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Cotonou
Republic of Benin

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**Republic of Benin: Proposed E-Agriculture Project
Project Preparation Advance No. V1370
Additional Instructions: Disbursement**

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I refer to the Advance Agreement between the Republic of Benin (“Recipient”) and the International Development Association (“World Bank”) of same date herewith for the above-referenced project (the “Agreement”). The Agreement provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of the Project Preparation Advance V1370 (“PPA”). This letter (“Disbursement Letter”), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

The attached *Disbursement Guidelines for Investment Project Financing*, dated February 1, 2017, (“Disbursement Guidelines”) (Attachment 1), are an integral part of the Disbursement Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Advance is specified below. Sections and subsections in parentheses below refer to the relevant sections and subsections in the Disbursement Guidelines and, unless otherwise defined in this letter, the capitalized terms used have the meanings ascribed to them in the Disbursement Guidelines.

I. Disbursement Arrangements

(i) Disbursement Methods (section 2). The following Disbursement Methods may be used under the PPA:

- Reimbursement
- Direct Payment
- Advance

(ii) Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7). The Disbursement Deadline Date is the Refinancing Date specified in the Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the World Bank.

II. Withdrawal of PPA Proceeds

(i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1). A letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the World Bank at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to sign Applications:

The World Bank,
Resident Mission
Cotonou, Benin
Attention: Mr. Pierre Laporte, Country Director for Benin

(ii) Applications (subsections 3.2 - 3.3). Please provide completed and signed (a) applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents and (b) applications for special commitments, together with a copy of the commercial bank letter of credit, to the address indicated below:

The World Bank
Loan Department
Delta Center, 13th Floor
Menengai Road, Upper Hill
Nairobi, Kenya
Contact Telephone number: +254 20 2936 000

(iii) Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4) The World Bank may permit the Recipient to electronically deliver to the World Bank Applications (with supporting documents) through the World Bank's Client Connection, web-based portal. The option to deliver Applications to the World Bank by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Recipient has designated in writing, pursuant to the terms of subparagraph (i) of this Section, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive secure identification credentials ("SIDC") from the World Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Recipient have registered as users of Client Connection. If the World Bank agrees, the World Bank will provide the Recipient with SIDC for the designated officials. Following which, the designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through Client Connection (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>). The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The World Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient.

(iv) Terms and Conditions of Use of SIDC to Process Applications. By designating officials to use SIDC and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by

the *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation* (“Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Credentials”) provided in Attachment 3; and (b) to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

(v) *Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5).* The Minimum Value of Applications will be 20% of the advance ceiling amount.

(vi) *Advances (sections 5 and 6).*

- ***Type of Designated Account (subsection 5.3):*** Segregated
- ***Currency of Designated Account (subsection 5.4):*** FCFA
- ***Financial Institution at which the Designated Account Will Be opened (subsection 5.5(a) – (h)):*** BCEAO - Cotonou
- ***Ceiling (subsection 6.1):*** FCFA 350,000,000

III. Reporting on Use of PPA Proceeds

(i) *Supporting Documentation (section 4).* Supporting documentation should be provided with each application for withdrawal as set out below:

- ***For requests for Reimbursement and for reporting eligible expenditures paid from the Designated Account:***
 - Statement of Expenditure in the form attached (Attachment 4)
 - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the World Bank’s prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5)
- ***For requests for Direct Payment:*** records evidencing eligible expenditures, e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices

(ii) *Frequency of Reporting Eligible Expenditures Paid from the Designated Account (subsection 6.3):* monthly.

(iii) *Other Supporting Documentation Instructions*

All other supporting documentation for SOEs should be retained by the project management or Recipient and must be made available for review by periodic World Bank missions and internal and external auditors.

Please attach a copy of the bank statement and a Designated Account Reconciliation Statement (Attachment 6) to each replenishment application to the Designated Account.

IV Other Disbursement Instructions

Funds from the Designated Account may be transferred to Transaction Accounts in local currency to meet eligible expenditures, provided that transactions and balance in this account are included in all project Financial reports and in the reconciliation referred to in Section III (iii) above.

V. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Disbursement Handbook available on the World Bank's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and its secure website "Client Connection" at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. Print copies are available upon request.

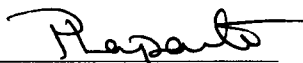
From the Client Connection website, you will be able to download Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the PPA, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information.

If you have not already done so, the World Bank recommends that you register as a user of the Client Connection website (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>). From this website, you will be able to prepare and deliver Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the PPA, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. All Recipient officials authorized to sign and deliver Applications by electronic means are required to register with Client Connection before electronic delivery can be effected. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the World Bank by email at <clientconnection@worldbank.org>.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact Issa Thiam, Finance Officer at LOA-AFR@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By 
Pierre Laporte
Country Director for Benin
Africa Region

Attachments

1. *World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects*, dated February 1, 2017
2. Form for Authorized Signatures
3. *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Devices in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation*, dated March 1, 2013,
4. Form of "Statement of Expenditure"
5. Form of Payments Against Contracts Subject to the World Bank's Prior Review
6. Form of Designated Account reconciliation

