

23 June 2007

BADEA's BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HOLDS ITS SECOND MEETING
FOR THE YEAR 2007

THE Board of Directors of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), held its **SECOND** meeting for the year 2007, in Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, during the period 20 -22 June 2007. The meeting was chaired by H. E. Mr. **AHMED ABDALLAH EL-AKEIL**, Chairman of BADEA's Board of Directors, and in the presence of H. E. Mr. **ABDELAZIZ KHELEF**, the Director General of BADEA.

The Board reviewed a number of important issues; foremost was the Director General's report on the Bank's activities during the period March - June 2007, in addition to a number of financial reports, and current status reports on projects. The Board also approved financing a number of new development operations with a total amount of US \$ 72.895 million, out of which US \$ 71.700 million for project loans, while US \$ 1.195 million was earmarked for technical assistance operations.

It is worth noting that by the addition of this new financing, BADEA total cumulative financial commitments to African countries eligible for its aids since 1975 till the end of June, 2007 amounted to US\$ 3 315 822 million.

A/ Projects:

1) The Republic of Benin:

A loan amounting to US\$ 10 million to finance the Protection of Cotonou's East Coast Project.

2) The Republic of Gabon:

A loan amounting to US\$ 10 million to finance the Rehabilitation of Ten Regional Airports Project.

3) The Republic of Cameroon:

A loan amounting to US\$ 8 million to finance the Foumban – Magba Road Project (Part Two: Manki – Magba –Mapé Bridge).

4) The Republic of Côte d'Ivoire:

A loan amounting to US\$ 5 million to finance the Rehabilitation of the Vocational Training Centre in the City of Man Project.

5) The Kingdom of Lesotho:

A loan amounting to US\$ 10 million to participate in financing the Construction of the Metolong Dam for Potable Water Project.

6) The Republic of Madagascar:

A loan amounting to US\$ 4.30 million to finance the Construction of the National Institute for Accounting and Companies Administration Project.

7) The Republic of Niger:

A loan amounting to US \$ 7.50 million to finance Rural Development in Dakoro province Project.

8) The Republic of Niger:

Additional loan amounting to US\$ 0.40 million to Support the Education Sector in the Rural Areas of Wadata and Hamdallay.

9) The Republic of Rwanda:

A loan amounting to US \$ 10 million to finance the Reconstruction of the Gitarama-Mukamira Road Project.

10) The Republic of Senegal:

A loan amounting to US\$ 6.50 million to finance the Integrated Agricultural Development Project in Ndiawara Region (Senegal River Basin).

B/ Technical assistance operations

1) The Republic of Gambia:

A technical assistance grant amounting to US \$ 60 000 to finance the extension of an Arab Expert's services in field of quality control to support the Fisheries Department.

2) The Kingdom of Lesotho:

A technical assistance grant amounting to US \$ 235 000 to finance the services of a water and sanitation Arab Expert to support the Water and Sanitation Authority.

3) Regional:

A technical assistance grant amounting to US \$ 330 000 to finance a techno-economic feasibility study of the rural roads project in the region of Liptako-Gorma.

4) Regional:

A technical assistance grant amounting to US \$ 130 000 to finance a training session on the sound use of pesticide in agriculture.

5) Regional:

A technical assistance grant amounting to US \$ 135 000 to finance a training session for the design, implementation and maintenance of agricultural draining systems.

6) Regional:

A technical assistance grant amounting to US \$ 165 000 to finance an orientation programme for African authorities in charge of supervising BADEA's operations.

7) Regional:

A technical assistance grant amounting to US \$ 140 000 to finance a training session on loans to small and medium sized enterprises and risk management.

A) Projects Loans:

Beneficiary Country:

The Republic of Benin

Project's Name:

Protection of Cotonou's East Coast

Estimated Project Cost:

The total estimated project cost is US \$ 65 million of which US \$ 45.769 (70.5% of the total cost) will be in foreign currencies.

BADEA's Financing:

A loan amounting to US \$ 10 million (15.4% of the total cost), to be repaid over a period of 30 years, including a grace period of 10 years, with an annual interest rate of 1%.

Other Co- financiers:

Kuwait Fund (US \$ 10 million), Saudi Fund (US \$ 12 million), Islamic Development Bank (US \$ 20.20 million), OFID (US \$ 8 million) and the Government of Benin (US \$ 4.80 million).

