in the case of displacement, full payment to Affected Persons of compensation and of other assistance required for relocation, prior to displacement.

3. The Recipient shall, prior to expanding Project activities to any new Woreda: (i) update, as deemed necessary by the Association based on social screenings for said Woreda, the Enhanced Social Assessment and Consultation for vulnerable and underserved groups as defined in said Enhanced Social Assessment and Consultation; and (ii) thereafter ensure that activities in said Woreda are carried out in accordance with the provisions of the updated Enhanced Social Assessment and Consultation.
4. The Recipient shall not amend, abrogate or waive, or permit to be amended, abrogated or waived, the Enhanced Social Assessment and Consultation (including its updates, if any), ESMF, and RPF and any Safeguard Document adopted in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Part C, unless the Association has provided its prior approval thereof in writing, and the Recipient has complied with the same consultation and disclosure requirements as applicable to the original adoption of the said instruments.
5. Without limitation on its other reporting obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient through MOA shall collect, compile and submit to the Association every six (6) months (or at such other frequency as may be agreed with the Association) consolidated reports on the status of compliance with the Enhanced Social Assessment and Consultation, ESMF, the RPF, and any Safeguard Documents prepared for the Project, as applicable, giving details of: (a) measures taken in furtherance of the said instruments; (b) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of the said measures; and (c) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.

**D. Anti-Corruption**

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

**E. Annual Work Plans and Budget**

By not later than August 15 of each year until the completion of the Project, the Recipient, through MOA, shall prepare and furnish to the Association for its approval, annual work plans and budgets setting forth Project activities to be undertaken in the following year, together with their implementation schedules and financing plans, and thereafter implement said annual work plans and budgets taking into account the Association's comments and views thereon.

**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 the indicators acceptable to the Association. Each Project Report shall cover the period of six (6) months, and shall be furnished to the Association not later than sixty (60) days after the end of the period covered by such report.
2. For purposes of Section 4.08(c) of the General Conditions, the report on the execution of the Project and related plan required pursuant to that Section shall be furnished to the Association not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date.

**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 in form and substance satisfactory to the Association and not later than sixty (60) days after the end of each calendar quarter interim unaudited financial reports for the Project covering the quarter.
3. The Recipient shall have the Financial Statements related to the Project 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. 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. In addition, the Recipient shall through MOA provide to the Association interim audit reports (to cover the period of July 8 to January 7) not later than April 7 of each year.

**Section III. Procurement**

**A. General**

1. **Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services.** All goods, works 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, Works and Non-consulting Services**

1. **International Competitive Bidding.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, goods, works and non-consulting services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.
2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services.** The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan: (a) National Competitive Bidding; (b) Limited International Bidding; (c) Shopping; (d) Direct Contracting; and (e) Procurement from UN Agencies.

National Competitive Bidding shall follow the Recipient's procurement procedures subject to the following additional procedures:

- (a) The Recipient's standard bidding documents for procurement of goods and works acceptable to the Association shall be used. At the request of the Recipient, the introduction of requirements for bidders to sign an Anti-Bribery pledge and/or statement of undertaking to observe Ethiopian Law against fraud and corruption and other forms that ought to be completed and signed by him/her may be included in bidding documents if the arrangements governing such undertakings are acceptable to the Association.
- (b) If pre-qualification is used, the Association's standard prequalification document shall be used.
- (c) No margin of preference shall be granted in bid evaluation on the basis of bidder's nationality, origin of goods or services, and/or preferential programs such as but not limited to small and medium enterprises.

- (d) Mandatory registration in a supplier list shall not be used to assess bidders' qualifications. A foreign bidder shall not be required to register as a condition for submitting its bid and if recommended for contract award shall be given a reasonable opportunity to register with the reasonable cooperation of the Recipient, prior to contract signing. Invitations to bids shall be advertised in at least one newspaper of national circulation or the official gazette or on a widely used website or electronic portal with free national and international access.
- (e) Bidders shall be given a minimum of thirty (30) days to submit bids from the date of availability of the bidding documents.
- (f) All bidding for goods and works shall be carried out through a one-envelope procedure.
- (g) Evaluation of bids shall be made in strict adherence to the evaluation criteria specified in the bidding documents. Evaluation criteria other than price shall be quantified in monetary terms. Merit points shall not be used, and no minimum point or percentage value shall be assigned to the significance of price, in bid evaluation.
- (h) The results of evaluation and award of contract shall be made public. All bids shall not be rejected and the procurement process shall not be cancelled, a failure of bidding declared, or new bids shall not be solicited, without the Association's prior written concurrence. No bids shall be rejected on the basis of comparison with the cost estimates without the Association's prior written concurrence.
- (i) In accordance with paragraph 1.16(e) of the Procurement Guidelines, each bidding document and contract financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall provide that: (1) the bidders, suppliers, contractors and subcontractors, agents, personnel, consultants, service providers, or suppliers shall permit the Association, at its request, to inspect all accounts, records and documents relating to the bid submission and performance of the contract, and to have them audited by auditors appointed by the Association; and (2) Acts intended to materially impede the exercise of the Association's audit and inspection rights constitutes an obstructive practice as defined in paragraph 1.16(v) of the Procurement Guidelines.

**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) Procedures set forth in paragraphs 5.2 and 5.3 of the Consultant Guidelines for the Selection of Individual Consultants; and (g) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

**D. Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions**

1. 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.
2. The Recipient shall cause MOA: (i) to have procurement activities under the Project audited annually by an independent procurement auditor selected in conformity with the procedures set forth or referred to in this Section, under terms of reference satisfactory to the Association; and (ii) to submit such audit reports to the Association not later than six (6) months after the end of each respective annual period.

