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Financing Agreement

(Tana & Beles Integrated Water Resources Development Project)

between

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

and

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Dated June 13, 2008

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FINANCING AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT dated June 13, 2008, entered into between the FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA (“Recipient”) and the INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (“Association”). 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) constitute an integral 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, on the terms and conditions set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a credit in an amount equivalent to twenty-seven million four hundred thousand Special Drawing Rights (SDR 27,400,000) (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 IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
- 2.03. The Maximum Commitment Charge Rate payable by the Recipient on the Unwithdrawn Financing Balance shall be one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.04. The Service Charge payable by the Recipient on the Withdrawn Credit Balance shall be equal to three-fourths of one percent (3/4 of 1%) per annum.
- 2.05. The Payment Dates are June 15 and December 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 the Project in accordance with the provisions of Article IV of the General Conditions.
- 3.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 3.01 of this Agreement, and except as the Recipient and the Association shall otherwise agree, the Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

ARTICLE IV —EFFECTIVENESS; TERMINATION

- 4.01. The Additional Conditions of Effectiveness consist of the following:
 - (a) The Recipient has established a National Project Coordination Unit (NPCU), a Regional Project Coordination Unit (RPCU) for the Amhara Region, and a Project Steering Committee at both the national and regional levels, in a manner satisfactory to the Association.
 - (b) The Recipient has adopted a Project Implementation Manual, including, a financial management manual, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
 - (c) The Association has received satisfactory evidence that the staff of the NPCU and the RPCU for the Amhara Region, have been duly recruited and trained on financial management and procurement procedures in a manner satisfactory to the Association.
- 4.02. The Effectiveness Deadline is the date one hundred twenty (120) days after the date of this Agreement.
- 4.03. For purposes of Section 8.05 (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 date of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATIVE; ADDRESSES

5.01. The Recipient's representative is the Minister responsible for finance and economic development.

5.02. The Recipient's Address is:

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AGREED at Addis Ababa, Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, as of the day and year first above written.

FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA

By /s/ Sufian Ahmed

Authorized Representative

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By /s/ Kenichi Ohashi

Authorized Representative

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to develop enabling institutions and investments for integrated planning, management, and development in the Tana and Beles Sub-basins to accelerate sustainable growth.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part A: Sub-basin Resources Planning and Management

Provide support for development of institutional infrastructure and capacity for stimulating and managing sustainable investments particularly in the Tana and Beles sub-basins.

1. Develop a water resources information system including:
 - (a) Supporting a modern network of hydro-meteorological, environmental and groundwater monitoring stations through appropriate investments in associated hardware and software including hydro-meteorological gauges, communication and information management systems, geographic information systems, remote sensing, satellite hydrology processing, and special studies.
 - (b) Strengthening the flood forecasting center through appropriate investments including technical assistance, training for data acquisition, modeling, development of flood forecasting and management decision support system, communications and early warning systems.
 - (c) Supporting flood preparedness and early warning activities including high resolution flood risk mapping through acquisition and analysis of satellite imagery and preliminary hydrological and hydraulic modeling studies.
 - (d) Supporting the Recipient's federal agencies including but not limited to MoWR, NMA, DPPA, ARBA, sub-basin agencies, and Relevant Regional Institutions through the provision of technical assistance and carrying out training.
2. Carrying out resource planning and management capacity building of the Relevant Institutions to support the implementation of the Proclamation on River Basin Councils and Authorities No. 534/2007, through building an appropriate knowledge base, analytical capacity, carrying out structured stakeholder

consultation, developing integrated sub-basin resource plans and management instruments, including technical assistance and capacity building for multi-sectoral planning, development of decision support systems, and systems for stakeholder analysis/identification such as establishing advisory groups, and partnerships.

Part B: Natural Resource Management Investments

Provide support to the improvement of natural resources management in the Tana Sub-basin.

1. Sustainable watershed development investments including:
 - a) Livelihood improvement through supporting crop and livestock production, community infrastructure including but not limited to small scale irrigation, access roads, foot bridges, and rural water supply source development.
 - b) Natural resources management including supporting soil and water conservation works, rainfed agriculture improvement, and the protection of existing badly degraded areas and their improvement through development of community action plans and participatory land use plans.
 - c) Institutional strengthening at the Regional, Woreda and Kebele level including establishing and preparing watershed teams, carrying out of small scale works for the rehabilitation of offices, providing equipment, capacity building and training of subject matter specialists, cooperative managers and development agents.
2. Support community-based flood management and adaptation around the flood-prone areas around Lake Tana through the development of flood risk management and non-structural/small structural approaches to manage the impacts of floods including floodplain management and flood mitigation planning, flood forecasting and early warning, and emergency response and preparedness at the national, regional, local and community levels.

