
GRANT NUMBER E036-60

Financing Agreement

(OECS Data for Decision Making Project)

between

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

and

ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (OECS)

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FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”), and ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES (“Recipient”). The Association and the Recipient 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 grant, which is deemed as Concessional Financing for purposes of the General Conditions, in an amount of *three million six hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 3,600,000)* (“Grant”), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”).
- 2.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant 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 Grant Balance.
- 2.04. The Payment Dates are June 15 and December 15 in each year.
- 2.05. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

ARTICLE III — PROJECT

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objective of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out Part 3 of the Project (its “Respective part of 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 Effectiveness Deadline is the date ninety (90) days after the Signature Date.
- 4.02. For purposes of Section 10.05 (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 years after the Signature Date.

ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

- 5.01. The Recipient's Representative is the OECS Director General.
- 5.02. 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:

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

(a) the Recipient's address is:

Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States Commission
Morne Fortuné
P.O. Box 179, Castries, St. Lucia; and

(b) the Recipient's Electronic Address is:

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AGREED as of the Signature Date.

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Lilia Burunciuc
Authorized Representative
Lilia Burunciuc
Name: _____
Title: Country Director
Date: 17-Jun-2022

ORGANISATION OF EASTERN CARIBBEAN STATES

By

Didacus Jules
Authorized Representative
Didacus Jules
Name: _____
Title: Director General
Date: 17-Jun-2022

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to improve the capacity of Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries to: (i) produce and publicly disseminate statistical data for country and regional level analytics; and (ii) to provide immediate and effective response to an Eligible Emergency.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1. Statistical Modernization and Capacity Building

- 1.1 Strengthen the NSOs' technical, technological and organizational capacities by, *inter alia*:
- (i) providing Trainings and technical assistance to NSO staff on matters related to improving institutional capacity for timely production and disclosure of high quality statistics and Microdata;
 - (ii) improving documentation and knowledge management, and developing succession plans and handover protocols to retain and transfer knowhow;
 - (iii) supporting the Scholarship Program;
 - (iv) purchasing vehicles to support the execution and supervision of statistical operations; and
 - (v) purchasing modern end-user information technology goods and equipment to support the statistical production process (from data collection to dissemination).
- 1.2 Enhance the NSOs' ability to coordinate with key stakeholders of the NSS and engage with the public by, *inter alia*:
- (i) supporting the development, adoption, and implementation of a NSDS;
 - (ii) providing technical assistance to inform revisions of the legal and regulatory framework governing national statistical operations and the NSS;
 - (iii) establishing a formal NSS governance structure;
 - (iv) conducting outreach programs and workshops (including to promote inter-agency coordination for data reporting);
 - (v) developing Personal Data protocols, consistent with applicable legal requirements, that enable disclosure of and public access to anonymized high quality statistics and Microdata;
 - (vi) preparing existing survey Microdata and supporting documentation for dissemination via a new regional Microdata catalog;

- (vii) promoting data use and independent policy research through activities such as data literacy campaigns, hackathons, and monitoring and evaluation pilots;
- (viii) developing a communications strategy; and
- (ix) enhancing official portals with new data visualization, infographics and key development indicators and reports.

Part 2. Data Collection, Analysis, and Dissemination

Support the NSO in leveraging data for policy decision-making by, *inter alia*:

- (i) conducting core data collection operations, including the population and housing census, living conditions-household budget survey, agriculture census, and labor market surveys;
- (ii) conducting supplementary data collection operations to fill country-specific data gaps, including phone surveys to monitor the impact of exogenous shocks (such as the COVID-19 pandemic and volcanic eruptions);
- (iii) enhancing survey instruments to improve the collection of sex-disaggregated data;
- (iv) designing and developing the questionnaires, manuals, and Training materials for household surveys and censuses;
- (v) conducting Trainings for data collection operational staff (such as interviewers, supervisors, and clerical staff);
- (vi) elaborating and disseminating materials to promote the participation of the population in data collection exercises; and
- (vii) disseminating new Microdata and analytics, pursuant to the Statistical Disclosure Calendar, in the form of reports, presentations, data files, and data visualizations published on the NSO website.

Part 3. Regional Integration

3.1 Promote the harmonization, coordination and integration of regional data by, *inter alia*:

- (i) defining the RDGC's mandate and operating procedures, *inter alia*, (a) responsibilities, (b) structure (including sub-committees), (c) composition and members categories (such as voting and nonvoting), (d) member selection or appointment procedures, (e) quorum requirements, and (f) budget; and
- (ii) establishing the RDGC and supporting its operations under the Project by (a) providing administrative support and subject matter expertise, (b) creating an RDGC portal to disseminate RDGC policies, procedures, methodologies, instruments and knowledge products, and (c) support the execution of 2 to 4 RDGC meetings per year under the Project.

