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PARIS21 Final Expenditure and Narrative Report for Grant Number DI130062

Dear Mr. Danielewitz,

In accordance with the terms of the arrangement¹ between the World Bank and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) — signed on 11 February 2013 and placed under grant number DI130062 (DGF file 401013-05) — 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 300,000 U.S. dollars to PARIS21 (hosted by the OECD's Development Co-operation Directorate). The present report covers the full period of the grant — that is, from 21 March 2013 to 31 December 2013 — and supplements the final expenditure report enclosed herein. This final expenditure report is currently being validated by the OECD financial services. The certified expenditure report will be transmitted to the World Bank as soon as available.

Grant Objectives

According to the terms of the arrangement, the grant 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 focuses its efforts on encouraging and assisting all low-income and lower middle income countries to design, implement, monitor, and mobilise resources for NSDS. The NSDS component of the PARIS21 work programme includes elements such as: advocacy, partnership, reporting, studies and task teams, and NSDS roll-out through regional programmes in conjunction with international and regional partners. The grant is intended to support all of these elements.

Progress in Achieving Programme Goals

Over the reporting period, the grant enabled PARIS21 to finance the intellectual contributions of Secretariat staff and consultants to country NSDS processes in **Botswana, Comoros, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Mozambique, Cambodia, Nepal, Niger and Haiti.**

The grant also covered costs relating to the organisation of the following workshops/special events:

- In May 2013, PARIS21 supported and facilitated a **workshop on RSDS Strategy / Action plan** in San José, Costa Rica, in collaboration with SICA/CENTROESTAD,
- On 2 October 2013, PARIS21 organised a **special session on "Social Media and Statistics"** in the context of the 12th National Convention on Statistics in Manila (Philippines). This event was organised in close collaboration with the National Statistical Co-ordination Board of the Philippines,

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- In September 2013, PARIS21 supported and facilitated a **NSDS Launching Workshop** in Bermuda. The theme of this event that was attended by some 120 participants was “*Sustainable Development & Progress through Statistical Collaboration*”. It was organised in close collaboration with the National Statistical Office of Bermuda,
- In October 2013, PARIS21 supported and facilitated the first **National Forum on Advocacy for Statistics** in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. This event was attended by more than 100 users and producers of statistics from government, private sector, academia, civil society and media,
- In December 2013, PARIS21 supported and facilitated a workshop that was aimed at disseminating the results of the **Country Report on the Support to Statistics (CRESS)** in Benin. This workshop was attended by some 100 participants representing the producers of statistics as well as the main technical and financial partners in Benin.

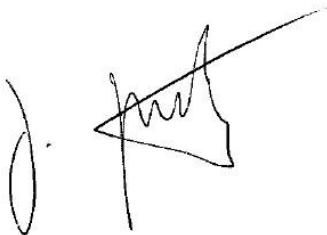
The grant also enabled the Secretariat participation at the side event on **Engineering a Data Revolution** organised in the margins of 68th session of the UN General Assembly as well as the **African Forum on Post-2015 Data Revolution** in Kenya. The grant also covered part of the costs relating to the participation of senior representatives of the National Statistical Offices of Guinea Bissau, Sao Tomé, Angola and Cape Verde at the **6th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS)** in Brazil.

The grant funds covered part of the costs relating to the production and finalisation of the new **NSDS guidelines** which are now available online (<http://nsdsguidelines.paris21.org/>) both in English and French.

In addition, the grant helped cover costs related to the functioning of the Secretariat.

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,



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