Part C: Growth-Oriented Investment Preparation

1. Support the development of the growth zone of the Tana and Beles Sub-basins through:
 - (a) strengthening of existing Recipient's Relevant Institutions and potential entities to better plan and facilitate public and private sector investments through technical assistance, provision of equipment and training; and
 - (b) preparation for growth-oriented sustainable investment including carrying out of surveys, studies, environmental and social assessments, designs, implementation arrangements, and associated analytical work.

Part D: Project Management

Support to NPCU and RPCUs to enable them to effectively carry out their relevant responsibilities for Project coordination, technical and financial management, procurement, audits, and monitoring and evaluation.

SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Institutional and Implementation Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

Federal Level

1. The Recipient shall ensure that the federal and regional entities involved in Project implementation are maintained at all times during the Project with functions, staffing and resources satisfactory to the Association so as to ensure prompt and efficient implementation of the Project.
 - (a) MoWR shall be responsible for: (i) overall coordination and monitoring of the Project; (ii) facilitation of capacity building and policy formulation related to the Project; (iii) sub-basin resources planning and management through the ARBT until the ARBA and TaSBO and BeSBO are established; (iv) establishing and strengthening the forecasting system and training at the National Meteorological Agency, National Flood Forecasting Center and DPPA; (v) disseminating analysis generated using the water resources information system to national and regional audiences with support from the NMA, BoARD and EPLAUA.
 - (b) MoARD shall be responsible for providing policy direction and guidance on the broader rural development and specifically on the integrated watershed management aspects of the Project.
 - (c) National Project Coordination Unit (NPCU)

The NPCU shall be responsible for overall Project planning and implementation including preparation of annual work plans and budgets, management, coordination, and monitoring of the Project. The NPCU shall be headed by a National Project Coordinator (NPC) and adequately staffed for the carrying out of the implementation of the Project, including a financial management specialist and a procurement specialist.
 - (d) National Project Steering Committee
 - (i) The National Project Steering Committee shall be chaired by the State Minister of MoWR, and include representatives from the MoFED, MoARD, MoTI, MoTC, the EPA, and relevant departments of the Regional administrations.

- (ii) The National Project Steering Committee shall be responsible for: (A) establishing policy guidelines and providing overall supervision for Project implementation; (B) approving the annual Federal and Regional work program and budget; (C) approving the annual Procurement Plan; (D) reviewing the annual implementation performance report prepared by the NPCU; and (E) overseeing the implementation of corrective actions when necessary.
- (e) EPA, supported by EPLAUAs, shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (“ESMF”) and the Resettlement Policy Framework (“RPF”) referred to in paragraph D.1 of Section I of this Schedule.

Regional Level

- (a) Regional Project Coordination Unit

The RPCU shall be responsible for overall Project planning and implementation including preparation of annual work plans and budgets, management, coordination, and monitoring of the Project. A Regional Project Coordination Unit (RPCU) shall be headed by a Regional Project Coordinator (RPC), and adequately staffed for the carrying out of the implementation of the Project, including an accountant and a procurement specialist.
- (b) Regional Project Steering Committee
 - (i) The Regional Project Steering Committee shall be chaired by the regional President, and include representatives from relevant bureaus.
 - (ii) The Regional Project Steering Committee shall be responsible for: (A) establishing policy guidelines and providing overall supervision for Project implementation; (B) approving the annual regional work plans and budget; (C) approving the annual regional procurement plans; (D) reviewing the annual regional implementation performance report prepared by the RPCUs; and (E) overseeing the implementation of corrective actions when necessary.
- (c) BoARD shall be responsible for the implementation of Part B.1 of the Project.

- (d) BoFED shall be responsible for coordination and implementation of Part C of the Project and for harmonizing Project activities with on-going initiatives at regional level.
- (e) The Amhara FSCDPO shall be responsible for the overall planning of Part B.2 of the Project in coordination with MoWR.
- (f) EPLAUA shall be responsible for evaluating and authorizing any environmental impact study report for non trans-regional impacts projects and ensuring the implementation of federal environmental standards, undertaking land cadastre, and planning and implementation of rural land use in the Region.

Woreda Level

- (a) The Woreda Administration Office (WAO) shall coordinate and implement Part B of the Project at the Woreda level. WAO shall establish a Woreda Watershed Team (WWT) with a composition, mandate and resources satisfactory to the Association.
- (b) The Woreda Flood Management Group shall be responsible for coordinating flood management activities including approving applications for funding, and implementing small scale works such as rural roads and levees at the local level.