- 3.2 Promote innovations that improve Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries' capacity to produce high quality official statistics by, *inter alia*:
- (i) providing technical support to: (a) design and plan for the Experiments under Part 3.2(ii) of the Project; (b) produce analytical reports to reflect the results of the Experiments; and (c) assist with public dissemination of the results;
 - (ii) conducting Experiments in Beneficiary Countries, which are applicable to Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries, to (a) test new data collection instruments and methods in the field; and (b) support initiatives aimed at improving the collection and compilation of administrative data in a format conducive for their use in producing official statistics;
 - (iii) promoting the Recipient's experimentation with innovative statistical methodologies, technological tools (such as remote sensing), and new data collection modalities (such as phone and web surveys), provided they are promising for small island state contexts within the Eastern Caribbean, as determined by the Association; and
 - (iv) assessing the availability, quality, and use of administrative data to produce official statistics in Beneficiary Countries.
- 3.3 Strengthen the capacity of Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries to produce harmonized statistical data by providing technical assistance and Trainings to NSO and NSS staff, with regards to, *inter alia*:
- (i) adopting and implementing standardized definitions, concepts, international statistical classification systems, common methodologies for statistical production and dissemination; and
 - (ii) sampling, household survey design, enumerator training and supervision, Survey Solutions, statistical analysis, economic analysis, report writing, poverty measurement, demography, statistical legislation, statistical software, Microdata cataloguing software, geographic information systems, data visualization, labor statistics and data anonymization.
- 3.4 Strengthen the OECS's capacity to aggregate, analyze, and disseminate regional data by, *inter alia*:
- (i) developing a regional data portal that shall include a new regional Microdata catalog, and regional data and analytics; and
 - (ii) supporting the development and dissemination of regional knowledge products, such as an annual statistical bulletin, and thematic regional reports, including on population and demographics, and poverty and gender.

Part 4. Project Implementation

- 4.1 Provision of support to the PIU for project management expenditures, including: (i) procurement, (ii) financial management, (iii) monitoring and evaluation, (iv) reporting, (v) safeguards and technical oversight, and (v) policy coordination.
- 4.2 Carrying out independent technical audits and the Project's independent financial audits.

Part 5. Contingency Emergency Response Component

Provision of support upon occurrence of an Eligible Emergency, as needed.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements.

1. The Recipient, through the OECS Commission, shall:
 - (a) Establish and maintain a RPIU at all times during implementation of the Respective part of the Project in a manner, with resources and terms of reference satisfactory to the Association, as set forth in the Project Operational Manual (“POM”), including: Project manager, procurement officer, accountant, accounting assistant, environmental and social specialist.
 - (b) Vest the responsibilities of the day-to-day coordination and implementation of the Respective part of the Project to the RPIU, including the responsibility for (i) ensuring that the requirements, criteria, policies, procedures, and organizational arrangements set forth in the POM are applied in carrying out the Respective part of the Project; (ii) financial management (including management of Sub-Grants); (iii) procurement; (iv) accounting; (v) compliance with social and environmental safeguards; (vi) monitoring and evaluation of the Project; and (vii) communications.
 - (c) Establish and maintain throughout Project implementation a PSC with composition, resources, terms of reference and functions acceptable to the Association, as further set forth in the POM, to be responsible for: (i) Project oversight and coordination; and (ii) policy guidance.
 - (d) Develop and adopt a POM, satisfactory to the Association, no later than thirty (30) days as of the Effective Date.
 - (e) Submit to the Association, as further detailed in the POM, (i) a by-yearly interim financial report within forty-five (45) days after the close of each six-month period, and (ii) an annual audit report within six (6) months of the close of the financial year.
 - (f) Ensure adequate coordination between the RPIU and the Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries’ PIUs in accordance with procedures set forth in the POM.

B. Project Operational Manual

1. The Recipient, through OECS Commission, shall carry out the Project in accordance with the provisions of the POM, in a manner and with contents acceptable to the Association, including, *inter alia*: (a) detailed description, sequencing and timetable of all Project activities and expenditure categories; (b) roles and responsibilities of relevant actors; (c) procurement and financial management procedures (d) procedures for Project monitoring, supervision and evaluation, including the format and content of Project reports; (e) internal control mechanisms to manage, control, and conduct oversight; and (f) Personal Data protocols to be used under the Project, which shall be in accordance with international best practices.
2. Except as the Association may otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall not abrogate, amend, suspend, waive, or otherwise fail to enforce the POM or any provision thereof.
3. In case of any conflict between the terms of the POM and those of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

C. Sub-Grants Manual

1. The Recipient, through OECS Commission, shall develop a Sub-Grants Manual, in a manner and with contents acceptable to the Association, including, *inter alia*: (a) detailed arrangements and procedures in relation to the Experiments, including the eligibility criteria, procedures, guidelines and templates for the selection, approval, administration and supervision of Experiments; (b) terms and conditions for the provision of Sub-Grants, including eligibility criteria, application, appraisal, approval and disbursement procedures; and; (c) an Implementation Agreement template;
2. Except as the Association may otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall not abrogate, amend, suspend, waive, or otherwise fail to enforce the Sub-Grants Manual or any provision thereof.
3. In case of any conflict between the terms of the Sub-Grants Manual and those of this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall prevail.

