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**CREDIT NUMBER 7490-KG**

# **Financing Agreement**

**(RESILAND CA+ Program: Kyrgyz Republic Resilient Landscape Restoration  
Project)**

**between**

**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**and**

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

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## **FINANCING AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between KYRGYZ REPUBLIC (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”). The Recipient and the Association.

### WHEREAS:

- (A) the Association has received a letter dated March 17, 2022, from the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic confirming the commitment to the Central Asia Resilient Landscape Restoration Program (“RESILAND CA+ Program”) aimed at increasing the resilience of regional landscapes in Central Asia; and
- (B) the Recipient, having been satisfied as to the feasibility and priority of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”), has expressed its support to the Association to assist in the financing of the Project as part of the RESILAND CA+ Program.

### NOW THEREFORE:

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) apply to and form 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 a credit, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in an amount equivalent to forty-five million Dollars (US\$ 45,000,000) (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 III of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate is one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance.
- 2.04. The Payment Dates are June 15 and December 15 in each year.
- 2.05. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.
- 2.06. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

### **ARTICLE III — PROJECT**

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient, through MoES, shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the General Conditions and Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE IV — EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION**

- 4.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:
  - (a) The Recipient, through MoES, has adopted the POM, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association;
  - (b) The PROGREEN Grant Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness or to the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals under it (other than the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been fulfilled; and
  - (c) The KWPF Grant Agreement has been executed and delivered and all conditions precedent to its effectiveness or to the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals under it (other than the effectiveness of this Agreement) have been fulfilled.
- 4.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date one hundred and eighty (180) days after the Signature Date.

### **ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES**

- 5.01. The Recipient's Representative is its Minister of Finance.
- 5.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:
  - (a) the Recipient's address is:

Ministry of Finance

58 Erkindik Blvd.  
Bishkek City, 720040  
Kyrgyz Republic; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

Telex:	Facsimile:
245-156 NUR KH	(996-312) 661645

5.03. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

(a) the Association's address is:

International Development Association  
1818 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20433  
United States of America; and

(b) the Association's Electronic Address is:

Telex:	Facsimile:
248423 (MCI)	1-202-477-6391

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

**KYRGYZ REPUBLIC**

**By**

*Almaz Baketaev*

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**Authorized Representative**

**Name:** Almaz Baketaev

**Title:** Minister of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic

**Date:** 02-Apr-2024

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**By**

*Tatiana Proskuryakova*

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**Authorized Representative**

**Name:** Tatiana Proskuryakova

**Title:** Country Director for Central Asia

**Date:** 02-Apr-2024

## SCHEDULE 1

### Project Description

The objectives of the Project are: (i) to increase the area under sustainable landscape management in Selected Locations in the Kyrgyz Republic; and (ii) to promote Kyrgyz Republic's collaboration with other Central Asian countries on transboundary landscape restoration.

The Project consists of the following parts:

#### Part 1: Strengthening Institutions and Regional Collaboration

- 1.1. Strengthening Institutions and Climate-induced Hazard Monitoring Capacity
  - (a) Enhancing the Recipient's capacity in glacier and snow cover monitoring by (i) developing and making operational a national glacier and snow cover monitoring system to be connected with USCMFE; (ii) provision of monitoring field equipment and other goods for relevant MoES units, including HMFD, Hydromet, and TSASC; (iii) training of staff of relevant MoES units and TSASC in, *inter alia*, climate and hydrological modeling of glaciers, and assessments of glacial hazard risks; (iv) financing field expeditions of relevant MoES units and TSASC to monitor and model glaciers and perform assessments of glacial hazard risks; (v) technical assistance to TSASC on climate and hydrological modeling of glaciers; (vi) construction of an avalanche station at a prioritized location; and (vii) installation of hydrological and meteorological posts to measure the effectiveness of downstream interventions and provision of sediment transport monitoring equipment at Project sites.
  - (b) Enhancing the Recipient's capacity in mudflow monitoring through (i) provision of monitoring equipment, such as mobile monitoring points, laser scanners, unmanned aerial vehicles, drones, satellite data and equipment for field investigation for HMFD and IWP; (ii) building automated monitoring stations in prioritized locations; (iii) conducting a field studies for monitoring glacial lakes with high risk of outburst flood; (iv) training of staff of relevant MoES units and technical assistance on the use of the new equipment and systems, and geographic information system; and (v) technical assistance to IWP to support digitalization, updating of maps, and field validation capabilities.
- 1.2. ICT for Disaster Risk Management in Degraded Landscapes
  - (a) Strengthening the Recipient's information and communication technology ("ICT") systems for disaster risk management in degraded landscapes by *inter alia* the following interventions: (i) developing an ICT tool for mudflow monitoring to be incorporated into USCMFE under HMFD; (ii) creating MoES' Mudflow Protection Service ICT system by purchasing software and equipment for its regional offices; (iii) developing relevant ICT manuals; (iv) providing equipment

(including software, drones, global positioning system equipment) and technical assistance on ICT to Giprozem for improving land degradation mapping; and (v) developing an asset management system for mudflow protection structures.