Project Description:

The project concerns the protection of 17 km of the eastern coast of the capital Cotonou on the Atlantic Ocean and includes the following components:

- § Civil engineering works:
- § Consultancy Services for review of detailed designs and tender documents, and supervision of the execution of the works.
- § Institutional Support which includes provision of office furniture and equipment, and provision of salaries of the staff of the PIU staff.
- § Auditing of the project's accounts

Project objectives:

The project aims at protecting the buildings and socio-economic infrastructures along the east coast of the capital city Cotonou, which are threatened by erosion.

Procurement of Goods and Services:

- The execution of civil engineering works will be on the basis of international competitive bidding.
- The selection of the consultancy services will be on the basis of a short list of international consultancy firms.

Project's Implementation:

The physical implementation of the project is scheduled to start in November 2008 and end in October 2011 (36 months).

Executing Agency:

Ministère Délégué, Chargé de l'Urbanisme, des Logements, de la Réforme Foncière et de la Lutte Contre l'Erosion Côtière auprès du Président de la République

Direction de la Lutte Contre l'Erosion Côtière

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Beneficiary Country:

The Republic of Gabon

Project's Name:

Rehabilitation of Ten Regional Airports

Estimated Project Cost:

The total estimated project cost is US \$ 79.24 million of which US \$ 63.38 million (80% of the total cost) will be in foreign currencies.

BADEA's Financing:

A loan amounting to US \$ 10 million (12.6% of the total cost), to be repaid over a period of 25 years, including a grace period of 5 years, and an annual interest rate of 2.5%.

Other Co- financiers:

Kuwait Fund (US \$ 15.03 million), Islamic Development Bank (US \$ 15.74 million), Central African Development Bank (US \$ 7.31 million) and the Government of Gabon (US \$ 31.16 million).

Project Description:

The project concerns the reconstruction of 10 regional airports located in the following cities: Port Gentil, Franceville, Oyem Tchibanga, Mouila, Lambareni, Omboue, Makokou, Bitam and Koulamoutou.

It includes the following components:

- Civil engineering works
- Consultancy services
- Institutional support to the Project Implementation Unit
- Procurement of material and equipment

With regard to the airport of Port Gentil, co-financed by BADEA, the bulk of the civil engineering works will be for the rehabilitation and the extension of the landing strip of the airport, the parking and manoeuvring zones as well as the communication, accounting and water sanitation services.

Project objectives:

The project aims at enhancing the services as well as the management and operating systems of the main inland airports. It also aims at increasing access to the inner areas of the country, supporting internal air transport and guaranteeing the regularity of flights, contributing to the creation of employment opportunities and the fight against poverty.

Procurement of Goods and Services:

The execution of the civil engineering works for the Airport of Port Gentil will be on the basis of international competitive bidding

Project's Implementation:

The physical implementation of the project for the 10 airports is scheduled to start in January 2008 and end in January 2013.

With regard to the airport of Port Gentil, physical implementation is scheduled to start in January 2008 and end in June 2010 (30 months).

Executing Agency

Ministère des Transports et de l'Aviation Civile

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Beneficiary Country:

The Republic of Cameroon

Project's Name:

Foumban – Magba Road (Part Two: Manki – Magba –La-Mapé Bridge).

Estimated Project Cost:

The total estimated project cost is US \$ 23.50 million, of which US \$ 20 million (85.1% of the total cost) will be in foreign currencies.

BADEA's Financing:

A loan of US \$ 8 million, to be repaid over a period of 30 years, including a grace period of 10 years, and an annual interest rate of 1%.

Other Co- financiers:

Saudi Fund (US \$ 12. million) and the Government of Cameroon (US \$ 3.50 million).

Project Description:

The project is for the construction of 65 km of road between the cities of Foumban and Magba to extend the existing Youndé-Doula-Djarou road (800 km).

The project components are as follows:

- Civil engineering works
- Consultancy services
- Institutional support to the Project Implementation Unit

Project objectives:

The aims of the project are to extend the country's asphalt road network, make the western province more accessible and to offer a safer route linking the agricultural production centres to the trade centres of the capital Yaoundé and the port located in Douala.

The project also aims at reducing transportation and maintenance costs for the existing road and facilitating the transportation of goods between both the Republic of Chad and the Central African Republic and the port of Douala (Atlantic Ocean).

Procurement of Goods and Services:

The execution of civil engineering works will be on the basis of international competitive bidding.

The selection of the consultancy services will be based on a shortlist of African, Arab and Afro-Arab consultancy firms.

