

**STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE
CENTRAL AFRICA FOREST INITIATIVE
MULTI PARTNER TRUST FUND - CAFI MPTF**

28 September 2015

Standard Administrative Arrangement
between
XXX
and
The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

WHEREAS, Participating United Nations Organizations that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participating UN Organizations”) have developed the CAFI MPTF (hereinafter referred to as the “Fund”) starting on 7 September 2015 and ending on 31 December 2022 (hereinafter “End Date”), as may be amended from time to time, as more fully described in the Terms of Reference of the CAFI MPTF (hereinafter referred to as the “TOR”), a copy of which is attached hereto as **ANNEX A**; and have agreed to establish a coordination mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the “Executive Board”) to facilitate the effective and efficient collaboration between the Participating UN Organizations and the donors/stakeholders for the implementation of the Fund;

WHEREAS, the Participating UN Organizations have agreed that they should adopt a coordinated approach to collaboration with donors who wish to support the implementation of the Fund and have developed a TOR to use as the basis for mobilising resources for the Fund, and have further agreed that they should offer donors the opportunity to contribute to the Fund and receive reports on the Fund through a single channel;

WHEREAS, the Participating UN Organizations have appointed the United Nations Development Programme (“UNDP”) (hereinafter referred to as the “Administrative Agent”) (which is also a Participating UN Organization in connection with Fund) in a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) concluded between, the Administrative Agent and Participating UN Organizations on 7 September 2015, attached hereto for informational purposes as Annex C to serve as their administrative interface between donors and the Participating UN Organizations for these purposes. To that end the Administrative Agent has established a separate ledger account under its financial regulations and rules for the receipt and administration of the funds received from donors who wish to provide financial support to the Fund through the Administrative Agent (hereinafter referred to as the “Fund Account”);

WHEREAS, the Participating UN Organizations have agreed that the World Bank, through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and the International Development Association, (collectively, hereinafter referred to as the “Bank”), may participate in and receive funding from the Fund, in a manner and on terms as set forth as ANNEX D (hereinafter referred to as the “Bank Agreement”), and the Bank has agreed to so participate and receive such funding further to the terms of ANNEX D;

WHEREAS, the Participating UN Organizations have further agreed that international cooperation agencies (hereinafter referred to as “ICAs”), may receive funding from the

Fund through and further to arrangements as shall be put in place by the United Nations Development Programme (hereinafter referred to as “UNDP”), in its capacity as a Participating UN Organization, and such ICAs, in accordance with UNDP’s programming framework, whereby the ICA’s shall retain programmatic and financial accountability for the funds entrusted to them in accordance with the agreement to be entered between UNDP and the ICA, in the format attached hereto as ANNEX E;

WHEREAS, the Participating UN Organizations acknowledge and agree that funding from the Fund for the financing of projects or programmes in the Democratic Republic of Congo (hereinafter “DRC”), shall be made available to the Participating UN Organizations and the World Bank, as well as to the other UN Organizations and ICAs through UNDP that have been granted access to the DRC National Fund, established by the Government of the DRC and administered by the Administrative Agent, (hereinafter referred to as the “DRC NF”). Such funding shall be made available, following (i) approval of funding allocations from the Fund to the DRC NF, by the Executive Board in accordance with the TORs, and (ii) financing of specific projects and programmes in DRC by the steering committee of the DRC NF (hereinafter referred to as the “DRC NFSC”);

WHEREAS, XXX (hereinafter referred to as the “Donor”) wishes to provide financial support to the Fund on the basis of the TOR and wishes to do so through the Administrative Agent as proposed by the Participating UN Organizations; and

WHEREAS, this Standard Administrative Arrangement between the Donor and the Administrative Agent stipulates the terms and conditions of the financial support to the Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Donor and the Administrative Agent (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participants”) hereby decide as follows:

Section I
Disbursement of Funds to the Administrative Agent
and the Fund Account

1. Subject to annual parliamentary appropriation, the Donor makes a contribution of up to XXX, and such further amounts (hereinafter referred to as the “Contribution”) to support the Fund. The Contribution will enable the Participating UN Organizations, the Bank and the ICAs to support the Fund in accordance with the TOR, as may be amended from time to time. The Donor authorizes the Administrative Agent to use the Contribution for the purposes of the Fund and in accordance with this Standard Administrative Arrangement (hereinafter referred to as “Arrangement”). The Donor acknowledges that the Contribution will be co-mingled with other contributions to the Fund Account and that it will not be separately identified or administered.