### 1.3. Strengthening Regional Collaboration

- (a) (i) Developing an online catalog of current and future climate-induced disasters of a transboundary nature in Central Asia; (ii) preparing a NBS manual and guidelines to mitigate the impacts of climate-induced events in Central Asia; (iii) developing a regional road map for mudflow mitigation; and (iv) regional coordination activities of knowledge exchange, joint research, field visits, and Training, to strengthen regional collaboration on landscapes degradation and resilient landscapes.
- (b) (i) Supporting regional and global efforts to promote mountain landscapes and communities under the framework of the Second Global Bishkek Mountain Summit, Bishkek+25; (ii) supporting the development of coordinated approaches by regional scientific and educational entities on research of glaciers, water resources, ecosystems, and mountain communities in Central Asia and develop educational programs; (iii) providing technical assistance to mountain communities in Central Asia on the development of mountain products; and (iv) technical assistance to support the Mountain Partnership Secretariat.

## **Part 2: Enhancing Resilient Landscapes and Livelihoods**

### 2.1. Landscape Restoration through Climate-resilient Green Solutions

Improving water retention, slope stabilization and soil capture features of landscapes in mudflow-prone areas by: (i) supporting NAS in performing studies on the types of vegetation to be planted and suitability of planting for identified sites; (ii) interventions in mudflow-prone areas, including afforestation, enrichment planting, fencing, water harvest and retention structures, irrigation works, provision of temporary seasonal water and other green solution-related activities using the Green Wager Approach; and (iii) providing training to mudflow-impacted community members from the identified lands in making products by locally available, leftover raw/waste and natural materials using the OVOP Method, to enhance the effects of the Project activities for mudflow-impacted communities by supporting diversification of their economic activities.

### 2.2. Landscape Restoration through Climate-resilient NBS and Grey Solutions

- (a) Increasing resilience of landscapes in selected areas by NBS interventions including, *inter alia*, repairing and/or restoring existing priority flood protection structures, minor works in riverbank protection, and building flood retention ponds.

- (b) Ensuring routine preventative maintenance of embankments and other river erosion prevention structures by (i) providing machinery, inspection tools, associated equipment and vehicles for MoES's Mudflow Protection Service regional offices in Selected Locations; (ii) purchasing machinery and equipment for maintenance of protection structures for MoES's Emergencies Prevention and Response Service; and (iii) performing feasibility studies and detailed designs for proposed interventions for landscape restoration.

### **Part 3: Project Management and Coordination**

Supporting MoES to carry out Project implementation, including procurement, financial management, coordination, reporting, monitoring and evaluation, compliance with the Environmental and Social Standards, including related studies, attention to gender aspects and citizen engagement, through the financing of Operating Costs, Consultants and Training.



## SCHEDULE 2

### Project Execution

#### Section I. Implementation Arrangements

##### A. Institutional Arrangements

1. The Recipient, through MoES, shall be responsible for overall Project implementation and maintain throughout Project implementation a PIU to be responsible for performing key project management functions, including coordination, fiduciary, monitoring and evaluation, social and environmental standards management and reporting functions, with mandates, functions, responsibilities, structures, resources and staff, all as further described in the POM and acceptable to the Association.
2. To facilitate the carrying out of the Part 1.3(a) of the Project, the Recipient, through MoES, shall enter into an agreement, prior to the start of activities under Part 1.3(a) of the Project, with an entity that is duly qualified to support regional cooperation on sustainable development issues in Central Asia, under terms and conditions acceptable to the Association (“Cooperation Agreement”).
3.
  - (a) The Recipient shall exercise its rights under the Cooperation Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing.
  - (b) Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Cooperation Agreement or any of its provisions.
4. To facilitate carrying out Part 2.1(ii) of the Project, the Recipient, through MoES, shall enter into an agreement, prior to the start of activities under Part 2.1(ii) of the Project, with an entity with experience in close collaboration with the MoES in selecting, engaging, and retaining community members for small-scale works related to NBS, such as tree planting, green stream bank protections, using the Green Wager Approach, under terms and conditions acceptable to the Association, which shall include, *inter alia*, detailed selection criteria for community members (“Green Wager Agreement”).
5.
  - (a) The Recipient shall exercise its rights under the Green Wager Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing.
  - (b) Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the Green Wager Agreement or any of its provisions.

