August 20, 2014

Mr. Stephen O’Malley
UNDP Resident Representative
for the OECS and Barbados
UN House, Marine Gardens
Christ Church
Barbados

Re: GFDRR Grant for Strengthening Public Investment in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the Eastern Caribbean
Grant Number TF015722

Dear Sir:

I am writing on behalf of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (“IBRD”) and the International Development Association (“IDA”) (collectively, the “World Bank”) to indicate the World Bank’s agreement, as administrator of grant funds provided by the European Union, represented by the European Commission (“Donor”) under the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), to make a grant in an amount not exceeding six hundred thirty six thousand nine hundred United States dollars (636,900) (“Grant”) to the United Nations Development Program in Barbados and the OECS (“Recipient”) for the benefit of Antigua and Barbuda, Barbados, Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (“Participating Countries”).

The Grant is made in response to the Recipient’s request for financial assistance and for the purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth in the Annex to this Letter Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, these terms and conditions include those of that certain Financial Management Framework Agreement between the World Bank and the United Nations, dated March 10, 2006 (“Financial Management Framework Agreement”), which are incorporated in this Letter Agreement to form a part hereof as if they were recited at length herein. The Recipient, by countersigning this Letter Agreement, acknowledges that it has received a copy of the Financial Management Framework Agreement and, if the Recipient was not an original signatory thereof, agrees that it is bound by the terms of the Financial Management Framework Agreement as if the Recipient had been an original party thereto. The Recipient represents, by confirming its agreement below, that (i) it is authorized to contract and withdraw the Grant for the said purposes and on the said terms and conditions, and (ii) the references in sub-paragraphs (a) and (d) of paragraph 5 of the Annex to this Letter Agreement to the Recipient’s financial regulations and rules are complete and accurate, and the Recipient makes this representation knowing that the World Bank shall rely on it for purposes of deciding to make the Grant.
This Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the Donors. The World Bank’s payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the Donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient’s right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds. Accordingly, the World Bank shall not have any liability whatsoever to the Recipient or to any third parties in respect of any expenditures or liabilities incurred in connection with the Letter Agreement which exceed the amount made available to the World Bank for the purposes of the Grant.

Please note that it is the World Bank’s policy to make publicly available this Letter Agreement and any information related thereto, after this Letter Agreement has become effective and the Recipient has given its consent to such disclosure. The Recipient, by countersigning this Letter Agreement, confirms its consent to such disclosure.

Please confirm your agreement with the foregoing, on behalf of the Recipient, by signing, dating, and returning to us the enclosed copy of this Letter Agreement. This Letter Agreement shall become effective upon: (i) receipt by the World Bank of the copy of this Letter Agreement countersigned by you; and (ii) agreement reached between the World Bank and the Recipient as to the format of the interim unaudited financial reports referred to in Section 5 (c) of the Annex to this Letter Agreement.

Very truly yours,

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

By

Sophie Sirtaine
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Latin America and the Caribbean Region

AGREED:

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM BARBADOS AND THE OECS

By: Authorized Representative

Name: STEPHEN O’MALLEY

Title: UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Date: 26 AUG 2014
Purposes, Terms, and Conditions of the Grant

1. **Purposes and Activities**

1.1. The purposes of the Grant are to: (a) strengthen the capacity of the Participating Countries to systematically account for disaster loss information, identify hazards and develop risk assessments; and (b) use the information to strengthen public investment in disaster risk reduction ("Project").

The Project consists of the following activities:

(a) Conducting analytical assessments of catastrophic risk for at least two hazards in the Participating Countries.

(b) (i) Carrying out a review of existing investments in disaster risk reduction (DRR) to identify and develop policies, guidelines or other legal instruments to: (A) efficiently incorporate DRR into the Participating Country’s national public investment and development planning system; and (B) develop mechanisms to track future DRR investments; and (ii) conducting workshops to engage participating ministries of the Participating Countries and build ownership.

(c) Developing 2015 global assessment reports on DRR as well as a sub-regional assessment report.

2. **Implementation Generally**

2.1. The Recipient shall: (a) carry out the Project with due diligence and efficiency, in accordance with the provisions of this Annex and consistent with the “Guidelines on Preventing and Combating Fraud and Corruption in Projects Financed by IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants”, dated October 15, 2006 and revised in January 2011; (b) promptly provide the funds, facilities, services and other resources required for that purpose; (c) furnish all information covering the Project and the use of the proceeds of the Grant as the World Bank shall reasonably request; (d) from time to time exchange views with the World Bank's representatives on the progress and results of the Project; (e) use its reasonable best efforts with the authorities of the Participating Countries to enable the World Bank to visit the territory of the Participating Countries for purposes related to the Grant; and (f) cause all goods and services financed out of the proceeds of the Grant to be used exclusively for the purposes of the Grant. Without limitation on the foregoing, the Recipient shall, if the World Bank shall so request, prepare and furnish to the World Bank promptly upon completion of the Project a report, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, on the results and impact of the Project.