Kebele Level

- (a) Kebele Council shall be responsible for supervising and approving the investment plans under Part B of the Project.
- (b) The Kebele Watershed Committee shall be the focal point for implementation of Part B.1 of the Project and shall ensure coordination and supervision of the activities in different micro-watersheds located within the Kebele.
- (c) The Kebele Flood Committee shall be responsible for preparing the community's action plans for flood preparedness and self-management of Part B.2 of the Project, a system for approving applications for funding, and financial support to implement community-driven plans.

B. Implementation Arrangements

1. Project Implementation Manual

- (a) The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the arrangements and procedures set out in the Project Implementation Manual (provided, however, that in case of any conflict between the arrangements and procedures set out in the Project Implementation Manual and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail) and, except as the Association shall otherwise agree, shall not amend, abrogate or waive any provision of the Project Implementation Manual.
- (b) The Project Implementation Manual shall include the financial management manual and sets out *inter alia*, the administrative, financial and accounting procedures, the procurement, disbursement, and safeguard procedures, performance indicators and other activities and arrangements to be adopted in the implementation of the Project.

2. Annual Work Plan and Budget

- (a) The Recipient shall prepare and furnish to Association for its approval, not later than March 31 of each year during the implementation of the Project, or such later date as the Association may agree, the annual work plan and budget including procurement plans containing all proposed activities to be carried out in the following Fiscal Year in a manner satisfactory to the Association, taking into account the Association's comments and views on the matter.
- (b) The Recipient shall cause each participating Region, Woreda and Kebele to implement, monitor and evaluate its respective activities in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Agreement and in more detail in the Project Implementation Manual, and shall not make or allow to be made any material change to any activity included in the approved annual work plans and budgets without consultation with the Association.

C. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

D. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall carry out the Project in accordance with the environmental, social and resettlement guidelines, rules and procedures defined in the

Environmental and Social Management Framework (“ESMF”) and the Resettlement Policy Framework (“RPF”).

2. The Recipient shall not amend or waive, or permit to be waived, the ESMF and or the RPF, or any provision thereof, in a manner which, in the opinion of the Association, may materially and adversely affect the implementation of the Project.
3. The Recipient shall ensure that: (i) all measures for carrying out the recommendations of the ESMF and the RPF are taken in a timely manner; and (ii) the Project Reports referred to in Section II.A of this Schedule shall include adequate information on monitoring the measures defined in the ESMF and the RPF.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports

1. (a) The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.08 of the General Conditions and on the basis of the indicators set forth below in sub-paragraph (b) of this paragraph. Each Project Report shall cover the period of six months, and shall be furnished to the Association not later than forty five days after the end of the period covered by such report.
- (b) The performance indicators referred to above in sub-paragraph (a) consist of the following:
 - (i) TaSBO and BeSBO have been established and are fully operational.
 - (ii) Water resources information system have been developed for Tana and Beles sub-basins.
 - (iii) An initial integrated Tana Sub-basin plan has been developed and presented to the Abbay Basin High Council.
 - (iv) The lake level has been maintained within the agreed limits.
 - (v) At least 80,000 hectares of vulnerable Tana Sub-basin micro-watersheds have been rehabilitated.
 - (vi) The sediment loads from targeted watersheds have been reduced.

- (vii) Flood management plans for Part B.2 of the Project have been adopted by Relevant Institutions and targeted communities around Lake Tana.
- (viii) Growth oriented investments in the Tana and Beles sub-basins have been finalized and are ready to be implemented.

B. Financial Management, Financial Reports and Audits

1. The Recipient shall maintain or cause to be maintained a financial management system in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09 of the General Conditions.
2. Without limitation on the provisions of Part A of this Section, the Recipient shall prepare and furnish to the Association not later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter, interim unaudited financial reports for the Project covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the Association.
3. The Recipient shall have the Financial Statements audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.09(b) of the General Conditions. Each audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the Association not later than six months after the end of such period.

