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### PARIS21 Final Report for Grant Number DI270715 & DI280755

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the terms of the arrangements<sup>1</sup> between the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) — under grant number DI270715 (DGF file 401008-05 - NSDS) and DI280755 (DGF file 401009-05) — I have the pleasure to submit to you below a final report on progress made towards achieving the grants' overall objectives. The arrangement represents contributions of 1.3 million U.S. dollars and 1.0 million U.S. dollars, respectively, both for PARIS21 (hosted by the OECD's Development Co-operation Directorate). The present narrative report covers the full period of both grants — *i.e.*, from 28 December 2007 to 31 December 2009 — and supplements the final expenditure reports enclosed herein as well as the progress report for these two grants dated 10 August 2009. I apologise for the delaying in transmitting this information to you.

#### Grant Objectives

According to the terms of the arrangements, the contributions are 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 in order to have, *inter alia*, nationally owned and produced data for all Millennium Development Goals indicators. The NSDS component of the PARIS21 work programme includes elements such as: advocacy, the development of NSDS methodology, the promotion of donor collaboration, and NSDS roll-out through regional programmes in conjunction with international and regional partners. The grants are intended to support all of these elements.

#### Progress in Achieving Programme Goals

For the sake of simplicity, the progress that PARIS21 has made in achieving its programme objectives are hereafter grouped by the NSDS programme elements mentioned above: advocacy, NSDS methodology, donor collaboration, and regional programmes.

##### *Advocacy*

At the expressed request of national statistical offices, the Secretariat has lent assistance in finalising advocacy booklets promoting increased support to statistics as well as booklet summaries of NSDSs. In the reporting period, national advocacy booklets have been produced for Barbados, Burundi, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Guinea, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Niger, Tanzania, and Zanzibar as well as regional advocacy booklets for the Andean Community and Central America. The grants also supported the organisation of a Malawi national statistical system advocacy strategy workshop and the production of Country-level Advocacy Toolkit.

<sup>1</sup> FY2008 Development Grant Facility Window 1: PARIS21 Work Program – Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics and FY2009 Development Grant Facility Window 1: PARIS21 Work Program – Marrakech Action Plan for Statistics

#### *NSDS Methodology*

To assist developing countries with technical issues relating to statistical development, PARIS21 produces relevant documentation and guidance. The grants financed intellectual contributions into papers on: setting out good practices for an NSDS document, a guide on the financing and costing of NSDS implementation, and the quality approach in designing an NSDS.

#### *Donor Collaboration*

The PARIS21 Secretariat conducts an annual exercise — the Partner Report on Support to Statistics (PRESS) — that provides an overview of partner support to statistics worldwide. Thanks to the support of the present grants, PARIS21 conducted the 2008 and 2009 rounds of the PRESS, the activities of which include the collection of data, the reconciliation of results in collaboration with reporting partners, the presentation of results in various international fora, and the dissemination of PRESS reports to all national statistical offices and development partners throughout the world.

#### *Regional Programmes*

PARIS21's support to NSDS processes is increasingly focusing on country-based activities and includes various components such as the promotion of partnership, the mobilisation of technical and financial resources, and on-demand advisory services to countries. Activities supporting the regional programmes which have been financed under these grants include the services of consultants working on Africa (in particular, supporting the NSDS processes in Burkina Faso, Burundi, DR Congo, Gabon, and Liberia); consultants on Latin America (supporting Bolivian, Costa Rican, and Honduran NSDS efforts); and consultants on Asia (supporting Lao PDR and Papua New Guinean NSDS processes) and the Arab States. The grants also funded peer reviews in Francophone and Anglophone Africa, the organisation of a three-day regional workshop on NSDS and a one-day High-Level Advocacy Forum for Caribbean countries, the organisation of a three-day Forum on Statistical Capacity Building for Arab States held in Cairo in May 2009, and the organisation of a one-day workshop on NSDS for small island developing states held in the margins of the 2009 UN Statistical Commission.

In addition, these grants helped cover costs related to the functioning of the Secretariat as well as the participation of young developing country statisticians at the February 2009 African Symposium on Statistical Development in Angola, a dozen developing country statistical directors at the 2009 UN Statistical Commission in New York, two Anglophone African statisticians at an *Afristat* meeting in Mali, and Central American statisticians at a May 2009 European Commission – *Sistema de la Integración Centroamericana* (SICA) joint meeting in El Salvador. Furthermore, the grants helped the Partnership deliver a very successful PARIS21 Consortium meeting held in Dakar, Senegal, in November 2009. This meeting issued a Dakar Declaration on the Development of Statistics (DDDS), which will be a central framework for statistical development in the coming years.

#### **Additional Information**

Please find attached the following additional documentation:

- Two Final Expenditure Reports (DGF File 401008-05 and 401009-05)
- "Progress Report for the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century: Reporting Period – January to October 2009"
- "Progress Report for the Partnership in Statistics for Development in the 21st Century: Reporting Period – November 2009 to May 2010"
- "Financial Statements of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development as at 31 December 2008"
- "Financial Statements of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development as at 31 December 2009"



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "meo" or similar, written over a set of horizontal lines.

Mohamed-El-Heyba Lemrabott BERROU  
Manager, PARIS21 Secretariat