Project's Implementation:

The physical implementation of the project is scheduled to start mid-2008 and end mid-2010 (24 months)

Executing Agency:

Ministère des Travaux Publics

Direction des Investissements et de l'Entretien Routier

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Yaoundi - Cameroun

Beneficiary Country:

The Republic of Côte D'Ivoire

Project's Name:

Rehabilitation of the Vocational Training Centre in the City of Man.

Estimated Project Cost:

The total estimated project cost is US \$ 6 million of which US \$ 4.76 million (76.3% of the total cost) will be in foreign currencies.

BADEA's Financing:

A loan of US \$ 5 million, to be repaid over a period of 30 years, including a grace period of 10 years, and 1% an annual interest rate.

Other Co - financiers:

The Government of Côte D'Ivoire (US \$ 1 million).

Project Description:

The project lies in the city of Man located at 600 km north-west of the capital Abidjan and it is the only vocational training centre in the country specialised in the training of technicians and building the capacities of professionals in the areas of mechanics, electronics and electricity.

The project includes the following components:

- Civil engineering works and ancillaries
- Consultancy services
- Procurement of equipment and material
- Institutional support to the Project Implementation Unit

Project objectives:

The project aims at rehabilitating the buildings of the centre in order to increase its carrying capacity and allow the youth to obtain qualifications in the areas of mechanics, electric and electronic maintenance, and production management.

Procurement of Goods and Services:

- The execution of civil engineering works will be on the basis of national competitive bidding.

The selection of the consultancy services will be based on a shortlist of African, Arab and Afro-Arab consultancy firms.

Project's Implementation:

The physical implementation of the project is scheduled to start mid-2008 and end date mid-2010 (124 months).

Executing Agency:

Ministère de l'Enseignement Technique et de la Formation Professionnelle

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Beneficiary Country:

The Kingdom of Lesotho

Project's Name:

Construction of the Metolong Dam for Drinking Water.

Estimated Project Cost:

The estimated total project cost is US \$ 136.66 million, of which \$ US 89.44 million (54.54% of the total cost) will be in foreign currencies.

BADEA's Financing:

A loan of an amount of US \$ 10 million (7.30% of the total cost), to be repaid over a period of 30 years, including a grace period of 10 years, and an annual interest rate of 1%.

Other Co- financiers:

Kuwait Fund (US \$ 13.36 million), Saudi Fund (US \$ 10 million), OFID (US \$ 6 million), Millennium Challenge Corporation (US \$ 53.40 million), the Government (US \$ 30.90 million) and the Government with the World Bank (US \$ 13 million).

Project Description:

The project is located in the village of Metolong, approximately 35 km east of the capital Maseru. It includes the following components:

Preparation works and planning of the site's basic infrastructure

- § Construction of a roller-compacted concrete dam 68m high, 210m wide with a capacity of 52 million m³ at down stream of the river Fothiatsana.
- § Pumping stations
- § Water treatment plants with a capacity of 71000 m³ per day.
- § Procurement and installation of 89 km of 200-800 mm diameter pipes
- § Building 3 water tanks with a total capacity of 46000 m³ and increasing the capacity of an existing water tank by 8.400 m³
- § Consultancy services (consulting engineers and experts)
- § Land acquisition and compensation

Project objectives:

The project aims at the supply of an additional 71,000m³ of water daily for both domestic and industrial consumption in the capital city, as well as neighbouring cities and villages. It also aims at reducing poverty and creating employment by the construction of a dam on the river Fothiatsana for the impoundment and regulation of the water of the river for using part of it.

Procurement of Goods and Services:

The execution of the construction works will be on the basis of a prequalified list of firms which will be invited to compete in the tendering process.

The selection of the consultancy services will be based on a shortlist of prequalified consultancy firms who show interest.

The selection of the experts will be made on the basis of a list of dam specialists.

Project's Implementation:

The physical implementation of the project is scheduled to start beginning of 2009 and will last till the end of 2010 (24 months).

Executing Agency:

Ministry of Natural Resources
Water and sewerage Authority (WASA)
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Maseru - Lesotho

Beneficiary Country:

The Republic of Madagascar

Project's Name:

The Construction and Procurement of Equipment for the National Institute for Accounting and Business Administration

Estimated Project Cost:

The estimated total project cost is US \$ 4.80 million, of which US \$ 3.48 million (72.5% of the total cost) will be in foreign currency.