[Letterhead]
Ministry of Economy, Finance and Privatization Programs
[Street address]
[City] [Country]

[DATE]

The World Bank
Resident Mission
Cotonou, Benin

Attention: Mr. Pierre Laporte, Country Director for Benin

Dear Mr. Laporte,

**Republic of Benin: Proposed E-Agriculture Project
Project Preparation Advance No. V1370**

I refer to the Advance Agreement between the Republic of Benin (“Recipient”) and the International Development Association (“World Bank”) of same date herewith for the above-referenced project (the “Agreement”). For the purposes of Section 3.03 of the Standard Conditions for Advances Made by the World Bank under its Project Preparation Facility, as defined in the Agreement, any ¹[one] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appear below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal and applications for a special commitment under this Project Preparation Advance:

For the purpose of delivering Applications to the World Bank, ²[each] of the persons whose authenticated specimen signatures appears below is authorized on behalf of the Recipient, acting ³[individually] ⁴[jointly], to deliver Applications, and evidence in support thereof on the terms and conditions specified by the World Bank.

⁵[This confirms that the Recipient is authorizing such persons to accept Tokens and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the World Bank by electronic means. In

¹ Instruction to the Recipient when sending this letter to the World Bank: Stipulate if more than one person needs to sign Applications, and how many or which positions, and if any thresholds apply.

² Instruction to the Recipient: Stipulate if more than one person needs to *jointly* sign Applications, if so, please indicate the actual number. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

³ Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket if any one of the authorized persons may sign; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

⁴ Instruction to the Recipient: Use this bracket only if several individuals must jointly sign each Application; if this is not applicable, please delete. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

full recognition that the World Bank shall rely upon such representations and warranties, including without limitation, the representations and warranties contained in the *Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Devices in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation* ("Terms and Conditions of Use of Tokens"), the Recipient represents and warrants to the World Bank that it will deliver to each such person a copy of the Terms and Conditions of Use of Tokens and will cause such persons to abide by those terms and conditions.]

This Authorization replaces and supersedes any Authorization currently in the World Bank records with respect to this Agreement.

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

[Name], [position] Specimen Signature: _____

Yours truly,

/ signed /

[Position]⁶

⁵ Instruction to the Recipient: Add this paragraph if the Recipient wishes to authorize the listed persons to accept Tokens and to deliver Applications by electronic means; if this is not applicable, please delete the paragraph. *Please delete this footnote in final letter that is sent to the Bank.*

⁶ The letter should be signed by the official designated as the Recipient's Representative in the Advance Agreement.

**Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Devices
in connection with Use of Electronic Means
to Process Applications
and Supporting Documentation**

March 1, 2013

The World Bank (Bank)⁷ will provide secure identification credentials (SIDC) to permit the Borrower⁸ to deliver applications for withdrawal and applications for special commitments under the Agreement(s) and supporting documentation (such applications and supporting documentation together referred to in these Terms and Conditions of Use as Applications) to the Bank electronically, on the terms and conditions of use specified herein.

SIDC can be either: (a) hardware-based (Physical Token), or (b) software-based (Soft Token). The Bank reserves the right to determine which type of SIDC is most appropriate.

A. Identification of Users

1. The Borrower will be required to identify in a completed Authorized Signatory Letter (ASL) duly delivered to and received by the Bank each person who will be authorized to deliver Applications. The Bank will provide SIDC to each person identified in the ASL (Signatory), as provided below. The Borrower shall also immediately notify the Bank if a Signatory is no longer authorized by the Borrower to act as a Signatory.
2. Each Signatory must register as a user on the Bank's Client Connection (CC) website (<https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>) prior to receipt of his/her SIDC. Registration on CC will require that the Signatory establish a CC password (CC Password). The Signatory shall not reveal his/her CC Password to anyone or store or record the CC Password in written or other form. Upon registration as a CC user, the Signatory will be assigned a unique identifying account name.

B. Initialization of SIDC

1. Prior to initialization of SIDC by a Signatory, the Signatory will acknowledge having read, understood and agreed to be bound by these Terms and Conditions of Use.
2. Where a Physical Token is to be used, promptly upon receipt of the Physical Token, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and register his/her Physical Token and set a personal identification number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Physical Token, after which the Physical Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Where a Soft Token is to be used, the Signatory will access CC using his/her account name and CC Password and set a personal

⁷ "Bank" includes IBRD and IDA.

⁸ "Borrower" includes the borrower of an IBRD loan, IDA credit, or Project Preparation Facility advance and the recipient of a grant.

identification number (PIN) to be used in connection with the use of his/her Soft Token, after which the Soft Token will be initialized for use by the Signatory exclusively for purposes of delivering Applications. Upon initialization of the SIDC, the Signatory will be a "SIDC User". The Bank will maintain in its database a user account (Account) for each SIDC User for purposes of managing the SIDC of the SIDC User. Neither the Borrower nor the SIDC User will have any access to the Account.

3. Prior to first use of the SIDC by the SIDC User, the Borrower shall ensure that the SIDC User has received training materials provided by the Bank in use of the SIDC.

