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**UNITED NATIONS
(UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR AFRICA)
and
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**Agreement relating to an activity grant by the United States
of America to the United Nations Trust Fund for
Africa. Signed at Washington on 17 June 1976**

Authentic text: English.

Registered ex officio on 17 June 1976.

**ORGANISATION DES NATIONS UNIES
(COMMISSION ÉCONOMIQUE DES NATIONS UNIES
POUR L'AFRIQUE)
et
ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE**

**Accord relatif à un don en espèces fait par les États-Unis
d'Amérique au Fonds d'affectation spéciale des Nations
Unies pour l'Afrique. Signé à Washington le 17 juin
1976**

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ACTIVITY GRANT¹ BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS (UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR AFRICA)

This Grant, made on the 17th day of June 1976 by the United States acting through the Agency for International Development (hereinafter called "A.I.D.") to the United Nations acting through the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (hereinafter call "Grantee").

Witnesseth that:

Whereas, A.I.D. and the United Nations acting through the Economic Commission for Africa ("ECA") executed a Basic Agreement governing Grants to the United Nations Trust Fund for Africa on June 17, 1976² (the "Basic Agreement"),

Whereas, ECA has presented to A.I.D. specific activities and programs to be financed pursuant to and in accordance with the terms of the Basic Agreement,

Now therefore, A.I.D. hereby makes a grant for the purposes and under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth:

Article I. PURPOSES OF GRANT

The Grant shall be used to assist in financing the following activities:

1. *Provision of Technical Assistance in Nonconventional Sources of Energy:* Funds will be provided for the assignment of an energy advisor to ECA for an initial six months. During this period, the consultant will perform a feasibility study, including project design, site selection for undertaking pilot activities and proposed research methodology. The advisor will also identify an African counterpart eligible for training and permanent employment with ECA. If found appropriate, and depending upon the availability of funds, the services of the advisor will be continued for an additional 1-2 years. Near the end of the second year of the project, A.I.D. will request a report on the progress made in the experiments and in bringing about closer cooperation and support for the project from ECA member states. This report will be used to evaluate the utility of renewing the advisor's contract for a third year, depending upon the availability of funds. A.I.D. will assist ECA in identifying a suitable candidate for the position of energy advisor. Funds will be used for technician's contract costs, including salary, travel and allowances. ECA will contribute to this activity both office and secretarial accommodations, and the ECA professional staff will provide assistance to the advisor, as appropriate, and will closely cooperate with the advisor in achieving the purposes of this activity.

2. *Training of Technical Experts of African Economic Cooperation Organizations:* Funds will be provided to enable ECA to sponsor groups of persons presently employed in the secretariats of African organizations and, following orientation seminars at ECA headquarters, to arrange study tours to other regional organizations where problems of development and integration are similar. Group training programs may also be organized for staff personnel from African river basin and lake commissions. Funds will be used for travel, per diem and interpreter services, if

¹ Came into force on 17 June 1976, the date of entry into force of the Basic Agreement governing grants by the United States of America to the United Nations Trust Fund for Africa (see footnote 2 below), in accordance with article 11 (B) of the latter Agreement.

² See p. 325 of this volume.

required. ECA or other appropriate economic cooperation organizations and related institutions will bear the cost of tuition for trainees.

3. *ECA Senior-Level Staff Training Programmes*: Funds will be provided for short-term senior-level training, recognizing the utility of allowing senior staff to refresh their intellect, update knowledge in their specialized fields and exchange experiences and ideas with leading experts and scholars. The location of such training is limited to the United States and Africa. Funds will be used for travel, per diem, tuition and related costs. The contribution of ECA to this activity will be the payment of the salaries of the senior-level staff members while in training.