BADEA's Financing:

A loan of an amount of US \$ 4.30 million (89.6% of the total cost), to be repaid over a period of 30 years, including a grace period of 10 years, and an annual interest rate of 1%.

Other Co- financiers:

The Government of Madagascar (US \$ 0.50 million).

Project Description:

The Institute currently rents 3 separate buildings located in the proximity of the capital to carry out its activities. The project involves the building of new facilities within the city, in an area of 3000m² of land owned by the Institute. A building, which hosts the department for business training, has already been constructed there.

The project includes the following components:

- Construction of a 7-storey building of 43 m long and 15 m wide and an amphitheatre with a length of 18m and a width of 12m.
- Procurement of furniture, equipment and material .
- Procurement of automotive equipment for the students and personnel.
- Institutional support to the Project Implementation Unit.
- Consultancy services.

Project objectives:

The project aims at improving the standard of accounting and business administration courses and to ensure continuity in the Institute's activities. Also, by providing a single location with an increased intake capacity, the project also aims at enabling the Institute to achieve greater efficiency and be in a position to take more students from the different provinces.

Procurement of Goods and Services:

-The execution of civil engineering works will be on the basis of international competitive bidding.

-The selection of the consultancy services will be on the basis of a short list of Arab, African or Afro-Arab consultancy firms.

- The procurement of furniture, equipment and material will be on the basis of a shortlist of local suppliers .

The procurement of automotive equipment will be on the basis of shortlist of local suppliers.

Project's Implementation:

The physical implementation of the project is scheduled to start mid-2008 and end mid-2010 (24 months).

Executing Agency:

l'Institut des Sciences Comptables et

de l'Administrations d'Entreprises (INSCAE)

Tel : 261 – 20 22 660 65

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Antananarivo - Madagascar

Beneficiary Country:

The Republic of Niger

Project's Name:

Rural Development of the Dakoro Province

Estimated Project Cost:

The estimated total project cost is US \$ 8.335 million of which US \$ 3.700, 44.4% of the total cost) will be in foreign currencies.

BADEA's Financing:

A loan of an amount of US \$ 7.50 million (90% of the total cost), to be repaid over a period of 30 years, including a grace period of 10 years, and an annual interest rate of 1%.

Other Co- financiers:

The Government of Niger (US \$ 0.835 million).

Project Description:

The project concerns the Dakoro community, which is part of the Marachi province located in the south-centre of the country and whose centre is approximately 800km east of the capital Niamey.

The project includes the following components:

- Rehabilitation of four water-retaining basins and the irrigated fields for the farmers as well as digging 20 wells in the villages which have over 500 inhabitants.
 - § Construction of approximately 76 km of rural roads
 - § Construction of general infrastructure: 5 livestock markets; 10 enclosures for livestock vaccination and 20 stores for agricultural products
 - § Procurement of agricultural equipment
 - § Land protection
 - § Institutional support to the Project Implementation Unit
 - § Consultancy services

Project objectives:

The project aims at improving the basic infrastructures for irrigation and rural development and at contribution to the protection of natural resources in the province of Dakoro, which will in turn contribute to improving the living conditions of the population, the sustainable use of various natural resources and the protection of the environment. The project also aims at reducing the tedious household chores of the beneficiary rural women, hence lightening their workload.

Procurement of Goods and Services:

-The execution of civil engineering works will be on the basis of competitive bidding open to Arab, African and Afro-Arab firms.

- The selection of the consultancy services will be based on a shortlist of African, Arab and Afro-Arab consultancy firms.

The procurement of agricultural equipment, automotive equipment and office furniture will be on the basis of competitive bidding open to local suppliers.

Project's Implementation:

The physical implementation of the project is scheduled to start beginning of 2009 and last till the end of 2011.

Executing Agency:

Ministère de Développement Agricole

Direction des Aménagements et des Equipements Ruraux Agricoles

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Beneficiary Country:

The Republic of Niger

Project's Name:

Support the Education Sector in WADATA & HAMDALLAY Regions.

Estimated Project Cost:

This initial cost of the project had been calculated to be US \$ 2.44 million, financed by BADEA for US \$ 1.95 million and by the Government for US \$ 0.49 million. Additional works have been estimated at US \$ 0.50 million.

BADEA's Financing:

An additional loan of US\$ 0.40 million (80% of total cost), to be repaid over a period of 30 years, including a grace period of 10 years, and an annual interest rate of 1%.

Other Co- financiers:

The Government of Niger (US \$ 0.10 million).