2. The Donor will deposit the Contribution by wire transfer, in accordance with the schedule of payments set out in ANNEX B to this Arrangement, in convertible currencies of unrestricted use, to the following account:

Bank Name:	
Address:	
Account Name:	
Account Number:	
SWIFT Code:	
ABA:	
SWIFT Message:	

3. When making a transfer to the Administrative Agent, the Donor will notify the Administrative Agent's Treasury Operations of the following: (a) the amount transferred, (b) the value date of the transfer; and (c) that the transfer is from the Government of Norway in respect of the Fund pursuant to this Arrangement. The Administrative Agent will promptly acknowledge receipt of funds in writing indicating the amount received in United States dollars and the date of receipt of the Contribution.

4. All financial accounts and statements related to the Contribution will be expressed in United States dollars.

5. The United States dollar value of a Contribution payment, if made in a currency other than United States dollars, will be determined by applying the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect on the date of receipt of the Contribution. The Administrative Agent will not absorb gains or losses on currency exchanges. Such amounts will increase or decrease the funds available for disbursements to Participating UN Organizations, the Bank and the ICAs, through UNDP.

6. The Fund Account will be administered by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the regulations, rules, policies and procedures applicable to it, including those relating to interest.

7. The Administrative Agent will be entitled to allocate an administrative fee of one percent (1%) of the Contribution by the Donor, to cover the Administrative Agent's costs of performing the Administrative Agent's functions.

8. The Executive Board may request any of the Participating UN Organizations, to perform additional tasks in support of the Fund not related to the Administrative Agent functions detailed in Section I, paragraph 2 of the MoU and subject to the availability of funds. In this case, costs for such tasks will be decided in advance and with the approval of the Executive Board be charged to the Fund as direct costs.

9. The Administrative Agent will be entitled to charge to the Fund Account a direct cost charge in an amount(s) consistent with then-current UNDG guidance to cover the cost of continuing to render Administrative Agent functions if and when the Executive Board agrees to extend the Fund beyond the End Date with no further contribution(s) to the Fund.

Section II

Disbursement of Funds to the Participating UN Organizations and a Separate Ledger Account

1. The Administrative Agent will make disbursements from the Fund Account in accordance with decisions from the Executive Board and, in the case of disbursements for Fund-financed projects in DRC, of the DRC NFSC, in line with the approved programmatic document¹. The disbursements to the Participating UN Organizations, the Bank and the ICAs, through UNDP, will consist of direct and indirect costs as set out in the Fund budget.

2. Each Participating UN Organization will establish a separate ledger account under its financial regulations and rules for the receipt and administration of the funds disbursed to it from the Fund Account. Each Participating UN Organization, the Bank and the ICAs (the latter which will receive funds through UNDP) assume full programmatic and financial accountability for the funds disbursed to them by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall not accept any such programmatic or financial accountability. That separate ledger account will be administered by each Participating UN Organization in accordance with its own regulations, rules, policies and procedures, including those relating to interest.²

3. Where the balance in the Fund Account on the date of a scheduled disbursement is insufficient to make that disbursement, the Administrative Agent will consult with the Executive Board and make a disbursement, if any, in accordance with the Executive Board's decisions.

4. The Donor reserves the right to discontinue future deposits of its Contribution further to Annex B if there is: (i) failure to fulfil any obligations under this Arrangement; (ii) if there are substantial revisions of the TOR; or (iii) if there are credible allegations of improper use of the funds in accordance with Section VIII of this Arrangement; provided however that before doing so, the Administrative Agent, the Executive Board and the Donor will consult with a view to promptly resolving the matter.

¹ As used in this document, an approved programmatic document refers to an annual work plan or a programme/project document, etc., which is approved by the Executive Board.

