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**Re: IDA Credit No 7309-BF (Local Governance for Basic Services & Resilience Program)
Additional Instructions: Disbursement and Financial Information Letter**

Excellency:

I refer to the Financing Agreement between Burkina Faso (“Recipient”) and the International Development Association (“Association”) for the above-referenced Program. The General Conditions, as defined in the Financing Agreement, provide that the Recipient may from time to time request withdrawals of Credit¹ amounts from the Credit Account² in accordance with the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter (“DFIL”), and such additional instructions as the Association may specify from time to time by notice to the Recipient. The General Conditions also provide that the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter may set out Program specific financial reporting requirements. This letter constitutes such Disbursement and Financial Information Letter and may be revised from time to time.

I. Disbursement Arrangements, Withdrawal of Credit Financing Funds, and Reporting of Uses of Credit Funds

(i) Disbursement Arrangements

The table in Schedule 1 sets out the disbursement methods which may be used by the Recipient, conditions, information on registration of authorized signatories, processing of Withdrawal Applications (including the processing of advances), instructions on supporting documentation, and reporting of advances.

(ii) Withdrawal Applications (Electronic Delivery)³

The Recipient will deliver Withdrawal Applications (with supporting documents, “Applications”) electronically through the Association’s web-based portal “Client Connection” at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>. This option will be effective after the officials designated in writing by the Recipient, who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications, have registered as users of “Client

¹ “Financing” means: (a) the Credit if the Financing Agreement provides for a Credit only; (b) the Grant if the Financing Agreement provides for a Grant only; or both the Credit and the Grant if the Financing Agreement provides for both a Credit and a Grant.

² “Financing Account” means: (a) the Credit Account if the Financing Agreement provides for a Credit only; (b) the Grant Account if the Financing Agreement provides for a Grant only; or (c) the Credit Account in respect of the Credit and the Grant Account in respect of the Grant if the Financing Agreement provides for a Credit and a Grant.

³ Section 10.01 (c) of the General Conditions

Connection.” The designated officials shall deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through “Client Connection.” By signing the Authorized Signatory Letter, which can be delivered manually or electronically, the Recipient confirms that it is authorizing such persons to accept Secure Identification Credentials (SIDC) and to deliver the Applications and supporting documents to the Bank by these means. The Recipient may exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form on exceptional cases (including those where the Recipient encounters legal limitations) and which were previously agreed with the Bank. By designating officials to use SIDC and 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 the Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation, available in the Bank's public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and “Client Connection” at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org>; and (b) to cause such officials to abide by those terms and conditions.

(iii) Disbursement Linked Results (DLRs)

The Recipient will through the Program Coordinating Unit deliver applications of amounts of the Loan allocated to individual Disbursement Linked Results (“DLRs”) may, pursuant to the provisions of Section IV of Schedule 2 of the Loan Agreement, be submitted to the Association at any time after the Association has notified the Recipient in writing that it has accepted evidence of achievement of the specific DLRs.

(iv) Withdrawal Amount for the Program

The Application may be for an amount not to exceed the amount of the Loan confirmed by the Association for the specific DLRs in respect of which the withdrawal is requested, as specified in the Association's notice to the Recipient.

(v) Prior Results

The Association confirms that it has received evidence satisfactory to it that the DLRs referred to in category 4.1 of the Table in the Loan Agreement have been achieved. Consequently, the Recipient may withdraw the amount of the Loan allocated to said category after the Loan Agreement has been declared effective.

(vi) Advances and Recovery of Advances for the Program

The Recipient may, in accordance with provisions of the Loan Agreement, request advances of amounts of the Loan allocated to DLIs/DLRs that have not yet been achieved using the Form attached (Attachment 1).

The Association records an amount of the advance as disbursed for an achieved DLRs (“recovered”) after it has notified the Recipient of its acceptance of the evidence of achievement of the DLR for which the advance was provided. The amount so reclassified becomes available for further advances in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

II. Financial Reports and Audits¹

(i) For the Program

- **Financial Reports**

The interim unaudited financial reports (“IFRs”) for the Program are not required.

