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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1804 – *“Heritage, Tradition and Creativity for Sustainable Development in Mauritania”* – Culture and Development - 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 *“Heritage, Tradition and Creativity for Sustainable Development in Mauritania”* a no cost extension of 12 months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 10 February 2013. Please note that this is a one-time only extension 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 10 February 2013 will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

## II. Recommendations

Reference is made to the minutes of Programme Management Committee meeting that took place last February 2, 2012, it was agreed the following:

- (i) A revised work plan with the remaining budget (approximately \$1 million) will be prepared and shared with the MDG-F Secretariat. The revised work plan will take account of the progress over the last 6 months, incorporate new information related to the *‘Espaces Artisanaux’* following the conducted studies and identify clear targets to be reviewed in June 2012. The revised work plan and budget should be made available to the MDG-F secretariat no later than March 1, 2012.
- (ii) A formal review of progress will be conducted in 6 months, ie. July 2012 to monitor progress against agreed targets.

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

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.

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. Further information on the closure of programmes is available on the revised "MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines" uploaded on the MDG-F website ([www.mdgfund.org](http://www.mdgfund.org)).

With best wishes.

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