² Where the Administrative Agent is also a Participating UN Organization, it will need to open its own separate ledger account and transfer funds from the Fund Account to its separate ledger account.

Section III
Activities of the Participating UN Organization

Implementation of the Fund

1. The implementation of the programmatic activities which the Donor assists in financing under this Arrangement will be the responsibility of the Participating UN Organizations and will be carried out by each Participating UN Organization in accordance with its own applicable regulations, rules, policies and procedures including those relating to procurement as well as the selection and assessment of implementing partners. Accordingly, personnel will be engaged and administered, equipment, supplies and services purchased, and contracts entered into in accordance with the provisions of such regulations, rules, policies and procedures. The Donor will not be responsible or liable for the activities of the Participating UN Organizations or the Administrative Agent as a result of this Arrangement.
2. The Participating UN Organizations will carry out the activities for which they are responsible in line with the budget contained in the approved programmatic document. Any modifications to the scope of the approved programmatic document, including as to its nature, content, sequencing or the duration thereof by the concerned Participating UN Organization(s), will be subject to the approval of the Executive Board and, in the case of disbursements for Fund-financed projects in DRC, by the DRC NTSC. The Participating UN Organization will promptly notify the Administrative Agent through the Executive Board of any change in the budget as set out in the approved programmatic document.
3. Indirect costs of the Participating UN Organizations recovered through programme support costs will be seven percent (7%). All other costs incurred by each Participating UN Organization in carrying out the activities for which it is responsible under the Fund will be recovered as direct costs.
4. The Participating UN Organizations will commence and continue to conduct operations for the Fund activities only upon receipt of disbursements as instructed by the Executive Board and, in the case of disbursements for Fund-financed projects in DRC, by the DRC NTSC.
5. The Participating UN Organizations will not make any commitments above the budgeted amounts in the approved programmatic document.
6. If unforeseen expenditures arise, the Executive Board will submit, through the Administrative Agent, a supplementary budget to the Donor showing the further financing that will be necessary. If no such further financing is available, the activities to be carried out under the approved programmatic document may be reduced or, if necessary, terminated by the Participating UN Organizations.
7. As an exceptional measure, particularly during the start-up phase of the Fund, subject to conformity with their financial regulations, rules and policies, Participating UN

Organizations may elect to start implementation of Fund activities in advance of receipt of initial or subsequent transfers from the Fund Account by using their own resources. Such advance activities will be undertaken in agreement with the Executive Board and, in the case of disbursements for Fund-financed projects in DRC, by the DRC NTSC on the basis of funds it has allocated or approved for implementation by the particular Participating UN Organization following receipt by the Administrative Agent of signed Administrative Arrangements from donors contributing to the Fund. Participating UN Organizations will be solely responsible for decisions to initiate such advance activities or other activities outside the parameters set forth above.

8. Each Participating UN Organization will establish appropriate programmatic safeguard measures in the design and implementation of its Fund activities, thereby promoting the shared values, norms and standards of the United Nations system. These measures may include, as applicable, the respect of international conventions on the environment, on children's rights, and internationally agreed core labour standards.

Special Provisions regarding Financing of Terrorism

9. Consistent with UN Security Council Resolutions relating to terrorism, including UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) and 1267 (1999) and related resolutions, the Participants are firmly committed to the international fight against terrorism, and in particular, against the financing of terrorism. Similarly, the Participants and the Participating UN Organizations recognize their obligation to comply with any applicable sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council. Each of the Participating UN Organizations will use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the funds transferred to it in accordance with the MoU are not used to provide support or assistance to individuals or entities associated with terrorism as designated by any UN Security Council sanctions regime. If, during the term of this Arrangement, a Participating UN Organization determines there are credible allegations that funds transferred to it in accordance with this Arrangement have been used to provide support or assistance to individuals or entities associated with terrorism as designated by any UN Security Council sanctions regime, it will as soon as it becomes aware of it inform the Executive Board, the Administrative Agent and the Donor and, in consultation with the donors as appropriate, determine an appropriate response.

Section IV **Activities and other obligations of the Bank and ICAs**

1. Funding received by the Bank from the Fund for activities to be implemented by it directly (Bank-executed) or implemented by third party recipients of funds (Recipient-executed), shall be used in accordance with the Bank's regulations, rules, policies and procedures and the terms thereof shall be as set forth in the Bank Agreement attached hereto as ANNEX B..

