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AMENDMENT No: 1

TO THE LETTER OF AGREEMENT ON

**SUPPORT TO DELTA STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION
(DSIEC) FOR EFFECTIVE VOTER EDUCATION AND CAPACITY
DEVELOPMENT TOWARDS THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
ELECTION**

BETWEEN

THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)

AND

THE DELTA STATE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL COMMISSION (DSIEC)

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Signed on behalf of UNDP



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Date: 12/09/2014

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Chairman, Delta State Independent Electoral Commission

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INTRODUCTION

Section 7 of the 1999 Constitution (as amended) of the Federal Republic of Nigeria guarantees the existence of Local Governments by democratically elected Local Government Councils and mandates the government of every State to ensure their existence under a law which provides for the establishment, structure, composition, finance and functions of such Councils (Nigeria, 2010). The local government tier is the foundation of democratic governance for the citizens. It is the closest level of government to the citizens. Therefore, it should be democratically positioned to address the basic needs of the citizens; as well as, providing citizens with more direct representation and opportunity for political participation. In order to realize the above, Part II of the Third Schedule to the 1999 Constitution (as amended) of the Federal Republic of Nigeria also provides for the establishment of State Independent Electoral Commissions with the power to organise, undertake and supervise all elections to local government councils within the State. The State Independent Electoral Commissions (SIECs) are also empowered to render such advice as they may consider necessary to the Independent National Electoral Commission on the compilation of the register of voters in so far as that register is applicable to local government elections in the State. The SIECs are therefore crucial to the effort at democratic consolidation in Nigeria. Further to the agreement between UNDP in Nigeria and the Delta State Independent Electoral Commission (DSIEC) with respect to the implementation of *Effective Voter Education and Capacity Development towards the Conduct of Local Government Election*, it is considered that improving democratic governance through regular, periodic and credible elections at the grassroots should not be and end in itself. In addition to efforts at strengthening the electoral process, concerted efforts should also be directed at strengthening the democratic culture and attitude amongst all stakeholders, as well as enhancing the capacity of the institutions that are essential for good governance.

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JUSTIFICATION

It is important to strengthen the operational capacity of DSIEC for effective election administration based on the review and lessons learned from the conduct of the 25 October 2014 LG Election. This is crucial to preclude any future untoward incidents on Election Day that may lead to confusion, disruption and possible violence which may mar the entire electoral process. Equally important is the need to enhance the managerial capacity of elected local government officials to promote equitable and inclusive governance which will be gender sensitive, participatory and transparent. In this regard, the capacitation of community based organizations to demand accountability, especially in resource allocation and utilization from elected officials.

SCOPE

Under this amendment, post-election training and capacity building workshop will be conducted for DSIEC and the newly elected council officials, as well as representatives of community based organizations on the fundamentals of good and inclusive governance, as well as, the capacity to demand for same. As a pilot in DGD II Project's support for democratic governance at the grass root level, an independent technical assessment of the election will be undertaken to evaluate the impact of the intervention on strengthening the building blocks of democracy through a bottom up approach from the local government level.

OBJECTIVES

1. Strengthen the capacity of DSIEC to conduct credible LG Elections in the future.
2. Enhance the administrative and managerial ability of newly elected LGA officials for good governance at the LGA level.
3. Empower the citizens and other relevant stakeholders to participate in, and engage with the political process.
4. Build gender consciousness and participation in the electoral process and impartation of same on newly elected LGA officials.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Improved preparations and performance of DSIEC in conducting credible LG Elections.
2. Participatory, transparent and accountable decision making process embedded at the LGA levels.

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3. Well capacitated citizens and local CSOs/CBOs in demanding transparent, accountable and participatory governance from elected Council Officials.
4. Increased participation of women in the political process.

ACTIVITIES

1. Post-Election independent technical assessment of the Delta State local government election of 25 October 2014.
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4. Post-election action planning and training workshop on gender and participation for DSIEC newly elected council officials, state-based CSOs/CBOs and other relevant stakeholders.
5. Sensitization of local community on the principles of good governance and demanding same from newly elected LGA officials.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

The project will be implemented between 15th September and 20th December 2014.

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DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

Project Title:

Support to Delta State Independent Electoral Commission (DSIEC) for Effective Voter Education and Capacity Development towards the Conduct of Delta Local Government Election.

Results to be achieved by DSIEC

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1. Implementation of lessons learned from the independent technical assessment of the Delta State local government election for future interventions.
2. Improved capacity of elected LGA Chairmen and Councilors to understand the rules and procedures of LGA management and administration.
3. Enhanced capacity of state based CSOs/CBOs and local community to demand for participatory, transparent and accountable decision making process, among other things.
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Specific activities to be implemented by DSIEC

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3.	Gender empowerment training of staff of DSIEC and stakeholders	Provide tools for DSIEC and stakeholders to view election from a gender perspective and encourage participation of women in the political process at all levels	Post-election gender empowerment training of staff of DSIEC, as well as representatives of state-based CSOs/CBOs and council officials, among other stakeholders. Post-election action planning workshop on gender and participation in-between elections	September - December 2014	DSIEC, Political parties, Women Leaders, Media, Religious Leaders, PWDs	Action plan for improved women participation in-between elections developed Improved understanding of issues of gender empowerment and women political participation in particular.	Increased participation of women in the political process	DSIEC/DGD	Development of gender based plan of action



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EXPECTED OUTCOMES

**Attachment 2
Schedule of Activities and Payments**

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	Aug	Sept	Oct	Org. Responsible	Amount (USD)	Amount (NGN)	(Upon signature)	Amount (NGN)	2nd (Upon submission of Narrative and financial reports for the first tranche)	Amount (NGN)
1. Improved preparations and performance of DSIEC in conducting credible LG Elections.				DTSIEC/DGD	24,389	3,951,000.00	19,511.20	3,160,800.00	4,877.80	790,200.00
2. Participatory, transparent and accountable decision making process embedded at the LGA levels.				DTSIEC/DGD	16,093	2,607,000.00	12,874.40	2,085,600.00	3,218.60	521,400.00
3. Well capacitated citizens and local CSOs/CBOs in demanding transparent, accountable and participatory governance from elected Council Officials.				DTSIEC/DGD	27,023	4,377,800.00	21,618.40	3,502,240.00	5,404.60	875,560.00
4. Increased participation of women in the political process.				DTSIEC/DGD	11,163	1,808,400.00	8,930.40	1,446,720.00	2,232.60	361,680.00
Total Budget					78,668	12,744,200.00	62,934.40	10,195,360.00	15,733.60	2,548,840.00

September Exchange rate of N 162 to \$1 is used as the budget rate for this LOA