6. To facilitate the carrying out of the Part 2.1(iii) of the Project, the Recipient, through MoES, shall enter into an agreement within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date with a Kyrgyz-based entity with solid expertise in the OVOP Method, under terms and conditions acceptable to the Association, which shall include, *inter alia*, detailed selection criteria for community members (“OVOP Agreement”).
7.
  - (a) The Recipient shall exercise its rights under the OVOP Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Financing.
  - (b) Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive the OVOP Agreement or any of its provisions.

**B. Project Operations Manual**

1. The Recipient, through MoES, shall carry out the Project in accordance with an operational manual satisfactory to the Association (the “Project Operations Manual” or “POM”), containing detailed guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Project, including, *inter alia*, with respect to: (i) institutional arrangements; (ii) operation of the PIU and involved MoES departments; (iii) roles, responsibilities, and terms of reference of key PIU staff members; (iv) Project planning, monitoring, and evaluation; (v) social and environmental management, reporting, communication, and human resources; (vi) procurement; (vii) administrative processes and financial management arrangements; (viii) rules and procedures for the procurement and/or use, operation and maintenance of drones and unmanned aerial vehicles during Project implementation, including appropriate risk mitigation plans; (ix) standards and protocols for data protection; (x) grievance procedures; and (xi) procedures for amending the POM.
2. The Recipient, through MoES, shall not amend, suspend, abrogate, repeal, or waive any provision of the POM without the prior written approval by the Association.
3. In case of conflict between the terms of the POM and those of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

**C. Environmental and Social Standards.**

1. The Recipient, through MoES, shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards, in a manner acceptable to the Association.
2. Without limitation upon paragraph 1 above, the Recipient, through MoES, shall ensure that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (“ESCP”), in a manner acceptable to the Association. To this end, the Recipient, through MoES, shall ensure that:

- (a) the measures and actions specified in the ESCP are implemented with due diligence and efficiency, as provided in the ESCP;
  - (b) sufficient funds are available to cover the costs of implementing the ESCP;
  - (c) policies and procedures are maintained, and qualified and experienced staff in adequate numbers are retained to implement the ESCP, as provided in the ESCP; and
  - (d) the ESCP, or any provision thereof, is not amended, repealed, suspended or waived, except as the Association shall otherwise agree in writing, as specified in the ESCP, and ensure that the revised ESCP is disclosed promptly thereafter.
3. In case of any inconsistencies between the ESCP and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
4. The Recipient, through MoES, shall ensure that:
- (a) all measures necessary are taken to collect, compile, and furnish to the Association through regular reports, with the frequency specified in the ESCP, and promptly in a separate report or reports, if so requested by the Association, information on the status of compliance with the ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein, all such reports in form and substance acceptable to the Association, setting out, *inter alia*: (i) the status of implementation of the ESCP; (ii) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the implementation of the ESCP; and (iii) corrective and preventive measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions; and
  - (b) the Association is promptly notified of any incident or accident related to or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, in accordance with the ESCP, the environmental and social instruments referenced therein and the Environmental and Social Standards.
5. The Recipient, through MoES, shall establish, publicize, maintain and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances of Project-affected people, and take all measures necessary and appropriate to resolve, or facilitate the resolution of, such concerns and grievances, in a manner acceptable to the Association.
6. The Recipient, through MoES, shall ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for civil works under the Project include the obligation of contractors, and subcontractors and supervising entities to: (a) comply with the relevant aspects of ESCP and the environmental and social instruments referred to therein; and (b) adopt and enforce codes of conduct that should be provided to and signed by all

workers, detailing measures to address environmental, social, health and safety risks, and the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment and violence against children, all as applicable to such civil works commissioned or carried out pursuant to said contracts.