D. Implementation Agreement

1. The Recipient shall, prior to the carrying out of an Experiment under Part 3.2(ii) of the Project in a Beneficiary Country, enter into an Implementation Agreement with such Beneficiary Country (or its ministry or agency, as may be applicable),

under terms and conditions acceptable to the Association and set forth in the Sub-Grants Manual, which shall include, *inter alia*, the following:

- (a) Detailed description of the Experiment, and the roles and responsibilities of the Recipient and the Beneficiary Country in carrying out the Experiment.
 - (b) Agreement of, and authorization by, the Beneficiary Country on the implementation of the Experiment in its territory, including, *inter alia*, its agreement to allow the Recipient and the Association to visit any part of its territory for the purposes related to the Experiment, and to cooperate with the Recipient to ensure that the Experiment is carried out promptly and effectively.
 - (c) Cost sharing arrangements between the Recipient and the Beneficiary Country for the implementation of the Experiment, including the provision of a Sub-Grant to the Beneficiary Country for such purpose, if applicable.
2. The Recipient shall make Sub-Grants to Beneficiary Countries in accordance with eligibility criteria and procedures detailed in the Sub-Grants Manual and acceptable to the Association.
 3. The Recipient shall make each Sub-Grant under an Implementation Agreement with the respective Beneficiary Country on terms and conditions approved by the Association, which shall include, *inter alia*, the following:
 - (a) The Sub-Grant shall be denominated in Dollars;
 - (b) The maximum amount of each Sub-Grant shall be *fifty thousand* Dollars (\$50,000);
 - (c) The Recipient shall obtain rights adequate to protect its interests and those of the Association, including the right to: (i) suspend or terminate the right of the Beneficiary Country to use the proceeds of the Sub-Grant, or obtain a refund of all or any part of the amount of the Sub-Grant then withdrawn, upon the Beneficiary Country's failure to perform any of its obligations under the Implementation Agreement; and (ii) require each Beneficiary to:
 - (i) carry out the Experiment with due diligence and efficiency and in accordance with sound technical, economic, financial, managerial, environmental and social standards and practices satisfactory to the Association, including in accordance with the provisions of the POM, the ESCP and the Anti-Corruption Guidelines applicable to recipients of financing proceeds other than the Recipient;

- (ii) provide, promptly as needed, the resources required for the Experiment;
 - (iii) if applicable, procure the goods, works and services to be financed out of the Sub-Grant in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, and utilize such goods, works and services exclusively in carrying out the Experiment and for the objectives thereof;
 - (iv) maintain policies and procedures adequate to enable it to monitor and evaluate in accordance with indicators acceptable to the Association, the progress of the Experiment and the achievement of its objectives;
 - (iv) (A) maintain a financial management system and prepare financial statements in accordance with consistently applied accounting standards acceptable to the Association, both in a manner adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Experiment; and (B) at the Association's or the Recipient's request, have such financial statements audited by independent auditors acceptable to the Association, in accordance with consistently applied auditing standards acceptable to the Association, and promptly furnish the statements as so audited to the Recipient and the Association;
 - (v) enable the Recipient and the Association to inspect the Experiment and any relevant records and documents; and
 - (vi) prepare and furnish to the Recipient and the Association all such information as the Recipient or the Association shall reasonably request relating to the foregoing.
4. The Recipient shall exercise its rights under each Implementation Agreement in such manner as to protect the interests of the Recipient and the Association and to accomplish the purposes of the Sub-Grant.
5. Except as the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall not assign, amend, abrogate or waive any Implementation Agreement or any of its provisions.
- E. Environmental and Social Standards.**
1. The Recipient 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 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 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 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 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.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

The Recipient shall furnish to the Association each Project Report not later than forty-five (45) days after the end of each calendar semester, covering the calendar semester.

