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CREDIT NUMBER 7112-LC

# **Financing Agreement**

**(OECS Data for Decision Making Project)**

**between**

**SAINT LUCIA**

**and**

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

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**FINANCING AGREEMENT**

AGREEMENT dated as of the Signature Date between SAINT LUCIA (“Recipient”) and INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”) for the purpose of assisting in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”). 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 the amount of *eight million Dollars (\$8,000,000)* (variously, “Credit” and “Financing”), to assist in financing the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“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 Service Charge is the greater of: (a) the sum of three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum plus the Basis Adjustment to the Service Charge; and (b) three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum; on the Withdrawn Credit Balance.
- 2.05. The Payment Dates are March 15 and September 15 in each year.
- 2.06. The principal amount of the Credit shall be repaid in accordance with the repayment schedule set forth in Schedule 3 to this Agreement.
- 2.07. The Payment Currency is Dollar.

**ARTICLE III — PROJECT**

- 3.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the Project. To this end, the Recipient shall carry out Parts 1, 2, 4 and, if applicable, 5 of the Project (its “Respective parts 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 Permanent Secretary of the Department of Finance under the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Youth Economy.
- 5.02. For purposes of Section 11.01 of the General Conditions:

- (a) the Recipient’s address is:

Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Youth Economy  
Office of the Prime Minister  
5th Floor, Greaham Louisy Administrative building,  
Waterfront, Castries, St. Lucia; and

- (b) the Recipient’s Electronic Address is:

Telephone:	Facsimile:	E-mail:
(758) 468-2111/2184	(758) 453-7352	<a href="mailto:pm.sec@govt.lc">pm.sec@govt.lc</a>

- 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:  
248423 (MCI)

Facsimile:  
1-202-477-6391

E-mail:  
[lburunciuc@worldbank.org](mailto:lburunciuc@worldbank.org)

AGREED as of the Signature Date.

**SAINT LUCIA**

**By**

*Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre*

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**Authorized Representative**

**Name:** Prime Minister Philip J. Pierre

**Title:** Prime Minister

**Date:** 24-Aug-2022

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

**By**

*Diletta Doretti*

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**Authorized Representative**

**Name:** Diletta Doretti

**Title:** Acting Country Director

**Date:** 09-Aug-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 Recipient'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 MoF, shall:
  - (a) Establish and maintain a Project Implementation Unit (“PIU”) with composition, staff in numbers and with qualifications, resources, terms of reference, and functions acceptable to the Association, as further set forth in the Project Operational Manual (“POM”), including a project coordinator, deputy project coordinator, financial management specialist, procurement specialist, social and environment specialist, and project assistant.
  - (b) Vest the PIU with the following day-to-day coordination and implementation responsibilities with regard to the Respective parts of the Project: (i) ensuring that the requirements, criteria, policies, procedures, and organizational arrangements set forth in the POM are applied in carrying out the Respective parts of the Project; (ii) financial management; (iii) procurement; (iv) social and environmental risk management; (v) monitoring and evaluation; and (vi) preparation of all Project reports (including interim financial reports) for the Project.
  - (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; (ii) multisectoral and cross-agency coordination; and (iii) policy guidance.
  - (d) Develop and adopt a POM, satisfactory to the Association, no later than forty-five (45) 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 months of the close of the financial year.
  - (f) Ensure adequate coordination between the PIU and the Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries’ PIUs, as well as with the OECS’s Regional Project Implementation Unit (“RPIU”), in accordance with procedures set forth in the POM.

**B. Project Operational Manual**

1. The Recipient, through MoF, 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; (f) Statistical Disclosure Calendars; and (g) 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. Statistics and Microdata Disclosure**

The Recipient, through MoF, shall disclose and make available to the public through official portals the statistics and Microdata, including census and survey reports and key development indicators, produced through the data collection operations conducted as part of the Project, in a manner consistent with the POM, including (i) the Statistical Disclosure Calendar; and (ii) the applicable Personal Data protocols.

**D. 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.
- 6. The Recipient shall ensure that all bidding documents and contracts for civil works under the Project include the obligation of contractors 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.

**E. Contingent Emergency Response Component**

1. In order to ensure the proper and timely implementation of Part 5 of the Project aimed to provide immediate response to potential Eligible Emergency, the Recipient, through the MoF, shall take all actions required on its behalf to ensure that Part 5 of the Project is carried out in accordance with the following provisions:

- (a) The Recipient, through the MoF, shall:
  - (i) prepare a manual (“Emergency Response Operations Manual”), which shall be an annex to the POM, setting forth detailed implementation arrangements for Part 5 of the Project, including: (A) designation of, and resources to be allocated to, the entity to be responsible for coordinating and implementing Part 5 of the Project (“Coordinating Authority”); (B) specific investments which may be included under Part 5 of the Project, the Emergency Expenditures required therefore and the proposed procedures for such inclusion; (C) financial management arrangements under Part 5 of the Project; (D) procurement methods and eligibility procedures for Emergency Expenditures to be financed under Part 5 of the Project; (E) the documentation required for withdrawals of Emergency Expenditures; and (F) any other arrangements necessary to ensure proper coordination and implementation of Part 5 of the Project;
  - (ii) from time to time, submit recommendations to the Association for its consideration for changes and updates of the Emergency Response Operations Manual, as they may become necessary or advisable during Project implementation to allow, if and as necessary, the inclusion of activities under Part 5 of the Project to respond to an Eligible Emergency;
  - (iii) ensure that Part 5 of the Project is carried out in accordance with the Emergency Response Operations Manual; provided, however, that in the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of the Emergency Response Operations Manual and this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail; and
  - (iv) not amend, suspend, abrogate, repeal or waive any provision of the Emergency Response Operations Manual without the prior approval by the Association.

