

Dated: 02-Feb-2019

H.E. Mutaz Musa Abdallah Salim
Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
Khartoum
Republic of Sudan

Re: GEF Grant Agreement for Sustainable Natural
Resources Management Project (TF016134)
Amendment to the Grant Agreement

Excellency:

We refer to the GEF Grant Agreement (“Agreement”) between the Republic of the Sudan (“Recipient”) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“World Bank”) dated March 13, 2014, for the above-mentioned Project (“Project”). We also refer to your letter dated May 08, 2018 requesting for additional financing to scale-up the Project and to amend the 1 GEF Grant Agreement.

Pursuant to the foregoing, the World Bank agree to your request and the Agreement is amended as set forth below:

1. Section 2.01 of Article II to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

“2.01 The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the project described in Schedule 1 to this Agreement (“Project”). To this end, the Recipient shall carry out the Project through the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests (MoAF) in accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions.”
2. Schedule 1 to the Agreement is amended and attached as “Attachment-1” to this amendment letter.
3. Section I.A.1 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

“1. Project National Steering Committee (PNSC). The Recipient shall establish and maintain, throughout Project implementation, a steering committee with composition, functions and resources satisfactory to the World Bank to be responsible for inter alia overall Project progress, oversight and interagency coordination.”
4. Section I.A.4 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

“4 State Project Implementation Unit (SPIU). The Recipient shall establish and maintain, throughout Project implementation, a project implementation unit - in White Nile, El Gezira, Kassala, North Kordofan, River Nile and Northern States - each with staffing, terms of reference and resources satisfactory to the World

Bank to be responsible for inter alia state level coordination, management and monitoring of the Project.”

5. Section IV.B.2 of Schedule 2 to the Agreement is amended to read as follows:

“2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06(c) of the Standard Condition is June 30, 2022.”

6. Appendix to the Agreement is amended and the revised appendix is attached as “Attachment-2” to this amendment letter.

All other provisions of the Agreement, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

Please confirm your agreement with the proposed amendments, on behalf of the Recipient, by countersigning and dating the two original copies of this amendment letter and returning one countersigned and dated original to us. Upon receipt by the Bank of the countersigned and dated original copy, this amendment shall become effective as of the date of countersignature.

Sincerely,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

By: 

Caroline Turk

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Africa Region

AGREED:

REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN

By: H.E. Mutaz Musa Abdallah Salim

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Minister of Finance and Economic Planning

Date: 13-Feb-2019

SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to increase the adoption of sustainable land and water management practices in targeted landscapes.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Institutional and Policy Framework

1.1. Carry out a capacity development program designed to strengthen the capacity of select MDAs to formulate, implement and monitor programs and projects geared towards sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity conservation including: (a) developing inter-agency collaboration mechanisms at the central and state level; (b) assisting communities in preparing and implementing investments under integrated land management plans; and (c) supporting village development committees to manage, monitor, and maintain infrastructures.

1.2. Carry out a program of activities designed to develop a policy and legislative framework that addresses sustainable forest and land use management in an integrated and multi-sector way, such a program to include such activities as: (a) preparing a strategy with practical recommendations, measures and policies for effective cooperation at federal-state-local and community levels for the protection and conservation of Sudan's natural resource base; and (b) strengthening policy framework and legislation for sustainable land and water management and biodiversity conservation.

1.3. Carry out a program of activities designed to address information and knowledge barriers to broader adoption of sustainable land and water management and biodiversity conservation practices, including designing and implementing a communication plan to disseminate information concerning processes, results and lessons learned through the Project.

Part 2: Community Based Sustainable Management of Rangelands, Forests and Biodiversity

2.1. Support the preparation of integrated land management plans for the Wad Bugul reserve in the Gezira State, Telkuk forest reserve in Kassala State, rangelands in White Nile State, rehabilitation of shelterbelts and establishment of village windbreaks in Northern State, reforestation of reserve forests, identification of a biosphere reserve, and preparation of a wildlife conservation and management plan in the River Nile State, and rehabilitation of Gum Arabic belt, rangelands, and setting up of a wildlife management and conservation plan for a biosphere reserve in North Kordofan State.

2.2. Carry out a program of activities to implement the plans prepared under Part 2.1 above in order to rehabilitate and restore the forest ecosystem of Telkuk forest reserve and Wad Bugul reserve and support sustainable rangeland management such a program to include such activities as gazetting of forest reserves; restoration of native vegetation (by reforestation, enrichment planting or natural regeneration); establishment of shelter belts for sand dune fixation, demarcation of animal migration routes, rotation of grazing land, establishment of nurseries for rangeland rehabilitation and clearing and opening of fire lines to protect rangelands.