4. *Integrated Internship/Graduate Training of Africans for Recruitment into ECA*: In an effort to assist ECA in reducing the number of staff vacancies, supply much needed expertise and competence in the lower professional levels and further ECA's objective of Africanization, funds will be provided to support a training program for Africans leading to permanent employment with ECA. Candidates will be recruited from those African countries which are underrepresented or not represented at all in ECA, including the least developed, land-locked or island countries and territories of Africa. Stages of the program would include: (1) 12-month internship training at ECA in research; (2) 12-21 month graduate study program in Africa or the U.S. and including working vacation periods; (3) 3-month attachment field training on a development project in Africa; and (4) guaranteed employment at ECA upon completion of the program. Funds for fellowship grants will cover international travel, subsistence allowance, tuition, internal travel for study-field trips and book allowance. A.I.D. will administer the graduate study programs for fellows studying in the United States.

The contribution of ECA to this activity includes promotion and organization of the program; program development and administration, including liaison with African institutions and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Resident Representatives; screening of candidates; administrative and secretarial support; and follow-up on the progress of fellows while in training.

Although initial support for this activity is modest (see Article II below), A.I.D. intends to provide additional support in subsequent Activity Grants. Funds will be provided to support the training program outlined above for four (4) Africans each year. A.I.D. also requests ECA to recruit African trainees as future replacements for the long-term advisors in energy, training (at the African Trade Center) and remote sensing.

5. *Assistance to the African Training and Research Center for Women (ATRCW)*: Funds will be provided to continue support to the Center in undertaking evaluations of itinerant workshops, seminars of national commissions, follow-up national workshops in specialized fields, consultancy services and field missions for women's project development and research. Included in the last activity are new and updated reports on the situation of women in member states, emphasizing employment and training opportunities. Funds may also be used to continue ATRCW's publications. The funds provided in this Activity Grant will be provided by A.I.D. through the Office of Labor Affairs. Funds will be used for short-term consultant services, in-country travel and per diem and other local costs. The ECA contribution to this activity is, *inter alia*, the salary and support for the staff of the ATRCW who will implement this activity.

6. *Provision of an Officer-in-Charge of ECA's Remote Sensing Project*: Funds will be provided for the assignment of a remote sensing expert/advisor for two years to assist ECA in coordinating the resource inputs of bilateral and multila-

teral donors for the LANDSAT receiving stations and user training facilities to be established in Africa. The advisor will also assist ECA in recruiting an anglophone and francophone African counterpart for training and permanent employment with ECA. A.I.D. will assist ECA in identifying a suitable candidate for the position of remote sensing advisor. Funds will be used for the technician's contract costs, including salary, travel and appropriate allowance. ECA will contribute office accommodations and secretarial support and the expertise of members of the Division of Natural Resources, Science and Technology, as well as that of other relevant divisions of ECA, in order to assist the expert/advisor in the performance of his duties.

Article II. AMOUNT OF GRANT

The amount available for the purposes of this Grant is \$285,000 which will be made through the United Nations Trust Fund for ECA and shall be apportioned in accordance with the following budget:

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Provision of Technical Assistance in Nonconventional Sources of Energy	\$ 40,000
Training of Technical Experts of African Economic Cooperation Organizations	50,000
ECA Senior-Level Staff Training Program	14,000
Integrated Internship/Graduate Training of Africans for Recruitment into ECA	25,000
Assistance to the African Training and Research Center for Women ..	25,000
Provision of an Officer-in-Charge of ECA's Remote Sensing Project .	131,000
TOTAL	<u>\$285,000</u>

Article III. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS TRUST FUND FOR AFRICA

Prior to the first disbursement by A.I.D. for each activity described in Article I for which A.I.D. will make a contribution to the fund, ECA shall advise A.I.D. that a contribution by ECA or another donor, which will be used in the activity with respect to which the disbursement by A.I.D. relates, has been made and credited to the United Nations Trust Fund for Africa.

Article IV. BASIC AGREEMENT

The terms and conditions of the Basic Agreement are incorporated herein and made a part of this Activity Grant as if fully set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the United States of America and the United Nations have caused this Agreement to be executed.

For the United Nations:

Sgd. by: ADEBAYO ADEDEJI

For the United States of America:

Sgd. by: W. HAVEN NORTH

Title: Executive Secretary
Economic Commission
for Africa

Date: June 17, 1976

Title: Acting Assistant Administrator
Agency for International
Development

Date: June 17, 1976