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## PARIS21 Final Expenditure and Narrative Report for Grant Number DI110041

Dear Ms. Watanabe,

In accordance with the terms of the arrangement<sup>1</sup> between the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) — under grant number DI110041 (DGF file 401011-05) — I have the pleasure to submit to you below a final report on progress made towards achieving the grant's overall objectives. The arrangement represents a contribution of 500,000 U.S. dollars to PARIS21 (hosted by the OECD's Development Co-operation Directorate). The present report covers the period from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011 and supplements the final expenditure report covering the same period and enclosed herein.

### Grant Objectives

According to the terms of the arrangement, the contribution is intended to finance components of the PARIS21 work programme, in particular those components concerned with support to national strategies for the development of statistics (NSDS). PARIS21's objective is to assist all low-income, International Development Association borrower countries, as appropriate, to design and implement an NSDS. PARIS21 activities include the **co-ordination** of stakeholders to better address an evolving agenda, **advocacy** for increased use and development of statistics, and promoting better-quality and effectively implemented **NSDSs**. The grant is intended to support all of these elements.

### Progress in Achieving Programme Goals

Over the reporting period, the grant has enabled the PARIS21 Secretariat to finance activities across the three components, as outlined below:

#### **Co-ordination**

The grant helped fund the intellectual services of consultants to study best practices in establishing national statistical councils and the use of statistics in national policy documents and to launch a Country Report on the Support to Statistics (CRESS) in Cameroon. The grant also funded the production of a report on progress towards the goals of the Dakar Declaration on the Development of Statistics and Secretariat participation in the OECD's *Latin American Conference on Measuring Well-Being and Fostering the Progress of Societies*.

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<sup>1</sup> FY2011 Development Grant Facility Window 1: PARIS21 Work Program

**Advocacy**

The grant financed the production of advocacy materials promoting statistical development and NSDSs for country processes (El Salvador, Lao PDR, Mauritania, Swaziland, Tanzania, and Vietnam); regional processes (Afristat, Andean Community, Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d’Economie Appliquée); and a thematic initiative (African Group on Statistical Training – AGROST). In addition, materials promoting the Busan Action Plan for Statistics — endorsed at the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness in Busan, Korea — were produced thanks to this grant.

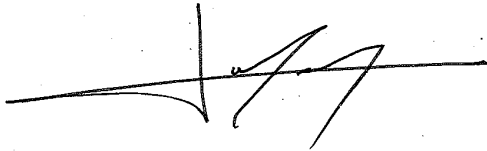
**NSDS**

The grant helped finance the intellectual contributions of Secretariat staff and consultants to country NSDS processes in Belize, Cameroon, Comoros, Central African Republic, Dominica, El Salvador, Gambia, Guinea, Haiti, Jamaica, Liberia, Mauritania, Pakistan, Swaziland, and Vietnam. The grant also covered costs relating to the organisation of national NSDS workshops in Bolivia and Cape Verde and regional NSDS workshops in Southern Africa and Portuguese-speaking African countries.

In addition, the grant helped cover costs related to the functioning of the Secretariat, including the production of promotional materials and the organisation of an Executive Committee meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for the support that the World Bank has given to PARIS21 since its creation, and I am at your disposal for any further information.

Sincerely yours,



Christophe DUHAMEL  
Deputy Manager, PARIS21 Secretariat