Dear Sir,

Subject: Supporting the Design and Implementation of Economic and Social Reforms for Inclusive Growth in Tunisia through Capacity Building in Statistics, Monitoring and Evaluation

The African Development Bank is pleased to endorse the submission of the Tunisian proposal entitled “Supporting the Design and Implementation of Economic and Social Reforms for Inclusive Growth through Capacity Building in Statistics, Monitoring and Evaluation” for USD 3,902,270.

The project fits into the MENA Transition Fund’s scope and objectives and is in line with the country strategy and priorities. It aims at fostering economic and social transition in Tunisia through: (i) investing in inclusive development and job creation by fostering reforms that will enhance the inclusion of regions and disadvantaged groups; and (ii) enhancing economic governance by supporting transparency, reporting capacity and assessment of government policies.

The project is also consistent with the Tunisian Government’s initiative to put in place a new economic and social model that generates inclusive and sustainable growth. It will be serving three of the five priority axes included in the Orientation Note published by the Government of Tunisia, namely: (i) Good governance and reforms; (ii) Enhanced economic sophistication; as well as (iii) Comprehensive and sustained regional development. Notably, the project will contribute to an efficient execution of Tunisia’s 5-year strategic plan, and associated structural reforms, that are being finalized.

The Bank, as a co-Implementation Agency (ISA), will oversee activities for components that are executed by the GoT. It will work in close collaboration with the OECD and the Ministry of Development, Investment and International Cooperation which is the main beneficiary of this project. The OECD will be the co-ISA with the AfDB.

The proposal has followed the Bank’s normal policies and procedures in terms of project preparation. The Bank’s project document is attached. I am, therefore, pleased to inform you that the Bank has endorsed and is prepared to play the role of the co-Implementation Support Agency (ISA) along with the OECD, for this proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

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