Section III. Procurement

A. General

1. **Goods and Works.** All goods and works required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Section I of the Procurement Guidelines dated May 2004 and revised in October 2006, and with the provisions of this Section.
2. **Consultants' Services.** All consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in Sections I and IV of the Consultant Guidelines dated May 2004 and revised in October 2006, and with the provisions of this Section.
3. **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used below in this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the Association of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in the Procurement Guidelines, or Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

B. Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods and Works

1. **International and National Competitive Bidding.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, goods and works shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International and National Competitive Bidding (NCB). NCB shall follow the Recipient’s procurement procedures subject to the following additional procedures: standard bid documents of the Recipient for procurement of goods and works shall be used provided that: (i) the Recipient’s standard bid documents for procurement of goods and works shall be used; (ii) if pre-qualification is used, the Bank’s standard prequalification document shall be used; (iii) margin of preference shall not be applicable; (iv) bidders shall be given a minimum of 30 days to submit bids from the date of availability of the bidding documents; (v) use of merit points for evaluation of bids shall not be allowed; (vi) the process does not preclude participation by foreign bidders; and (vii) results of evaluation and award of contract shall be made public.

2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Goods and Works.** The following table specifies the methods of procurement, other than International and National Competitive Bidding, which may be used for goods and works. The Procurement Plan shall specify the circumstances under which such methods may be used:

<u>Procurement Method</u>
(a) Limited International Bidding
(b) Shopping
(c) Direct Contracting
(d) Procurement from UN Agencies
(e) Community Participation procedures

C. Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services

1. **Quality- and Cost-based Selection.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, consultants’ services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality and Cost-based Selection.

2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services.** The following table specifies methods of procurement, other than Quality and Cost-based Selection, which may be used for consultants’ services. The Procurement Plan shall specify the circumstances under which such methods may be used.

Procurement Method
(a) Quality Based Selection
(b) Least Cost Selection (LCS)
(c) Selection based on the Consultants Qualification (CQS)
(c) Single Source Selection (SSS)
(d) Selection of Individual Consultants

D. Review by the Association of Procurement Decisions

The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the Association’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the Association.

Section IV. Withdrawal of the Proceeds of the Financing

A. General

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Financing in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the General Conditions, this Section, and such additional instructions as the Association shall specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the Association and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to (a) repay the Project Preparation Advance in accordance with Section 2.07 of the General Conditions; and (b) finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Financing (“Category”), the allocations of the amounts of the Financing to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:

Category	Amount of the Financing Allocated (expressed in SDR)	Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (inclusive of Taxes)
(1) Works, goods and services, consultants' services (including audits), training under the Project	24,800,000	100%
(2) Operating Costs	2,000,000	100%
(3) Refund of Project Preparation Advance	600,000	100%
Total	27,400,000	100%

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 date of this Agreement.
2. The Closing Date is September 30, 2013.

Section V. Other Undertakings

The Recipient undertakes that:

1. within 180 days from Effective Date an independent and qualified external auditor to carry out the annual financial audit of the Project with qualifications, experience and terms of reference acceptable to the Association, shall have been recruited;
2. by December 31, 2008, a RPCU for the Benishangul Gumuz Region shall have been established and its staff shall have been duly recruited and trained on financial management and procurement procedures in a manner satisfactory to the Association; and
3. (a) by March 31, 2009, TeSBO shall have been established; and (b) by December 31, 2009, BeSBO shall have been established.

SCHEDULE 3**Repayment Schedule**

Date Payment Due	Principal Amount of the Credit repayable (expressed as a percentage)*
On each June 15 and December 15:	
commencing June 15, 2018 to and including December 15, 2027	1%
commencing June 15, 2028 to and including December 15, 2047	2%

* 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 3.03 (b) of the General Conditions.

APPENDIX**Definitions**

1. “ARBA” means the Abbay River Basin Authority established and operating pursuant to Proclamation No. 534/2007, of the laws of the Recipient.
2. “ARBT” means the existing Abbay River Basin Team of the Basin Development Study and Water Utilization Control Department of MoWR that has been supporting the development of a River Basin Organization for the Abbay River.
3. “Anti-Corruption Guidelines” means the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006.
4. “BeSBO” means Beles Sub-Basin Organization” a sub-office of the Abbay River Basin Organization for integrated water resource planning and management in Beles sub-basin.
5. “BoARD” means the Recipient’s Regional Bureau of Agriculture and Rural Development.
6. “BoFED” means the Recipient’s Regional Bureau of Finance and Economic Development.
7. “BoWRD” means the Recipient’s Regional Bureau of Water Resources Development.
8. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
9. “Community Flood Management Group” means groups at the *Gott* or *Attibia* levels at community level.
10. “Consultant Guidelines” means the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants by World Bank Borrowers” published by the Bank in May 2004 and revised in October 2006.
11. “DPPA” means the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Agency established and operating pursuant to Proclamations No. 10/1995 and 380/2004 of the laws of the Recipient.
12. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” or “ESMF” and Resettlement Policy Framework or “RPF” means the frameworks that include the set of mitigation, enhancement, monitoring, and institutional measures to be

taken during implementation of the Project to eliminate any adverse environmental and social impacts, offset them, reduce them to acceptable levels, or to enhance positive impacts as set out in the report “Environmental and Social Management Framework and Resettlement Policy Framework” both dated March 12, 2008, prepared by the Recipient and disseminated to stakeholders.