Section III. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Grant

A. General

1. 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 Grant to finance Eligible Expenditures in the amount allocated and, if applicable, up to the percentage set forth against the Category of the following table:

Category	Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Trainings, and Operating Costs for Part 3 (except for Parts 3.1(ii), and 3.2), and Part 4	2,376,000	100%
(2) Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Trainings, and Operating Costs for the Project for Part 3.1(ii)	540,000	100%
(3) Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Sub-Grants, Trainings, and Operating Costs for the Project for Part 3.2	684,000	100%
TOTAL AMOUNT	3,600,000	

B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A above, no withdrawal shall be made:
 - (a) for payments made prior to the Signature Date, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed *five hundred thousand* Special Drawing Rights (SDR 500,000) may be made for payments made twelve (12) months prior to this date, for Eligible Expenditures under Category 1;
 - (b) under Category 2, until the Recipient shall conduct the activities under Part 3.1(i) of the Project, in form and substance satisfactory to: (i) the Association; and (ii) each Participating Eastern Caribbean Country's NSO; and
 - (c) Under Category 3, until the Recipient shall develop and adopt the Sub-Grants Manual and Implementation Agreement, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
2. The Closing Date is June 30, 2027.

APPENDIX

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. “Beneficiary Country” means any of the Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries or Dominica; “Beneficiary Countries” means more than one Beneficiary Country.
3. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.1 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 March 30, 2022, 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 Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities”; (viii) “Environmental and Social Standard 8: Cultural Heritage”; (ix) “Environmental and Social Standard 9: Financial Intermediaries”; and (x) “Environmental and Social Standard 10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure”; effective on October 1, 2018, as published by the Association.
6. “Experiment” means a set of activities related to the implementation of an alternative data collection method and public dissemination of the results, to be carried out by a Beneficiary Country with the Recipient under Part 3.2 of the Project, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the POM, the Sub-Grants

Manual and the relevant Implementation Agreement; and “Experiments” means, collectively, all such Experiments.

7. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for IDA Financing, Investment Project Financing”, dated December 14, 2018 (revised on August 1, 2020 and April 1, 2021, and January 1, 2022).
8. “Implementation Agreement” means an agreement to be entered into between the Recipient and a Beneficiary Country, setting forth, *inter alia*: (a) the roles and responsibilities of the parties in relation to the implementation of an Experiment; and (b) if applicable, the terms and conditions governing a Sub-Grant, as referred to in Schedule 2, Section I(D) to this Agreement; and “Implementation Agreements” means, collectively, all such Implementation Agreements.
9. “Microdata” means the anonymized datasets that include the unit-level response data for individuals, households, or establishments, collected by a census, survey, or experiment.
10. “NSDS” means National Strategy for the Development of Statistics.
11. “NSO” means the national statistical offices or units of Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries.
12. “NSS” means each Participating Eastern Caribbean country’s National Statistical System.
13. “OECS” means the Organisation of the Eastern Caribbean States established under the Treaty of Basseterre dated 1981, and operating also under the Revised Treaty of Basseterre dated 2010.
14. “OECS Commission” means the executive body of the OECS.
15. “Operating Costs” means reasonable costs, as shall have been approved by the Association, for the incremental expenses incurred on account of Project implementation, consisting of, communication costs, office supplies and maintenance, minor office refurbishing, and equipment maintenance, utilities, document duplication/printing, consumables, vehicle operation and maintenance, bank fees, travel cost and per diem for Project staff for travel linked to the implementation of the Project, (but excluding consulting services and salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service), all as approved by the Association.
16. “Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries” means Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Saint Lucia.
17. “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.

18. "PIU" means Project Implementation Unit.
19. "Procurement Regulations" means, for purposes of paragraph 87 of the Appendix to the General Conditions, the "World Bank Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers", dated November 2020.
20. "PSC" means Project Steering Committee.
21. "RDGC" means Regional Data Governance Council and will comprise, *inter alia*, each Participating Eastern Caribbean country's NSO director or chief statistician, the Recipient's statistics director, and independent experts from the academic community.
22. "Regional Project Implementation Unit" or "RPIU" means the Recipient's unit in charge of carrying out the implementation of the Respective part of the Project, referred to in Section 3 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
23. "Signature Date" means the later of the two dates on which the Recipient and the Association signed this Agreement and such definition applied to all references to "the date of the Financing Agreement" in the General Conditions.
24. "Sub-Grant" means the sub-grant that the Recipient shall disburse to a Beneficiary Country under an Implementation Agreement pursuant to the Sub-Grants Manual, as referred to in Schedule 2, Sections I(C) and I(D) of this Agreement.
25. "Sub-Grants Manual" means the manual that sets the terms and conditions for the Experiments and Sub-Grants referred to in Schedule 2, Section I(C) of this Agreement.
26. "Survey Solutions" means a software used for data collection and survey management developed by the Association and made available to the public.
27. "Trainings" means the reasonable costs associated with training under the Project, as agreed between the Recipient, through the OECS Commission, and the Association, and attributable to 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.