- (b) The Recipient, through the MoF, shall, throughout the implementation of Part 5 of the Project, maintain the Coordinating Authority, with staff in adequate numbers and with qualifications and resources satisfactory 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 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, non-consulting services, consulting services, Trainings, and Operating Costs for the Project (except for Parts 1(1)(iii), 2 and 3 of the Project)	4,300,000	100%
(2) Goods, non-consulting services, consulting services, Individual Contractor fees, Civil Servant fees, Trainings and Operating Costs for Part 2 of the Project	3,700,000	100%
(3) Emergency Expenditures	0	100%
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>	

**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 *one million three hundred thousand Dollars* (\$1,300,000) may be made for payments made up to 12 months prior to the Signature Date, for Eligible Expenditures under Categories (1) and (2);
  - (b) under Category 2 until the Recipient, through MoF, has developed and adopted a Statistical Disclosure Calendar, to the Association's satisfaction; and
  - (c) under Category 3 for Emergency Expenditures, unless and until all the following conditions have been met in respect of said expenditures:
    - (i) the Recipient has determined that an Eligible Emergency has occurred, and has furnished to the Association a request to withdraw Financing amounts under Category 3;
    - (ii) the Association has agreed with such determination, accepted said request and notified the Recipient thereof; and
    - (iii) the Recipient has adopted the Emergency Response Operations Manual, in form and substance acceptable to the Association.
2. The Closing Date is June 30, 2027.

**SCHEDULE 3**

**Repayment Schedule**

<b>Date Payment Due</b>	<b>Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*</b>
On each March 15 and September 15:	
commencing September 15, 2032 to and including March 15, 2042_____	<b>1%</b>
commencing September 15, 2042 to and including March 15, 2062	<b>2%</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 Section 3.05 (b) of the General Conditions.

## 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. “Basis Adjustment to the Service Charge” means the Association’s standard basis adjustment to the Service Charge for credits in the currency of denomination of the Credit, in effect at 12:01 a.m. Washington, D.C. time, on the date on which the Credit is approved by the Executive Directors of the Association, and expressed either as a positive or negative percentage per annum.
3. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section III.A of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
4. “Civil Servant” means an individual serving as a public official for the Recipient that the Recipient shall hire, on an exceptional basis and pursuant to the POM and the Procurement Regulations, as an enumerator (interviewer) and/or field supervisor primarily for the population and housing census referred to under Part 2 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
5. “Coordinating Authority” means the entity referred to in Section E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
6. “Eligible Emergency” means an event that has caused, or is likely to imminently cause, a major adverse economic and/or social impact to the Recipient, associated with a natural or man-made crisis or disaster.
7. “Emergency Expenditures” means the Eligible Expenditures required to finance the cost of the approved list of goods, works, and services necessary for the carrying out of investments in the Recipient’s territory under Part 5 of the Project and set forth in the Emergency Response Operations Manual.
8. “Emergency Response Operations Manual” means the operations manual to be adopted by the Recipient, through MoF, for Part 5 of the Project in accordance with the provisions of Section E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
9. “Environmental and Social Commitment Plan” or “ESCP” means the environmental and social commitment plan for the Project, dated April 7, 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.

10. “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.
11. “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).
12. “Individual Contractor” means any individual, other than Civil Servants, that the Recipient shall hire, pursuant to the POM and the Procurement Regulations, as an enumerator (interviewer) and/or field supervisors, to conduct the data collection activities under Part 2 of Schedule 1 of this Agreement.
13. “Microdata” means the anonymized datasets that include the unit-level response data for individuals, households, or establishments, collected by a census, survey, or experiment.
14. “MoF” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Youth Economy, or any successor thereto.
15. “NSDS” means National Strategy for the Development of Statistics.
16. “NSO” means the Recipient’s national statistical office and refers to the Central Statistical Office, housed within the MoF, or any successor thereto.
17. “NSS” means the Recipient’s National Statistical System.
18. “OECS” means the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States.

19. “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.
20. “Participating Eastern Caribbean Countries” means Grenada, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and the Recipient.
21. “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.
22. “PIU” means Project Implementation Unit.
23. “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.
24. “PSC” means Project Steering Committee.
25. “RDGC” means Regional Data Governance Council and will comprise, *inter alia*, the Recipient’s NSO director or chief statistician, the OECS statistics director, and independent experts from the academic community.
26. “RPIU” means Regional Project Implementation Unit and refers to the OECS’s unit in charge of carrying out the implementation of the activities referred to in Part 3 of Schedule 1 to this Agreement.
27. “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.
28. “Statistical Disclosure Calendar” means the calendar incorporated in the POM as an annex that includes the mandatory dates and disclosure milestones to enable the public’s access to the statistics and Microdata collected under the Project.

29. "Trainings" means the reasonable costs associated with training under the Project, as agreed between the Recipient through MoF, 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.