2. ICAs that have concluded an agreement with UNDP as set forth in ANNEX E will have access to the Fund, through UNDP, in accordance with the terms of ANNEX C. Once project proposals for implementation by the ICAs have been approved by the Executive Board, and, in the case of disbursements for Fund-financed projects in DRC, by the DRC NTSC, UNDP will receive the funding for each such approved project document and shall make the funding available to the ICA for each respective project; the ICAs shall retain full programmatic and financial accountability for the use of those funds, while UNDP shall provide financial and narrative progress reporting to the Administrative Agent based on financial and narrative progress reporting provided to it by the ICAs.

Section V **Equipment and Supplies**

Ownership of equipment and supplies procured, and intellectual property rights associated with works produced, using funds transferred to the Participating UN Organization under the MoU, will be determined in accordance with the regulations, rules, policies and procedures applicable to such Participating UN Organization, including any agreement with the relevant Host Government, if applicable.

Section VI **Reporting**

1. The Administrative Agent will provide the Donor and the Executive Board and, in the case of disbursements for Fund-financed projects in DRC, the DRC NTSC, with the following statements and reports, based on submissions provided to the Administrative Agent by each Participating UN Organization, and reports/reporting received from the Bank and the ICAs, through UNDP, prepared in accordance with the accounting and reporting procedures applicable to it, as set forth in the TOR:

- (a) Annual consolidated narrative progress reports, to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year;
- (b) Annual consolidated financial reports, as of 31 December with respect to the funds disbursed from the Fund Account, to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year;
- (c) Final consolidated narrative report, after the completion of the activities in the approved programmatic document, including the final year of the activities in the approved programmatic document, to be provided no later than six months (30 June) after the end of the calendar year in which the operational closure of the Fund occurs;

- (d) Final consolidated financial report, based on certified final financial statements and final financial reports received from Participating UN Organizations and reports/reporting received from the Bank and the ICAs, through UNDP, after the completion of the activities in the approved programmatic document, including the final year of the activities in the approved programmatic document, to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year in which the financial closing of the Fund occurs.
2. Annual and final reporting will be results-oriented and evidence based. Annual and final narrative reports will compare actual results with expected results at the output and outcome level, and explain the reasons for over or underachievement. The final narrative report will also contain an analysis of how the outputs and outcomes have contributed to the overall impact of the Fund. The financial reports will provide information on the use of financial resources against the outputs and outcomes in the agreed upon results framework.
3. The Administrative Agent will provide the Donor, Executive Board and Participating UN Organizations with the following reports on its activities as Administrative Agent:
 - (a) Certified annual financial statement (“Source and Use of Funds” as defined by UNDG guidelines) to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year; and
 - (b) Certified final financial statement (“Source and Use of Funds”) to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year in which the financial closing of the Fund occurs.
4. Consolidated reports and related documents will be posted on the website of the Administrative Agent [www.mptf.undp.org].

Section VII **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Monitoring

1. Monitoring of the Fund will be undertaken in accordance with the TOR. The Donor, the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will hold consultations at least annually, as appropriate, to review the status of the Fund. In addition, the Donor, the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will discuss any substantive revisions to the Fund, and promptly inform each other about any significant circumstances and major risks, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the successful achievement of the outcomes outlined in the TOR, financed in full or in part through the Contribution.

Evaluation

2. Evaluation of the Fund including, as necessary and appropriate, joint evaluation by the Participating UN Organizations, the Administrative Agent, the Donor, the Host Government (if applicable) and other partners will be undertaken in accordance with the TOR.
3. The Executive Board and/or Participating UN Organizations will recommend a joint evaluation if there is a need for a broad assessment of results at the level of the Fund or at the level of an outcome within the Fund. The joint evaluation report will be posted on the website of the Administrative Agent [www.mptf.undp.org].
4. In addition, the Donor may, separately or jointly with other partners, take the initiative to evaluate or review its cooperation with the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations under this Arrangement, with a view to determining whether results are being or have been achieved and whether contributions have been used for their intended purposes. The Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will be informed about such initiatives, will be consulted on the scope and conduct of such evaluations or reviews and will be invited to join. Participating UN Organizations will upon request assist in providing relevant information within the limits of their regulations, rules, policies and procedures. All costs will be borne by the respective Donor, unless otherwise agreed. It is understood by the Participants that such evaluation or review will not constitute a financial, compliance or other audit of the Fund including any programmes, projects or activities funded under this Arrangement.