3. **Procurement**

3.1. Except as the World Bank shall otherwise agree, procurement of goods, non-consulting services and consultants' services required for the carrying out of the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be governed by the provisions of Attachment I to this Annex, as said provisions may be further elaborated in a procurement plan approved by the World Bank ("Procurement Plan"), covering the initial 12 month period of implementation of the Project. The Recipient shall update the Procurement Plan in accordance with guidelines acceptable to the World Bank, and furnish such update to the World Bank not later than 6 months after the date of the preceding Procurement Plan, for the World Bank’s approval.
3.2. The Recipient shall ensure that all imported goods to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be insured against hazards incident to the acquisition, transportation and delivery thereof to the place of use or installation, and that any indemnity for such insurance is payable in a freely usable currency to replace or repair such goods. The Recipient shall ensure that any facilities relevant to the Project are at all times operated and maintained in accordance with appropriate practices and that any repairs or renewals of such facilities are promptly made as needed.

4. **Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds**

4.1. The amount of the Grant shall be credited to an account opened by the World Bank on its books in the name of the Recipient ("Grant Account"), and may be withdrawn therefrom by the Recipient in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph 4 and such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient, to finance 100% of expenditures out of the proceeds of the Grant consisting of goods, non-consulting services, consultants services, Training and Workshops and Operating Costs required for the Project (sometimes hereinafter referred to as "eligible expenditures") exclusive of taxes. Withdrawals from the Grant Account shall be made exclusively for eligible expenditures in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

For purposes of this paragraph, the term:

(a) "Training and Workshops" means: (i) the reasonable travel, room, board and *per diem* expenditures incurred by trainers, trainees and/or participants in connection with their participation in training and/or workshops; (ii) training or workshops facility rentals; (iii) training and workshops material preparation, acquisition, reproduction, printing and distribution expenditures; and (iv) dissemination costs.

(b) "Operating Costs" means the incremental expenditures incurred by the Recipient as a result of Project implementation, management and monitoring, including communication costs, utilities, office supplies and overheads.

4.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 4.2 above:

(a) No withdrawals shall be made from the Grant Account: (i) for payments made for expenditures prior to the date of signature of this Letter Agreement by the World Bank; or (ii) for the purpose of any payment to persons or entities, if such payment, to the World Bank's knowledge, is prohibited by a decision of the United Nations Security Council taken under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations;

(b) The Recipient may withdraw amounts of the Grant only to the extent that such amounts are available to the World Bank from the Donor for the purposes of the Grant; and

(c) No withdrawals shall be made from the Grant Account after May 30, 2016 or such later date that the World Bank shall establish by notice to the Recipient ("Closing Date"). However, withdrawals may be made after the Closing Date for expenditures incurred prior to the Closing Date if the corresponding withdrawal application is received by the World Bank within four months after the Closing Date, after which time any amount of the Grant remaining unwithdrawn from the Grant Account shall be canceled.

4.3. When the Recipient shall desire to withdraw any amount from the Grant Account, it shall deliver to the World Bank a written application for withdrawal of such amount in the form specified by the World Bank. Withdrawal applications shall be: (a) signed on behalf of the Recipient by the UNDP Resident Representative or such other person as he or she shall have authorized in writing;
and (b) accompanied by such evidence in support of the application as the World Bank shall reasonably request. Authenticated specimen signatures of the person authorized to sign withdrawal applications shall be provided with the first application bearing his or her signature. Each withdrawal application for an amount of the Grant and its supporting evidence must be sufficient in form and substance to satisfy the World Bank that the Recipient is entitled to withdraw such amount from the Grant Account and that such amount is to be used in the carrying out of the Project. The World Bank shall pay the amounts withdrawn by the Recipient from the Grant Account only to or on the order of the Recipient.

4.4. Withdrawals from the Grant Account shall be made on the basis of the interim unaudited financial reports referred to in paragraph (c) of Section 5 and under such other terms and conditions as the World Bank shall specify by notice to the Recipient contained in the Disbursement Letter addressed or to be addressed by the World Bank to the Recipient for purposes of the Grant.

