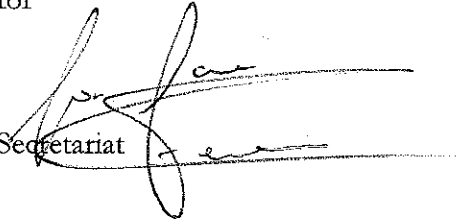


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Subject: No-cost extension request: *"Climate Change Risk Management Programme in Egypt"*  
Environment Thematic Window

## I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme "Climate Change Risk Management Programme in Egypt" a no cost extension of 12 months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 15 October 2012. Please note that this is a one-time only amendment intended to allow the Joint Programme to complete its activities and achieve its expected results. At this end date, the programme should be operationally closed, so that no new financial commitments are made, only outstanding payments. Any unspent funds within the agreed timeframe 15 October 2012 will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

## II. Recommendations

We appreciate the submission of all relevant documentation and the steps initiated to consolidate the sustainability of the programme interventions. The revised results and resources framework has been carefully prepared and takes account of the experience and pace of implementation as the programme approaches the last phase of implementation.

We would recommend to the team that when preparing the fourth year work plan the details to wrap up of the programme activities including final independent evaluation and operational and financial programme closure are explicitly identified along with timelines for completion of tasks.

As for the submitted improvement plan to respond to the midterm evaluation recommendations, we recommend that the JP team indicates the status of each of the identified actions, and not just the indicative timeframe for accomplishment.

As suggested in the National Steering Committee meeting of January 11, 2011, it would be very useful if a map of programme interventions could be drawn to visibly show the geographic concentration of activities and complementarity with other initiatives supported by other donors in this area of work.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of the team to prepare a communication and advocacy strategy and to allocate the necessary resources for its implementation. We encourage the team to share with the MDG-F Secretariat relevant audiovisual material for advocacy or documentation purposes developed by the Joint Programme. We certainly look forward to receiving the film currently under production.

### **III. Monitoring and Reporting**

Quarterly color-coded annual work plans, and biannual monitoring reports should continue to be prepared and submitted to the MDG-F Secretariat. Along with the biannual monitoring report, you will be asked to update progress made on the improvement plan.

Please be reminded that the Joint Programme is responsible for conducting its final evaluation prior to the closure of the programme and sharing the final report with the MDG-F Secretariat. Further information on the closure of programmes will be available on the revised “MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines” which will be soon uploaded on the MDG-F website ([www.mdgf.org](http://www.mdgf.org)).

With best wishes,  
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