C. Use of SIDC

1. Use of the SIDC is strictly limited to use in the delivery of Applications by the SIDC User in the manner prescribed by the Bank in the Agreement(s) and these Terms and Conditions. Any other use of the SIDC is prohibited.
2. The Bank assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever for any misuse of the SIDC by the SIDC User, other representatives of the Borrower, or third parties.
3. The Borrower undertakes to ensure, and represents and warrants to the Bank (such representation and warranty being expressly relied upon by the Bank in granting SIDC) that each SIDC User understands and will abide by, these Terms and Conditions of Use, including without limitation the following:

4. *Security*

4.1. The SIDC User shall not reveal his/her PIN to anyone or store or record the PIN in written or other form.

4.2. The SIDC User shall not allow anyone else to utilize his/her SIDC to deliver an Application to the Bank.

4.3. The SIDC User shall always logout from CC when not using the system. Failure to logout properly can create a route into the system that is unprotected.

4.4. If the SIDC User believes a third party has learned his/her PIN or has lost his/her Physical Token he/she shall immediately notify clientconnection@worldbank.org.

4.5. The Borrower shall immediately notify the Bank at clientconnection@worldbank.org of any lost, stolen or compromised SIDC, and take other reasonable steps to ensure such SIDC are disabled immediately.

5. *Reservation of Right to Disable SIDC*

5.1. The Borrower shall reserve the right to revoke the authorization of a SIDC User to use a SIDC for any reason.

5.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to temporarily or permanently disable a SIDC, de-activate a SIDC User's Account or both.

6. ***Care of Physical Tokens***

6.1. Physical Tokens will remain the property of the Bank.

6.2. The Bank will physically deliver a Physical Token to each Signatory designated to receive one in a manner to be determined by and satisfactory to the Bank.

6.3. Physical Tokens contain delicate and sophisticated instrumentation and therefore should be handled with due care, and should not be immersed in liquids, exposed to extreme temperatures, crushed or bent. Also, Physical Tokens should be kept more than five (5) cm from devices that generate electromagnetic radiation (EMR), such as mobile phones, phone-enabled PDAs, smart phones and other similar devices. Physical Tokens should be carried and stored separate from any EMR device. At close range (less than 5 cm), these devices can output high levels of EMR that can interfere with the proper operation of electronic equipment, including the Physical Token.

6.4. Without derogating from these Terms and Conditions of Use, other technical instructions on the proper use and care of Physical Tokens are available at <http://www.rsa.com>.

7. ***Replacement***

7.1. Lost, damaged, compromised (in terms of 4.5, above) or destroyed Physical Tokens will be replaced at the expense of the Borrower.

7.2. The Bank reserves the right, in its sole discretion, not to replace any Physical Token in the case of misuse, or not to reactivate a SIDC User's Account.

Attachment 4
Statement of Expenditures (SOE)

Payments made during the period from _____ to _____

Date: _____

For expenditures against the contracts not subject to the World Bank's
Prior Review

Application No.: _____

Credit No.: _____

SOE No.: _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Item No.	Category No. (**)	Currency and Total Amount of Contract	Currency and Total Amount of Invoice Covered by Application (Net of Retention)	Eligible % from Schedule 2, Section IV of Credit Agreement	Amount Eligible for Financing (4 x 5)	Currency and Amount Paid from Designated Account (if Applicable)	Exchange Rate (Col. 7 divided by Col. 6)	Remarks
TOTALS								

Supporting documents for this SOE retained at

(location)

Payments Made during Reporting Period
Against Contracts Subject to the World Bank's Prior Review

Contract Number	Supplier	Contract Date	Contract Amount	Date of World Bank's Non Objection to Contract	Amount Paid to Supplier during Period	World Bank's Share of Amt Paid to Supplier during Period

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

LOAN/CREDIT/PPF/COFINANCIER NUMBER _____
ACCOUNT NUMBER _____ WITH (BANK) _____

1. TOTAL ADVANCED BY WORLD BANK (OR COFINANCIER) \$ _____
2. LESS: TOTAL AMOUNT RECOVERED BY WORLD BANK - \$ _____

3. EQUALS PRESENT OUTSTANDING AMOUNT ADVANCED TO THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT (NUMBER 1 LESS NUMBER 2) = \$ _____

4. BALANCE OF SPECIAL ACCOUNT PER ATTACHED BANK STATEMENT AS OF DATE _____ \$ _____

5. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED IN THIS APPLICATION NO. _____ + \$ _____ *

6. PLUS: TOTAL AMOUNT WITHDRAWN AND NOT YET CLAIMED REASON: _____ + \$ _____ *

7. PLUS: AMOUNTS CLAIMED IN PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS NOT YET CREDITED AT DATE OF BANK STATEMENTS

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>AMOUNT *</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

SUBTOTAL OF PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS NOT YET CREDITED + \$ _____

8. MINUS: INTEREST EARNED - \$ _____ *

9. TOTAL ADVANCE ACCOUNTED FOR (NO. 4 THROUGH NO. 9) = \$ _____

10. EXPLANATION OF ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TOTALS APPEARING ON LINES 3 AND 9:

11. DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____
TITLE: _____