Project Description:

The project lies in WADATA and HAMDALLAY, two regions of Niamey's urban community

It includes the following components:

- § Construction of a school with an intake capacity of 500 students in Wadata
- § Expansion of a school in Hamdallay to allow it to welcome an additional 500 students
- § Construction of 24 literacy centres in Wadata and Hamdallay.
- § Procurement of equipment and material
- § Institutional support to the Project Implementation Unit
- § Consultancy services

Project objectives:

The project aims at developing the quality of education and the conditions in which it is delivered as well as reducing the illiteracy rates by offering inhabitants and students from Wadata and Hamdallay fully equipped and nearby educational infrastructures.

Procurement of Goods and Services:

- The execution of civil engineering works will be on the basis of local competitive bidding.
- The procurement of additional equipment and furniture will be on the basis of competitive bidding open to local suppliers.

Project's Implementation:

It is expected that work will start in the first quarter of 2008 and continue till the last quarter of the same year.

Executing Agency:

Ministère des Enseignements Secondaire et Supérieur, de la Recherche et de la Technologie

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Beneficiary Country:

Republic of Rwanda

Project's Name:

Rehabilitation of Gitarama-Mukamira Road

Estimated Project Cost:

The total estimated project cost is US \$ 37 million, of which US \$ 26.04 million (70.4% of the total cost) will be in foreign currencies.

BADEA's Financing:

A loan of an amount of US \$ 10 million (27.03% of the total cost), to be repaid over a period of 30 years, including a grace period of 10 years, and an annual interest rate of 1%.

Other Co- financiers:

Kuwait Fund (US \$ 10.37 million), OFID (US \$ 10million) and the Government of Rwanda (US \$ 6.63 million).

Project Description:

The Gitarama-Mukamir road, whose total length is 102 km, can be divided into two parts:

- Gitarma- Angorouriro with a length of 46.6 km;
- Angorouriro-Mukamira with a length of 55.4 km.

The width of the road is 6m, with shoulders of 1.50m on each side.

The construction of the road, which took place from 1989-1992, was financed by BADEA, OFID and the Saudi Arabian Fund. Unfortunately, it was interrupted by civil war which also caused its deterioration. The rehabilitation of the second part, co-financed by BADEA, concerns the civil engineering works and consultancy services.

Project objectives:

The project aims at improving the road linking the capital of Kigali, located in the middle of the country, to Uganda and to The Democratic Republic of the Congo, as well as at improving the efficiency and the safety of current road traffic. The project also aims at reducing transportation costs and time, vehicle

operation cost, linking the inhabitants of the areas served by the road with the rest of the country and reducing poverty.

Procurement of Goods and Services:

-The execution of civil engineering works will be on the basis of international competitive bidding.

Project's Implementation:

The physical implementation of the project is scheduled to start mid-2008 and end mid-2011 (36 months).

Executing Agency:

Ministère des Infrastructures

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Beneficiary Country:

The Republic of Senegal

Project's Name:

Integrated Agricultural Development Project in Ndiawara Region (Basin of the Senegal River)

Estimated Project Cost:

The total estimated project cost is US \$ 7.95 million of which US \$ 4.665 million (58.7% of the total cost) will be in foreign currencies.

BADEA's Financing:

A loan of an amount of US \$ 6.5 million (81.8% of the total cost), to be repaid over a period of 30 years, including a grace period of 10 years, and an annual interest rate of 1%.

Other Co- financiers:

Government of Senegal (US \$ 1.450 million).

Project Description:

The project is located in the Boudoura commune in the central region of the Senegal River, approximately 490 km north east of Dakar. It includes the following components:

- § Reclamation of approximately 500 ha,
- § Construction and procurement of equipment for a station for pumping water for irrigation purposes
- § Procurement of agricultural machinery
- § Supply of drinking water
- § Providing support to women's activities
- § Micro-credit loans for income generating activities
- § Institutional support to the Project Implementation Unit
- § Consultancy Services for preparation of detailed studies, formulation of DAO supervision of the project and detailed social sector study in the project area.

Project objectives:

The project aims at development the agricultural areas, more diversified agricultural product to improve the agricultural yield by supplying agricultural inputs and materials, and support the participation of women in agricultural activities. It also aims at developing parallel activities by providing micro credit

loans, improving living conditions, reducing the suffering of the populations by supplying infrastructures for drinking water, creating jobs and increasing the income of farmers in order to curb migration and reduce poverty.