Section VIII **Audit**

External and Internal Audit

1. The activities of the Administrative Agent and each Participating UN Organization in relation to the Fund will be exclusively audited by their respective internal and external auditors in accordance with their own financial regulations and rules. The corresponding external and internal audit reports will be disclosed publicly unless the relevant policies and procedures of the Administrative Agent or each Participating UN Organization provide otherwise.

Joint Internal Audits

2. The Internal Audit Services of the UN organizations involved in the Fund may consider conducting joint internal audits thereof in accordance with the Framework for Joint Internal Audits of UN Joint Activities, including its risk-based approach and provisions for disclosure of internal audit reports related to the Fund. In doing so, the

Internal Audit Services of the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will consult with the Executive Board.

Cost of Internal Audits

3. The total costs of internal audit activities in relation to the Fund will be borne by the Fund.

Audits of Implementing Partners

4. The part of the Contribution transferred by a Participating UN Organization to its implementing partners for activities towards the implementation of the Fund will be audited as provided under that Participating UN Organization's financial regulations and rules, as well as its policies and procedures. The disclosure of the corresponding audit reports will be made according to the policies and procedures of that Participating UN Organization.

Section IV **Fraud, Corruption and Unethical Behaviour**

1. The Participants are firmly committed to take all necessary precautions to avoid and address corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, unethical, or obstructive practices. The Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations recognize that it is important that all United Nations staff, individual contractors, implementing partners, vendors and any third parties which are involved either in joint activities or in those of the Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization (such individuals and entities being hereinafter referred to, together as the "Individuals/Entities", and individually as the "Individual/Entity") must adhere to the highest standard of integrity as defined by each relevant UN organization. To this end, the Administrative Agent and each Participating UN Organization will maintain standards of conduct that govern the performance of the Individuals/Entities, to prohibit practices which are contrary to this highest standard in any activity related to the Fund. If an Individual/Entity is a UN organization, the Participating UN Organization engaging that Individual/Entity will rely upon that Individual's/Entity's standard of integrity. The Individuals/Entities must not engage in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, unethical, or obstructive practices, as defined below.

2. In this Arrangement,

(a) "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another individual or entity;

(b) "Fraudulent practice" means any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead,

an individual or an entity to obtain a financial or other benefit, or to avoid an obligation;

(c) “Collusive practice” means an arrangement between two or more individuals and/or entities designed to achieve an improper purpose, including influencing improperly the actions of another individual or entity;

(d) “Coercive practice” means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any individual or entity or the property of the individual or entity to influence improperly the actions of an individual or entity;

(e) “Unethical practice” means the conduct of behavior that is contrary to staff or supplier codes of conduct such as those relating to conflict of interest, gifts and hospitality, and post-employment provisions; and

(f) “Obstructive practice” means acts or omissions intended to materially impede the exercise of contractual rights of audit, investigation and access to information, including destruction, falsification, alteration or concealment of evidence material to an investigation into allegations of fraud and corruption.

Investigations

3. (a) Investigations of allegations of wrongdoing by Individuals/Entities involved in the Fund which are contracted by the Administrative Agent or a Participating UN Organization will be carried out by the Investigation Service of the UN organization with which the potential subject of investigation is contracted (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization), in accordance with that UN organization’s internal policies and procedures.