13. “EPA” means the Environmental Protection Authority established and operating pursuant to Proclamation No. 295/2002 of the laws of the Recipient.
14. “EPLAUA” means the Environmental Protection and Land Administration and Use Authorities.
15. “FSCDPO” means the Regional Food Security Coordination and Disaster Prevention Office established under the Amhara Region BoARD.
16. “Fiscal Year” and “FY” mean the Recipient’s fiscal year beginning July 8 and ending July 7 of the next calendar year.
17. “General Conditions” means the “International Development Association General Conditions for Credits and Grants”, dated July 1, 2005 (as amended through October 15, 2006).
18. “Kebele” means the lowest tier of the Recipient’s administrative system as established under the relevant regional legislation.
19. “Kebele Council” means the the Kebele ruling body responsible for the management of communal land, including communal grazing and any community-managed forest.
20. “Kebele Flood Management Groups (KFMG)” means the group at Kebele-level formed of designees of the Kebele Council to oversee activities at the individual community level.
21. “Kebele Watershed Committee” means the Kebele-level Committee chaired by the Chairman of the Kebele Council and with wide representation from the local community and local government bodies.
22. “MoARD” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.
23. “MoFED” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Finance and Economic Development.
24. “MoTC” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Tourism and Culture.
25. “MoTI” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Trade and Industry.

26. “MoWR” means the Recipient’s Ministry of Water Resources.
27. “NMA” means the National Meteorology Agency established and operating pursuant to Proclamation No. 201/1980 of the laws of the Recipient.
28. “NGOs” means non-governmental organizations.
29. “Operating Costs” means the incremental operating costs arising under the Project on account of Project coordination, implementation and monitoring activities undertaken by the implementing agencies of the Recipient, including office supplies, vehicle operation and maintenance costs, utilities, communication charges, per diems and travel allowances, but excluding the salaries of the Recipient’s civil service and sitting allowances.
30. “Procurement Guidelines” means the “Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits” published by the Bank in May 2004 and revised in October 2006.
31. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated April 11, 2008, referred to in paragraph 1.16 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.24 of the Consultant Guidelines, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the said paragraphs.
32. “Proclamation” means a legislation of the Recipient approved by its Parliament.
33. “Region” means the following two Regional States in Ethiopia: Amhara and Benishangul Gumuz within the Borrower’s territory as defined under the Recipient’s Constitution.
34. “Relevant Institutions” means for the purposes of:
 - (i) Part A.1 of the Project, the Recipient’s Federal Agencies, including MoWR, NMA, DPPA, EPA, ARBA, TaSBO, and BeSBO; and the Region’s Agencies, including BoWRD, EPLAUA, BoARD, and FSCDPO.
 - (ii) Part A.2 of the Project, the Recipient’s federal agencies, including MoWR, MoRAD, MoTC, MoTI, EPA, ARBA, TaSBO, and BeSBO; and the regional agencies, including BoWRD, BoARD, and EPLAUA.
 - (iii) Part B.1 of the Project, the Recipient’s federal agencies, including MoWR, MoARD, and EPA; the regional agencies,

including BoWRD, BoARD, and EPLAUA; and associated Woreda and Kebele level offices of these agencies.

- (iv) Part B.2, of the Project, the Recipient’s federal agencies, including MoWR, NMA, and DPPA; the regional agencies, including BoWRD, FSCDPO, and BoARD; and associated Woreda and Kebele level offices of these agencies.
 - (v) Part C of the Project, the Recipient’s federal agencies, including MoFED, MoWR, MoARD, MoTC, MoTI, EPA, ARBA, TaSBO, and BeSBO; and the regional agencies, including BoWRD, BoARD, Investment Promotion Agencies, and EPLAUA.
 - (vi) Part D of the Project,, the Recipient’s federal agencies, including MoWR and NPCU; and the regional agencies, including BoWRD and RPCU.
35. “RPCU” means regional project coordination unit.
36. “TaSBO” means Tana Sub-Basin Organization”, a sub-office of the Abbay River Basin Authority for integrated water resource planning and management of Tana sub-basin.
37. “Woreda” means the third tier of the Recipient’s administrative system as established under the relevant regional legislation.
38. “Woreda Flood Management Group (WFMG)” means a group at Woreda level including representatives of the FSCDP Offices, NGO representatives, and CBOs.