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Middle East and North Africa Transition Fund  
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**Subject: Endorsement of Morocco's Proposal: Accessing Job Opportunities for Moroccan Youth  
– presented to the Transition Fund**

Dear Sirs and Madams,

The World Bank is pleased to endorse the project “Accessing Job Opportunities for Moroccan Youth” presented by the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Middle East and North Africa Transition Fund Steering Committee, and to act as an Implementation Support Agency for this project.

The World Bank recognizes the centrality of issues of youth unemployment and employability in the post-Arab Spring environment. It acknowledges that accessing overseas job opportunities, as part of a larger package of labor market and educational reforms, can play a role in reducing youth unemployment. Further, it understands that while integration of the markets for goods, services, and capital is well-underway, significant barriers to the integration of labor markets remain. Overcoming these barriers requires proactive labor intermediation efforts.

Morocco's *Agence Nationale de Promotion de l'Emploi et des Compétences* (ANAPEC) has put in place an international placement strategy aimed at market diversification beyond its traditional markets for low- and mid-skilled Moroccan workers. In line with the findings of a 2013 review of its international labor intermediation activities, it is seeking capacity-building support, in the form of a labor mobility pilot with Germany. We welcome the potentially transformational nature of this pilot project which, if successful, will facilitate much greater access to international labor markets for Moroccan youth.

The project has been fully prepared in accordance with World Bank policies and procedures. Project preparation has been finalized and cleared by management, as evidenced by the attached Project Document and annexes.

We thank the Steering Committee for its consideration of this project, and look forward to the opportunity to support the Kingdom of Morocco in implementing the project for the benefit of the people of Morocco.

Sincerely,

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**Attached:** Trust Fund application (in English)  
Project document and annexes (in English)

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