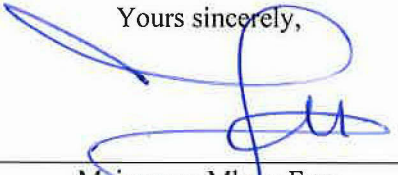
- **Audits**

Each audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one (1) fiscal year of the Recipient, commencing with the fiscal year in which the first withdrawal was made. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the Association through the Program Coordinating Unit not later than nine (9) months after the end of such period.

III. Other Important Information

For additional information on disbursement arrangements, please refer to the Loan Handbook available on the Association’s public website at <https://www.worldbank.org> and “Client Connection” at <https://clientconnection.worldbank.org> the Association recommends that you register as a user of “Client Connection.” From this website, you will be able to prepare and deliver Authorized Signatory Letters and Withdrawal Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Loan and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, or if you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact the Association by email at askloans@worldbank.org using the above reference.

Yours sincerely,



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Country Manager for Burkina Faso
Western and Central Africa Region

Attachments

1. Sample Form for Advances

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¹ Section 5.09 of the General Conditions

Schedule 1: Disbursement Provisions

Basic Information					
IDA Credit No.	7309-BF	Country	BURKINA FASO	Closing Date	Section IV (B) of Schedule 2 to the Financing Agreement.
		Recipient	Ministry of Economy, Finance and Prospective		
		Name of the Program	Burkina Faso Local Governance for Basic Services & Resilience Program	Disbursement Deadline Date	Six (6) months after the closing date.
Disbursement Methods and Supporting Documentation					
Disbursement Methods	Methods	Supporting Documentation			
Reimbursement (DLI payment for achieved results)	Yes	Result Achievement Notification with confirmation issued by the World Bank			
Advance (DLI Advance)	Yes	Request in the format provided in Attachment 1 of the DFIL			
Advances					
Financial Institution - Name	DA - A : BCEAO Compte d'Affectation Spéciale du Trésor PREGOLS			Amount / Limit	Designated Account A: • XOF 11,125,000,000
	DA - B : BCEAO Compte d'Affectation Spéciale du Trésor SP MAG				Designated Account B : • XOF 2,780,000,000
				Currency	XOF
Authorized Signatures <i>The form for Authorized Signatories Letter is provided in Attachment 1 of this letter.</i>					
Withdrawal and Documentation Applications					
Specimen Signature Letter No. 2021 001783/MINEFID/SG/DGTCP/DDP, dated July 21, 2021, signed by Lassané Kabore, Minister of Economy, Finance and Development, Burkina Faso, transmitting and updating the names and specimen signatures of the officials authorized to sign individually, withdrawal applications, in connection with all agreements between Burkina Faso and the World Bank, and its updates.					
Additional Information					
n.a.					
Other					
n.a.					

Attachment 1 - Sample Form for Advances

[Ministry/Implementing Agency Letterhead]

[Date]

Loan Department – [name of Regional Center]
The World Bank
[address of regional center]
Attention: [name of regional center team lead]

**Subject: Re: IDA [Credit] [Grant] _____ - ____ (name of Program/Operation)
-Request for Advance**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We refer to the Financing Agreement between the Association (the “Association”) and [*insert the name of the Recipient*] (the “Recipient”) providing for the above [Grant][Credit].

In accordance with the provisions of the Disbursement Letter and Schedule ____, Section _____ of the Financing Agreement, to support the implementation of the above Program and to facilitate the achievement of the planned results, we request an Advance in the amount of [*insert amount*]¹.

[We request that the Advance be disbursed in [*currency requested for disbursement*] equivalent to the Total Advance Requested above.]² We acknowledge that the amount disbursed will be charged to the [Grant][Credit] Account in the currency of the Financing at the rate of exchange in effect at the time of disbursement.

Sincerely,

[*insert Name and Position*]³

¹ The Proposed Advance should be in the currency of the DLI/DLR as set out in the disbursement table in the [Grant][Financing] Agreement, and in accordance with provisions in the Disbursement and Financial Information Letter. Normally, this is the currency of commitment of the [Grant][Credit].

² Use this text to designate the currency of the Advance if it should be different from the currency set out in the disbursement table in the [Grant][Financing] Agreement.

³ To be signed by a representative of the implementing/coordinating agency of the Recipient, OR by the person(s) authorized on behalf of the Recipient to sign applications for withdrawal under the Credit/Grant as set out in the applicable Authorized Signatory Letter.