**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:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount of the Financing Allocated (in SDR)</b>	<b>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</b>
Goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Training and Operating Costs, (excluding Part 4(c) and Part 5(b) of the Project)	248,300,000	100%
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	248,300,000	

**B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period**

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made for the payments made prior to the date of this Agreement.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that withdrawals shall only be made for expenditures not financed by other sources of financings, including the IDA financings and co-financings provided under the Agriculture Growth Project (Credit # 4783-ET, Grant # H600-ET, TF# 099729, and TF #011306).
3. The Closing Date is October 10, 2020.

**SCHEDULE 3**

**Repayment Schedule**

<b>Date Payment Due</b>	<b>Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*</b>
On each September 15 and March 15, commencing September 15, 2021, to and including March 15, 2053	1.5625%

\* The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of the Credit to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to Section 3.03(b) of the General Conditions.



## APPENDIX

### Definitions

1. “ADPLACs” means Agriculture Development Partners Linkage Advisory Councils.
2. “Affected Person” means a person who, as a result of: (i) the involuntary taking of land under the Project, is affected in any of the following ways: (A) relocation or loss of shelter; (B) loss of assets or access to assets; or (C) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not the affected person must move to another location; or (ii) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas, suffers adverse impacts on his or her livelihood.
3. “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.
4. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
5. “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 (revised July 2014).
6. “Enhanced Social Assessment and Consultation” means the document disclosed in the Recipient’s country and in the Association’s Infoshop on February 9, 2015, identifying and assessing the potential social impacts of the Project, evaluating alternatives, and proposing appropriate mitigation, management, and monitoring measures, defining specific measures to be implemented for vulnerable and underserved groups, through free prior informed consultations and broad community support, in order to protect them and to ensure that they be granted equal legal, financial and organizational opportunities under the Project, as the said plan may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time with the prior written consent of the Association, and such term includes any schedules to such document.
7. “ESMF” means Environmental and Social Management Framework disclosed in the Recipient’s country and in the Association’s Infoshop on February 9, 2015, prepared by the Recipient and approved by the Association, setting forth: (i) integrated pest management procedures; (ii) small dam management procedures; and (iii) an environmental and social screening process that will enable the Recipient to identify and assess potential adverse environmental and social impacts, and offset and reduce them to acceptable levels, or enhance positive impacts, and in accordance with which ESMPs will be prepared and submitted to

the Association for its approval, as the same may be amended from time to time with the prior written approval of the Association.

8. “ESMP” means an environmental and social management plan to be prepared by the Recipient in accordance with the principles and guidance set out in the ESMF and RPF, and acceptable to the Association, setting forth a set of mitigation, monitoring, and institutional measures to be taken during the implementation and operation of the Project to eliminate adverse environmental and social impacts, offset them, or reduce them to acceptable levels, and including the actions needed to implement these measures; and the term “ESMPs” means the plural thereof.
9. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for Credits and Grants”, dated July 31, 2010.
10. “Kebele” means the lowest tier of government in the Recipient’s administrative system, as established according to the relevant Regional legislation.
11. “MOA” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Agriculture or any successor thereto.
12. “Operating Costs” means incremental costs incurred by the Project Implementing Agencies on account of the Project coordination, implementation and monitoring, including expenditures for vehicles operation and maintenance, office supplies and consumables, utilities, communication, translation and interpretation, bank charges, Project related travel, including per diem and accommodation, but excluding salaries of the Recipient’s civil servants, and other miscellaneous costs directly associated with the Project implementation, all based on periodic budgets acceptable to the Association.
13. “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 (revised July 2014).
14. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated February 9, 2015, 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.
15. “PCU” means the Project Coordination Units referred to in paragraphs 1(c) and 2 Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
16. “Project Implementation Manual” means the manual, satisfactory to the Association, to be adopted by the Recipient for the purposes of the Project pursuant to Section 4.01 of this Agreement; as such manual may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement of the Association.

17. “Project Implementing Agencies” means, collectively, MOA and its counterparts at the lower levels, each of which shall implement their respective Project implementation activities pursuant to the requirements under this Agreement and the Project Implementation Manual.
18. “RAP” means a resettlement action plan, acceptable to the Association and to be prepared by the Recipient pursuant to the requirements of the RPF for compensation, resettlement and rehabilitation of Affected Persons as a result of implementation of the Project, as such plan may be amended from time to time with the prior written approval of the Association, and such term includes any schedules to such plan; and the term “RAPs” means the plural thereof.
19. “Region” means one of the national regional states of the Recipient established under the Recipient’s Federal Constitution of 1995; and the term “Regions” means the plural thereof.
20. “RPF” means the resettlement policy framework, disclosed in the Recipient’s territory and in the Association’s Infoshop on February 9, 2015, prepared by the Recipient and outlining the policies and procedures to be implemented in the event that specific activities implemented under the Project have potentially negative impacts on the livelihoods, assets and land of Affected Persons, as the said framework may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time with the prior written approval of the Association, and such term includes any schedules to such document.
21. “Safeguards Document” means an ESMP or RAP, and the term “Safeguard Documents” means, collectively, all such documents.
22. “Steering Committee” means the committee referred to in paragraphs 1 (a) and 2 and Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
23. “Technical Committees” means the committees referred to in paragraphs 1(b) and 2 of Section I.A of Section 2 to this Agreement.
24. “Training” means Project related study tours, training courses, seminars, workshops and other training activities, not included under service providers’ contracts, including costs of training materials, space and equipment rental, travel, accommodation and per diem costs of trainees and trainers, trainers’ fees, and other training related miscellaneous costs.
25. “Woreda” means one of the tiers of government in the Recipient’s administrative system, as established pursuant to the relevant Regional legislation.