Procurement of Goods and Services:

- § The execution of civil engineering works will be on the basis of competitive bidding open to Arab, African and Afro-Arab firms.
- § The selection of the consultancy services will be based on a shortlist of African, Arab and Afro-Arab consultancy firms.
- § The works for drinking water will be on the basis of competitive bidding open to local firms.
- § The procurement of agricultural material, office and automotive equipment and providing support to women's activities will be on the basis of competitive bidding open to local firms.
- § Micro credit loans will be provided by the Senegalese National fund for Agricultural Loans within the framework of a convention signed with the National Association for the Planning and Development of the Land of the Senegal River.

Project's Implementation:

The physical implementation of the project is scheduled to start early 2009 and end mid-2011.

Executing Agency:

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Dakar- Senegal

B) Technical Assistance:-

Beneficiary Country:

The Republic of The Gambia

Nature of the Technical Assistance:

A technical assistance to finance the extension of the services of an Arab Expert in the field of Quality Control to support the Fisheries Department.

BADEA's Financing:

non-repayable grant of an amount of US \$ 60 000.

General Information:

The grant aims at extending the services of an Arab Expert in the area of Quality Control for another year, in support of the Fisheries Department and this in order to continue building its capacities in terms of human resources, running laboratories, training of local executives and fulfilling its role in the area of quality control.

Beneficiary Country:

The Kingdom of Lesotho

Nature of the Technical Assistance:

A technical assistance to finance the services of a water and sanitation Arab expert to support the Water and Sanitation Authority.

BADEA's Financing:

Non-repayable grant of an amount of US \$ 235 000

General Information:

The technical assistance aims at supporting the Water and Sanitation Authority in the follow-up, preparation and implementation of the projects financed by external donors by providing the services of an Arab expert in this area and who will contribute to improving the technical competencies of the workers.

Beneficiary Country:

Regional

Nature of the Technical Assistance:

A technical assistance for financing a techno-economic feasibility study of the rural roads in the Liptaku Gorma region

BADEA's Financing:

Non-repayable grant of an amount of US \$ 330 000.

General Information:

The technical assistance is granted to finance a techno-economic feasibility study of the rural roads project which aims at increasing access to the frontier region between Burkina Faso, Mali, and Niger, facilitating the transportation of people and goods and supporting the agricultural and livestock activities in the area of the project.

Beneficiary Country:

Regional

Nature of the Technical Assistance:

Training session on the sound use of pesticide in agriculture.

BADEA's financing:

Non-repayable grant of an amount of US \$ 130 000.

General Information:

The training session aims at developing the technical knowledge and capacities of specialists for the management and sound use of pesticides in agriculture. The beneficiaries will also have the opportunity to participate in the 5th International Congress on pesticides which will take place in Agadir from 22-25 November 2005.

Beneficiary Country:

Regional

Nature of the Technical Assistance:

A technical assistance to finance a training session in the field of design, implementation and maintenance of agricultural drainage systems.

BADEA's Financing:

Non-repayable grant of an amount of US \$ 135 000.

General Information:

The training session aims at strengthening the competencies of African technical engineers in the design, implementation and maintenance of agricultural drainage systems in order to increase agricultural yield and avoid the land deterioration caused by various phenomena such as water logging and Stalinations.

Regional

Nature of the Technical Assistance:

A technical assistance to finance an orientation programme for African authorities in charge of supervising BADEA's operations.

BADEA's Financing:

Non-repayable grant of an amount of US \$ 165 000

General Information:

The technical assistance aims at strengthening the relations between BADEA and the countries benefiting from its aid in view of ensuring a better follow up of its development activities. The persons in charge of BADEA's activities on the national level will meet with BADEA representatives, namely those in charge of the preparation and supervision of projects, technical assistance grants, and the finance of exports. The beneficiaries will also learn about BADEA's procedures and policies on the operational, financial and legal levels, its criteria and policies for financing projects as well as the main components of its 5th Five Year Plan (2005-2009).

Regional

Nature of the Technical Assistance:

A technical assistance to finance a training session in the area of loans to small & medium sized enterprises and risk management.

BADEA's Financing:

Non-repayable grant of an amount of US \$ 140 000.

General Information:

The technical assistance aims at financing a training session to develop the skills needed for evaluating small and medium-sized organisations applying for loans (analysis of financial, human and economic criteria; identification of financing methods; financial control; supervision loan banking risks.)