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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1795 – “*Cultural Heritage and Creative Industries as a Vehicle for Development in Morocco*”
Culture and Development Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

Reference is made to the letter of the MDG-F Secretariat date 15 December 2010 and follow up e-mail exchanges dated 28 February, 15 March and 13 June of 2011. We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme “*Le Patrimoine Culturel et les Industries Créatives*” a no-cost extension of 12 months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 18 August 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 18 August 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 updated monitoring and evaluation framework, mid-term evaluation improvement plan, the carefully revised work plan for year 3 and 4, the preparation of a comprehensive communications and advocacy strategy and measures to fast track implementation of the UNESCO component have been prepared and take account of the experience and pace of implementation of the programme to date. We greatly appreciate the reflections and rich discussions at the Programme Management Committee’s meetings. We do encourage the committee to monitor progress closely; in particular, to the agreed timelines of processes so the programme goes forward and is on target to reach the agreed results.

We recognize 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.

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. Please be reminded that each 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”, available at the MDG-F website (www.mdgfund.org).

We would highly appreciate it if you could forward this memo to all participating UN agencies to the joint programme, and each participating UN agency should forward the memo to their corresponding HQs.

With best wishes.

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