(b)

(i) In the event that the Investigation Service of the Administrative Agent determines that an allegation in relation to the implementation of the activities for which the Administrative Agent is accountable is credible enough to warrant an investigation, the Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Executive Board to the extent that such notification does not jeopardize the conduct of the investigation, including but not limited to the prospects of recovery of funds or the safety or security of persons or assets. In the case of disbursement for Fund financed projects in DRC, the Executive Board shall provide the information the DRC NTSC;

(ii) In the event that the Investigation Service of a Participating UN Organization determines that an allegation in relation to the implementation of the activities for which that Participating UN Organization is accountable is credible enough to warrant an investigation, it will promptly notify the Executive Board and the Administrative Agent of the Fund, to the extent that such notification does

not jeopardize the conduct of the investigation, including but not limited to the prospects of recovery of funds or the safety or security of persons or assets.

(iii) In the case of such notification, it is the responsibility of the Executive Board and the Administrative Agent to communicate promptly with the relevant anti-fraud offices (or equivalent) of the Donor.

(iv) In case of a credible allegation, the relevant UN organization(s) will take timely and appropriate action in accordance with its regulations, rules, policies and procedures, which may include withholding further disbursements to the Individual(s)/Entity(ies) allegedly involved in the corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, unethical or obstructive practices as defined above.

(c)

(i) The UN organization's Investigation Service reviewing the credibility of an allegation or conducting the investigation will share information as appropriate with counterpart Investigation Services of the other UN organizations involved in the Fund (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization) to determine the best path towards resolution of the investigation and whether the alleged wrongdoing is limited to such UN organization or whether one or more other UN organizations involved in the Fund (Administrative Agent or one or more Participating UN Organizations) may also be affected. If the relevant Investigation Services determine that more than one UN organization could be affected by the alleged wrongdoing, they will follow the procedure described below in clause (ii).

(ii) Where a potential subject of an investigation is contracted by more than one UN organization involved in the Fund, the Investigation Services of the UN organizations concerned (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization) may consider conducting joint or coordinated investigations, determining which investigation framework to use.

(d) Upon completion of the internal reporting on their investigation by the Participating UN Organization(s) concerned as established in their respective internal policies and procedures, the Participating UN Organization(s) will provide information on the results of their investigation(s) to the Administrative Agent and the Executive Board and, in the case of disbursements for Fund-financed projects in DRC, the DRC NTSC. In the case of the Administrative Agent, upon completion of its internal reporting, it will provide the information on the results of its investigation to the Executive Board. Following such receipt of information on the results of the investigation(s), it is the responsibility of the Executive Board and the Administrative Agent to communicate promptly with the relevant anti-fraud offices (or equivalent) of the Donor.

(e) Each UN organization(s) concerned (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization) will determine what disciplinary and/or

administrative measures, including referral to national authorities, may be taken as a result of the investigation, according to its internal policies and procedures on disciplinary and/or administrative measures, including vendor sanction mechanism, as appropriate. The Participating UN Organization(s) concerned will share information on measures taken as a result of the investigation(s) with the Administrative Agent and the Executive Board of the Fund. The Administrative Agent will share information on measures taken as a result of its own investigation with the Executive Board and, in the case of disbursements for Fund-financed projects in DRC, to the DRC NTSC. Following such receipt of information on measures taken as a result of the investigation(s), it is the responsibility of the Executive Board and the Administrative Agent to communicate promptly with the relevant anti-fraud offices (or equivalent) of the Donor.

Recovery of Funds

4. If there is evidence of improper use of funds as determined after an investigation, the UN organization(s) concerned (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization) will use their best efforts, consistent with their respective regulations, rules, policies and procedures to recover any funds misused. With respect to any funds recovered, the Participating UN Organization will consult with the Executive Board, the Administrative Agent and the Donor. The Donor may request that such funds be returned to it in proportion to its Contribution to the Fund, in which case the Participating UN Organization would credit that portion of the funds so recovered to the Fund Account and the Administrative Agent would return that portion of such funds to the Donor in accordance with Section X, paragraph 6. For any such funds the Donor does not request to be returned to it, such funds will either be credited to the Fund Account or used by the Participating UN Organization for a purpose mutually agreed upon.

5. The Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will apply the provisions of Section VIII, paragraphs 1 to 4 above in accordance with their respective accountability and oversight framework as well as relevant regulations, rules, policies and procedures.

