1. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of the Gambia has received an advance from the African Development Bank to finance the Gambia Agricultural Transformation Programme Project Preparatory Facility (PPF).

2. The principal objectives of this project are to:

   a. All procurement arrangements on these studies will be carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture in accordance with the Bank “Procurement Policy Framework for Bank Group Funded Operations” [October 2015].
   b. Recruitment of consultancy services will be by Quality Based Selection (QBS) method. Direct contracting selection method may be approved by the Bank based on acceptable justifications and under special circumstances that is acceptable to the Bank. Individual consultants will be competitively recruited through Individual Consultant Selection, and audit firm will be recruited under Least Cost Selection by the Government of The Gambia.

3. The project preparatory facility (PPF) includes the following components:

   A. Preparatory studies for The Gambia Agricultural Transformation Programme

   The Gambia is currently preparing an Agriculture Transformation Programme entirely in line with the strategy for agricultural transformation in Africa (2016-2025), specifically emphasizing linkages between the five priority areas of the AfDB High-5’s and also to scaled up Bank’s 10-Year Strategy (2013-2022), particularly in its operational priority focused areas (infrastructure development, private
sector development) and mainstreaming areas of special emphasis (agriculture and food security, climate change, fragility, gender and governance) in the design and implementation of the ATP. The overall strategic objective of the Gambia’s Agricultural Transformation Programme (ATP) is to enhance economic growth through increased contribution of the agriculture sector to the national economy. The specific objective of the ATP is to define a sector investment plan which supports agriculture production enhancement to achieve sustainable food security, reduce malnutrition and cereal import balance.

B. Development of a Road Map for Rice self-sufficiency based on the CIPRiSSA concept.

The Gambia is positioned to become the 11th country for which a Continental Investment Plan for Accelerating Rice Self-Sufficiency in Africa (CIPRiSSA) will be developed. Strategic priorities of The Gambia include the reduction of the growing gap between consumption and production and eventually achieving rice self-sufficiency and exporting rice across its borders. The foundation on which this goal could be reached is the use of empirical data on the investment-demand-supply-consumption continuum of the rice value chain. This knowledge-based approach will analyse Gambia’s rice demand and supply, the push-pull continuum in the country’s rice value chain. The results obtained from the proposed CIPRiSSA-Gambia study will provide important real-time evidence-based information derived from analyses carried out on the country’s data, on aspects and priority segments of the rice value chain in which investments should be made; the level of investments needed to reach rice self-sufficiency; and the investment requirements from the public sector, and from the private sector. The results will also project the time-line for achieving rice self-sufficiency if the required investments are made.

C. PPF Coordination and Management

4. Procurement of goods and acquisition of services will follow the Bank’s Procurement Policy Framework for Bank Group Funded Operations” [October 2015]. Request For Expression of Interest, Proposal and Terms of Reference are expected to be available in August 2018.

5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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