**D. Procurement and/or Use of Unmanned Aircrafts in Project Implementation**

1. Prior to procurement and/or use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles under the Project, the Recipient shall: (a) notify the Association of such proposed procurement and/or use, and afford the Association a reasonable opportunity to assess any risks related to such procurement and/or use, including operational, legal and regulatory, institutional, technical, social and environmental, and fiduciary risks, and to recommend appropriate mitigation measures; and (b) develop a risk mitigation plan for the procurement and/or use of drones or unmanned aerial vehicles, in form and substance acceptable to the Association.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that no drones or unmanned aerial vehicles shall be procured and/or used under the Project unless the Recipient has implemented the risk mitigation measures in accordance with paragraph 1 above, the POM, and the ESCP, in form and manner satisfactory to the Association.
3. No drones or unmanned aerial vehicles procured under the Project shall be used for any purpose other than those set out in Parts 1.1 and 1.2 of the Project and for which the risk mitigation plan referred to in paragraph 1(b) above has been developed and implemented, except where the Association has provided its prior approval in writing for such use based on: (a) assessment of the risks involved; and (b) implementation of appropriate risk mitigation measures.

**E. Data Protection**

Prior to the carrying out of any Personal Data collection and processing activities under the Project, the Recipient, through MoES, shall ensure that its staff, staff of any other unit or entity involved in the implementation of the Project and any third party contracted for the purpose, follow adequate data protection standards and protocols, in accordance with applicable national law and good international practice and acceptable to the Association, as such standards and protocols shall be incorporated in the POM and, where appropriate, the applicable terms of reference.

**Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation**

The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than one month after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

**Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing**

**A. General**

Without limitation upon the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions and in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter, the Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing to finance Eligible Expenditures in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against each Category of the following table:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount of the Credit Allocated (expressed in USD)</b>	<b>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)</b>
(1) Goods, works, consulting services, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and Training under Parts 1.1, 2.2, and 3 of the Project	44,000,000	100%
(2) Goods, works, consulting services, non-consulting services, Operating Costs and Training under Part 2.1 of the Project	1,000,000	100%
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	45,000,000	

**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 Signature Date.
2. The Closing Date is June 29, 2029.

**SCHEDULE 3**

**Repayment Schedule**

<b>Date Payment Due</b>	<b>Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*</b>
On each June 15 and December 15:	
commencing from June 15, 2034, to and including December 15, 2073	<b>1.25%</b>

\* The percentages represent the percentage of the principal amount of the Credit to be repaid, except as the Association may otherwise specify pursuant to renumbered Section 3.03 (b) (originally numbered Section 3.05 (b)) of the General Conditions.

## APPENDIX

### Section I. Definitions

1. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means, for purposes of paragraph 5 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, 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 and as of July 1, 2016.
2. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
3. “Cooperation Agreement” means the agreement referred to in Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement,
4. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated December 19, 2023, as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions thereof, which sets out the material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out to address the potential environmental and social risks and impacts of the Project, including the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and any environmental and social instruments to be prepared thereunder.
5. “Environmental and Social Standards” or “ESSs” means, collectively: (i) “Environmental and Social Standard 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts”; (ii) “Environmental and Social Standard 2: Labor and Working Conditions”; (iii) “Environmental and Social Standard 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management”; (iv) “Environmental and Social Standard 4: Community Health and Safety”; (v) “Environmental and Social Standard 5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement”; (vi) “Environmental and Social Standard 6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources”; (vii) “Environmental and Social Standard 7: Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities”; (viii) “Environmental and Social Standard 8: Cultural Heritage”; (ix) “Environmental and Social Standard 9: Financial Intermediaries”; (x) “Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure”; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Association.
6. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing”, dated December 14, 2018 (last revised on July 15, 2023), with the modifications set forth in Section II of this Appendix.

7. “Giprozem” means the Recipient’s state-owned enterprise on land use management within the Land Resource Service under the Ministry of Agriculture.
8. “Green Wager Agreement” means the agreement referred to in Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
9. “Green Wager Approach” means an approach whereby temporary labor-intensive activities in natural resource management are carried out by community members that are paid a direct wage at standard labor rates thereby benefitting the environment and local community.
10. “Hazard Monitoring and Forecasting Department” or “HMFD” means the department within MoES responsible for hazard monitoring and forecasting.
11. “Hydromet” means the Recipient’s Hydrometeorological Agency under MoES.
12. “IWP” means the Recipient’s Institute of Water Problems and Hydropower within NAS.
13. “KWPF” means the Korea-World Bank Partnership Facility Single Donor Trust Fund.
14. “KWPF Grant Agreement” means the grant agreement for the Project of the Signature Date, between the Recipient and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, acting as administrator of the KWPF, providing a grant to finance Part 1.2 of the Project. “KWPF Grant Agreement” includes all appendices, schedules, and agreements supplemental to the Grant Agreement.
15. “MoES” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Emergency Situations or any legal successor thereto acceptable to the Association.
16. “Mountain Partnership Secretariat” means the secretariat hosted by the Recipient’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, for the Mountain Partnership, which is a voluntary alliance of partners under the United Nations dedicated to improving the lives of mountain peoples and protecting mountain environments around the world.
17. “NAS” means the Recipient’s National Academy of Science.
18. “NBS” means nature-based solutions that can be referred to design and engineering of mudflow protection structures using natural material, well planned afforestation, slope stabilization and landscape restoration to mitigate impacts of mudflows and floods on population and infrastructure.
19. “Operating Costs” means the incremental operating expenditures incurred by the MoES on account of the Project implementation, management, monitoring and evaluation, including salaries of contractual staff (but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service) and the associated Social Charges, office