4.5. Withdrawals of the proceeds of the Grant shall be made in the currency of the Grant. The World Bank, at the Recipient’s request and acting as an agent of the Recipient, shall purchase with the currency of the Grant withdrawn from the Grant Account, such currencies as shall be required to pay for expenditures to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant. Whenever it shall be necessary, for the purposes of this Letter Agreement, to determine the value of one currency in terms of another, such value shall be as reasonably determined by the World Bank.

5. Accounts and Audits

(a) The Recipient shall maintain or cause to be maintained a financial management system, including records and accounts, adequate to reflect the transactions related to the Project, in accordance with the requirements of the document Financial Regulations and Rules of the UNDP, as amended from time to time (hereinafter referred to as the Financial Regulations).

(b) The Recipient shall maintain in a separate account in its records (“Grant Control Account”) a complete, true and faithful record of all the advances from the proceeds of the Grant and of all the expenditures paid from such advances.

(c) The Recipient shall prepare, on a quarterly basis, interim unaudited financial reports, in accordance with accounting standards established pursuant to the Financial Regulations and in the format agreed with the World Bank, adequate to reflect the operations, resources and expenditures related to the Project. The first said interim unaudited financial reports shall be furnished to the World Bank no later than 45 days after the end of the first semester after the effectiveness of this Letter Agreement, and shall cover the period from the incurrence of the first expenditure under the Grant through the end of such first semester; thereafter, each interim unaudited financial report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than 45 days after each subsequent semester, and shall cover such semester.

(d) The Recipient shall ensure that the audit of the Project is governed by: (i) Regulations 7.1, 7.4 and 7.11 of the Financial Regulations; and (ii) the Financial Management Framework Agreement. In particular, the Recipient shall have its financial statements audited in a manner acceptable to the World Bank. Each such audit of the financial statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited financial statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six months after the end of such period.
(e) The Recipient shall retain, until at least one year after the World Bank has received the final interim unaudited financial report referred to in paragraph (b) and (c) of this Section 5 covering the semester in which the last withdrawal from the Grant Account was made, all records (contracts, orders, invoices, bills, receipts and other documents) evidencing all expenditures in respect of which withdrawals from the Grant Account were made.

6. **Suspension and Cancellation**

6.1. The World Bank may at any time, by notice to the Recipient, suspend the right of the Recipient to make further withdrawals from the Grant Account if any of the following events has occurred and is continuing: (a) the Recipient has failed to comply with any of its obligations herein specified; or (b) the right of the Recipient or the Participating Countries, or any other entity to which the World Bank has made a loan with the guarantee of the Participating Countries, to make withdrawals under any loan agreement with the World Bank or any development credit, grant or financing agreement with the International Development Association has been suspended; or (c) if, by notice sent jointly to the United Nations and the Recipient, pursuant to paragraph (iv) of Section 9 of the Financial Management Framework Agreement, the World Bank confirms that it reasonably believes the actions taken previously in accordance with said Section 9 have not been sufficient to fulfill its fiduciary obligation to ensure that the proceeds of the Grant were used for eligible expenditures; or (d) if, by notice sent jointly to the United Nations and the Recipient, pursuant to sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (iii) of Section 10 of the Financial Management Framework Agreement, the World Bank confirms that alternative financial management arrangements, mutually acceptable to the World Bank and the relevant UN Organization, were not reached within the period stipulated therein; or (e) if the World Bank determines at any time that a reference in sub-paragraph (a) or (d) of paragraph 5 of the Annex to this Letter Agreement to the Recipient's financial regulations and rules is incomplete or inaccurate in any material respect.

6.2. The World Bank may, by written notice to the Recipient, terminate the right of the Recipient to make further withdrawals from the Grant Account: (a) at any time after the right of the Recipient to make withdrawals from the Grant Account has been suspended pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 6.1 above; or (b) if the Recipient has failed to take action, satisfactory to the World Bank, within six months after the effective date of this Agreement, to carry out the Project; or (c) if the World Bank has decided, at any time after consultation with the Recipient, to withdraw its support to the Project; or (d) if the Recipient has withdrawn its request for the World Bank's assistance in financing the Project.
Attachment I

Procurement

Section I. General

A. All goods and non-consulting services shall be procured in accordance with the provisions of Section I of 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 (“Procurement Guidelines”), in the case of goods.

B. All consultants’ services shall be procured in accordance with Sections I and IV of the “Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits and Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 (“Consultant Guidelines”), and with the provisions of this Attachment as the same may be elaborated in the Procurement Plan referred to in paragraph 3.1 of this Letter Agreement.

C. The procurement of goods, non-consulting services and consultants’ services required for the carrying out of the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be governed by the provisions of the Procurement Plan.

Section IV. Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions

The Procurement Plan referred to in paragraph 3.1 of this Letter Agreement shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.