Section X **Communication and Transparency**

1. Subject to the regulations, rules, policies and procedures of the Participating UN Organization, information given to the press, to the beneficiaries of the Fund, all related publicity material, official notices, reports and publications, will highlight the results achieved and acknowledge the role of the Host Government, the Donor, the Participating UN Organizations, the Administrative Agent and any other relevant entities.

2. The Administrative Agent in consultation with the Participating UN Organizations will ensure that decisions regarding the review and approval of the Fund as well as periodic reports on the progress of implementation of the Fund are posted, where appropriate, for public information on the website of the Administrative Agent [www.mptf.undp.org]. Such reports and documents may include Executive Board approved programmes and programmes awaiting approval, fund level annual financial and progress reports and external evaluations, as appropriate.

3. The Donor, the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations are committed to principles of transparency with regard to the implementation of the Fund, consistent with their respective regulations, rules, policies and procedures. The Donor, the Administrative Agent, Participating UN Organizations and the Host Government, if applicable, will endeavor to consult prior to publication or release of any information regarded as sensitive.

Section XI **Expiration, Modification, Termination and Unspent Balances**

1. The Administrative Agent will notify the Donor when it has received notice from all Participating UN Organizations, the Bank and the ICAs, through UNDP that the activities for which they are responsible under respectively the approved programmatic document, have been completed and the Fund is operationally closed.

2. This Arrangement may be modified only by written agreement between the Participants.

3. This Arrangement may be terminated by either Participant on thirty (30) days written notice to the other Participant, subject to the continuance in force of paragraph 4 below for the purpose therein stated.

4. Notwithstanding the termination of this Arrangement, the amount of the Contribution transferred to the Administrative Agent up to and including the date of termination of this Arrangement will continue to be used to support the Fund until completion of the Fund, at which point, any remaining balances will be dealt with according to paragraph 5 below.

5. Any balance remaining in the Fund Account upon completion of the Fund will be used for a purpose mutually agreed upon or returned to the Donor in proportion to its contribution to the Fund as decided upon by the Donor and the Executive Board.

6. When returning funds to the Donor in accordance with paragraph 5 above or Section IX, paragraph 4, the Administrative Agent will notify the Donor of the following: (a) the amount transferred, (b) the value date of the transfer, and (c) that the transfer is from [name of Administrative Agent] in respect of the Fund in [name of country] (if

applicable) pursuant to this Arrangement. The Donor will promptly acknowledge receipt of funds in writing.

7. This Arrangement will expire upon the delivery to the Donor of the certified final financial statement pursuant to Section V, paragraph 3(b).

Section XII **Notices**

1. Any action required or permitted to be taken under this Arrangement may be taken on behalf of the Donor, by the Director of the Department of Climate, Energy and Environment or his or her designated representative, and on behalf of the Administrative Agent, by Mrs. Jennifer Topping Executive Coordinator or her designated representative.

2. Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made in this Arrangement will be in writing. Such notice or request will be deemed to be duly given or made when it will have been delivered by hand, mail, or any other agreed means of communication to the Participant to which it is required to be given or made, at such Participant's address specified below or at such other address as the Participant will have specified in writing to the Participant giving such notice or making such request.

For the Donor [all issues except those related to fraud and investigation]:

For the Donor [all issues related to fraud and investigation]:

For the Administrative Agent:

Section XIII **Entry into Effect**

This Arrangement will come into effect upon signature thereof by the Participants and will continue in effect until it expires or is terminated.

Section XIV **Settlement of Disputes**

Any dispute arising out of the Donor's Contribution to the Fund will be resolved amicably through dialogue among the Donor, the Administrative Agent and the concerned Participating UN Organization.

Section XV **Privileges and Immunities**

Nothing in this Standard Administrative Arrangement will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Administrative Agent, or each Participating UN Organization.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by the respective Participants, have signed the present Arrangement in English in two copies.

On behalf of the Donor:

Signature: _____

For the Administrative Agent:

Signature: _____

ANNEX A: TOR

ANNEX B: Schedule of Payments

ANNEX C: Memorandum of Understanding

ANNEX D: World Bank Agreement

ANNEX E: UNDP Agreement with ICAs

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Schedule of Payments³:

Amount:

³ subject to Parliamentary appropriations