rent, office materials and supplies, utilities, communication costs, transport and vehicle maintenance costs (including fuel), support for information systems, translation costs, bank charges and travel and per diem costs of MoES staff and other reasonable expenditures directly associated with the implementation of the Project activities, all based on an annual budget acceptable to the Association.

20. “OVOP Agreement” means the agreement referred to in Section I.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
21. “OVOP Method” means a development method based on the concept of developing one village by promoting at least one product where regional resources such as local agricultural products, specialty products, and tourism resources are accepted not just locally but worldwide.
22. “Personal Data” means any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual. An identifiable individual is one who can be identified by reasonable means, directly or indirectly, by reference to an attribute or combination of attributes within the data, or combination of the data with other available information. Attributes that can be used to identify an identifiable individual include, but are not limited to, name, identification, number, location data, online identifier, metadata and factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of an individual.
23. “Procurement Regulations” means, for purposes of paragraph 85 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the “World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers”, dated September 2023.
24. “PROGREEN” means the Global Partnership for Sustainable and Resilient Landscapes Multi-Donor Trust Fund.
25. “PROGREEN Grant Agreement” means the grant agreement for the Project of the Signature Date, between the Recipient and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, acting as administrator of the PROGREEN, providing a grant to finance the Project. “PROGREEN Grant Agreement” includes all appendices, schedules, and agreements supplemental to the Grant Agreement.
26. “Project Implementation Unit” or “PIU” means the unit that has been established within MoES and referred to in Section I.A.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement and will be staffed with additional personnel, including staff at the central level and local level as set forth in the POM.
27. “Project Operations Manual” or “POM” means the manual to be adopted by the MoES pursuant to Section I.B in Schedule 2 to this Agreement, setting forth, *inter alia*, the institutional, disbursement, procurement and financial management arrangements for the implementation of the Project.

28. “RESILAND CA+ Program” means the Central Asia Resilient Landscape Restoration Program which is designed to increase resilience of regional landscapes in Central Asia and set forth or referred to in the letter dated March 17, 2022, from the Ministry of Finance of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Association.
29. “Selected Locations” means the locations described in the POM and as updated from time to time with the agreement of the Association.
30. “Signature Date” means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Association signed this Agreement and such definition applies to all references to “the date of the Financing Agreement” in the General Conditions.
31. “Social Charges” means any payments or contributions for health benefits, unemployment benefits, disability insurance, workers’ compensation benefits, retirement (pension or social security) benefits, and life insurance, or any other benefits according to the Recipient’s legislation.
32. “Tien Shan Alpine Scientific Center” or “TSASC” means the center for Tien Shan Alpine Science within the Recipient’s National Academy of Sciences.
33. “Training” means expenditures (other than those for consulting services) incurred in connection with study tours, training courses, seminars, workshops, and other training activities, not included under goods or service providers’ contracts, including costs of training materials, space and equipment rental, travel, per diem costs for trainees and trainers and trainers’ fees (as applicable), all based on an annual budget satisfactory to the Association.
34. “Unified System of Comprehensive Monitoring and Forecasting of Emergencies” or “USCMFE” means the MoES geospatial platform that includes information on policies, infrastructure, data, tools, and capacity building to support efficient decision making for disaster risk management.

**Section II. Modifications to the General Conditions**

The General Conditions are hereby modified as follows:

1. Section 3.03 (Service Charge) and Section 3.04 (Interest Charge) are deleted in their entirety and the remaining Sections in Article III are renumbered accordingly, and all references to the Sections of Article III in any provision of the General Conditions are understood to be to such renumbered Sections.
2. Paragraph 66 (Interest Charge) in the Appendix is modified to read as follows:  
  
“66. “Interest Charge” means the interest charge for the purpose of Section 3.07.”
3. Paragraph 100 (Service Charge) in the Appendix is deleted in its entirety and the subsequent paragraphs are renumbered accordingly, and any reference to “Service Charge” or “Service Charges” in any provision of the General Conditions is deleted.