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Monsieur l'Ambassadeur de Sa Majesté le Roi
-Washington-

Objet : Coopération Maroc - Millenium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
Proposition pour le développement de programmes MCA en Afrique.

J'ai l'honneur de vous faire parvenir, ci-joint, une correspondance adressée par Monsieur le Ministre à M. Daniel Yohannes, Président Directeur Général du Millenium Challenge Corporation (MCC), relative à une proposition de coopération du Maroc avec le MCC, en vue de soutenir les pays africains éligibles à mettre en place des programmes du MCC.

A cet égard, je vous saurais gré de bien vouloir transmettre cette correspondance à son destinataire.

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Nour El Houda MARRAKCHI



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To
Mr. Daniel Yohannes,
CEO MCC
Washington

Subject: Potential Cooperation Areas between the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC)
and the Kingdom of Morocco

Excellency,

During your November 19, 2013 meeting with Mr. Nizar Baraka, Chairman of the Moroccan Economic Social and Environmental Council, you discussed areas of potential cooperation, in Africa, between MCC and Morocco. Both parties agreed to the desirability of such cooperation, based on the following points:

- The joint statement by the United States of America and the Kingdom of Morocco, released on November 22, 2013, following the meeting between President Obama and His Majesty King Mohammed VI, expressing the commitment of both countries to the exploration of Joint Initiatives for the promotion of human development and stability in Africa, via food security, access to energy, and the promotion of trade.
- The successful closure of Compact I, a program that encompassed projects in sectors of tremendous importance to the entire continent: small-scale agriculture, artisanal fisheries, handicrafts, enterprise support, and financial services.
- The shared desire of MCC and Morocco for the deployment of joint actions in Africa

In light of this expressed desire of both sides for joint actions, the Kingdom of Morocco has identified a number of areas of potential cooperation supported by:

- The historical, cultural and economic links between Morocco and several African countries in which MCC is active, including the strong-capacity presence of Moroccan public and private groups in such countries.
- Morocco's accumulated experience in the deployment of such programs in Africa -- reliable and cohesive policies for human development, social economy, agriculture, energy, tourism and sustainable development.

- Strong Moroccan capabilities built during Compact I such as: (i) deep understanding of the MCC operational processes and procedures including procurement, budgeting, reporting and follow-up and monitoring and evaluation mechanisms; (ii) the proven ability to deploy a complex compact and (iii) the accumulated strong technical and management expertise, built and strengthened over six years.

The areas identified for potential common actions are:

1. Support in the design of new compacts in Africa: here Morocco is well-positioned to provide its knowledge and knowhow of the continent, including the network and the expertise of Moroccan public and private operators. This would assist in the design of effective programs to reduce poverty and stimulate growth. This common action will be supported by:
 - a. The historical, cultural, political, economic and social links built by Moroccan institutions and public and private operators, in several countries on the continent.
 - b. The field knowledge, direct experience, and local presence of several Moroccan institutions, public and private operators in several of the countries in which MCC is active.
 - c. The capacity built by the Moroccan teams during the first compact.
2. Assistance to the contracting authority and the technical program management in the deployment of Compacts or Threshold programs, from program development and implementation to ongoing and final monitoring and evaluation. Such engagement on the Moroccan side might include:
 - a. Assist beneficiary countries in the selection and construction of local program management teams, in compliance with MCC processes and rules and regulations.
 - b. As appropriate, assist local teams in the management of field projects.
 - c. Play a catalyzing or troubleshooting role in cases of program slow-down or misalignment.
 - d. Assist MCC for the follow-up and evaluation of programs.
 - e. Assisting beneficiary countries in compact closure plans, procedures, and follow-up.
3. Deployment of field project solutions based on the Moroccan experience and knowledge. This might entail:
 - a. Utilization of the Moroccan-African networks to facilitate project deployment.
 - b. Application of models and lessons learned as partner African countries develop and implement policies, programs and projects in several fields such as agriculture, tourism, energy, infrastructure, housing, roads, industry, education, health and sustainable development.

- c. Employment of the capacities built by Moroccan public and private companies in Africa, capacities strengthened by the presence of Moroccan groups in several African countries in the sectors of consulting, banking, insurance, energy, infrastructure, mining, agriculture and housing.
- d. Utilization of the experience and capabilities of Moroccan operators to take the lead in African field projects, as appropriate.

4. Provide technical expertise in the service of:

- a. Country-level program teams to assist in the deployment of projects in several fields including access to education, water, infrastructure and energy or in the development of sectors like agriculture, finance, fishing, industry, social and solidarity economy.
- b. Training of country-level resources in project management and implementation.
- c. MCC follow-up and evaluation of programs and/or projects.

We would be most pleased to discuss this proposal for joint MCC/Kingdom of Morocco Action or any other alternative/additional proposal you might want to suggest, in the service of our countries common goals for poverty reduction via economic growth in Africa.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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