Part 3: Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation

3.1. Design and implement a monitoring and evaluation system designed to track the Project results, including those registered in the GEF tracking tools for biodiversity, land degradation and sustainable forest management.

3.2. Carry out Project management, including coordination, financial management, procurement, environmental and social safeguards, annual work plans, audits, and monitoring and evaluation, through provision of goods, services and operating costs required for the purpose.

APPENDIX

Definitions

1. “Action Plan” means each action plan, acceptable to the World Bank, required pursuant to the Process Framework - as stated in Section I.D.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement - describing specific measures to assist the Affected Persons, along with the arrangements to implement such measures; and the term “Action Plans” means, collectively, all such plans.
2. “Affected Persons” means persons who, on account of the execution of the Project or any part thereof, have experienced or would experience direct economic and social impacts caused by: (A) the involuntary taking of land, resulting in: (i) relocation or loss of shelter; (ii) loss of assets or access to assets; or (iii) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not such persons must move to another location; or (B) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas resulting in adverse impacts on the livelihoods of the Project affected persons.
3. “Category” means a category set forth in the table in Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
4. “Consultant Guidelines” means the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011.
5. “Environmental and Social Management Framework” or “ESMF” means the framework 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 Environmental and Social Management Framework, dated October 2013, adopted by the Recipient and disclosed on infoshop on October 22, 2013, and updated and disclosed in-country and on the Word Bank website on March 24, 2018, referred to in Section I.D.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
6. “Environmental and Social Management Plan” or “ESMP” means, for a given Project activity, a site specific environmental and social management plan prepared by the Recipient in accordance with the ESMF pursuant to Section I.D.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement; and the term “ESMPs” means, collectively, all such plans.
7. “MDA” means a ministry, department or agency of the Recipient; and the term MDAs means, collectively, all such ministries, departments and agencies.
8. “Ministry of Agriculture and Forests (MoAF)” means the Recipient’s ministry responsible for agriculture and forests and any successors thereto.
9. “Operating Costs” means the incremental expenditures incurred by the Recipient in the implementation of the Project, on account of office supplies, office rent, communication and insurance charges, maintenance of office equipment, vehicle operations and maintenance costs, utilities, travel and travel allowances, and salaries of locally contracted employees, but excluding salaries of officials of the Recipient’s civil service.

10. “Procurement Guidelines” means the “Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers”, dated January 2011.
11. “Procurement Plan” means the Recipient’s procurement plan for the Project, dated November 4, 2013, and updated on March 14, 2018, as referred to in paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the said paragraphs.
12. “Project Implementation Manual” means the updated manual referred to in Section I.C.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement as the same may be amended from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank.
13. “Process Framework” means the process framework document of the Recipient - dated October 2013, disclosed on infoshop on October 22, 2013 – as updated and disclosed in-country and on the World Bank website on March 24, 2018, referred to in Section I.D.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
14. “Project Coordination Unit” or “PCU” means the project coordination unit established and maintained throughout Project implementation, with staffing, terms of reference and resources satisfactory to the World Bank to be responsible for inter alia overall coordination, management and monitoring of the Project, as referred to in Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
15. “Project National Steering Committee” or “PNSC” means a steering committee established and maintained, throughout Project implementation, with composition, functions and resources satisfactory to the World Bank to be responsible for inter alia overall Project progress, oversight and interagency coordination, as referred to in Section I.A.1. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
16. “State” means the second tier of government in the Recipient’s administrative system.
17. “State Project Implementation Unit” or “SPIU” means each of the State implementation units established in White Nile, El Gezira, Kassala, North Kordofan, River Nile, and Northern State, as referred to in Section I.A.4. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
18. “Technical Committee” or “TC” means a project technical committee established and maintained, throughout Project implementation, with composition, terms of reference and resources satisfactory to the World Bank to be responsible for inter alia providing advice to Project Coordination Unit on technical aspects of the Project, as referred to in Section I.A.3. of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
19. “Training” means the following expenditures incurred in providing training or workshops: travel by participants and presenters to the training or workshop site, per diem allowances of such persons during the training or workshop, honoraria for the presenters, rental of facilities, materials, supplies and translation and interpretation services.