1. The Government of the Republic of Ghana has applied for a loan from the African Development Fund in the amount ofUA27.86 million (equivalent to US$39.01 million) to finance the Savannah Zone Agricultural Productivity Improvement Project (SAPIP).

2. The development objective of the project is to transform agricultural value chains for food and nutrition security, job and wealth creation.

   The Specific project objectives are: a) to increase farmers’ food and nutrition security; b) increase incomes through increased agricultural productivity and diversification; and c) enhance the creation and strengthening of agribusinesses to increase incomes of actors along selected value chains on a sustainable basis.

3. The project includes the following components:
   (i)  Crop Productivity Improvement;
       - Development of an efficient system of production, storage and distribution for breeder, foundation and certified seed
       - Use of improved and more nutritious rice, maize, soybean and vegetable seed varieties.
       - Rehabilitate existing seed processing and storage facilities
       - Building capacity for seed inspection and certification
(ii) Value Chains & Agribusiness Development;
Support the establishment of Innovation Platforms build their capacities and create linkages of actors to other development programmes and projects. These platforms will also discuss and make policy proposals to the Ministry for consideration. This component will facilitate the flow of private capital into game changing agribusiness investments in the project area. Support e-registration of farmers and other value chain actors.

(iii) Infrastructure Development;
The infrastructure development component will consider:
- Rehabilitation of feeder roads and farm-tracks
- Rehabilitation of irrigation schemes;
- Improvement of water harvesting and distribution for lowland rice
- Rehabilitation of warehouses.

(iv) Project Coordination, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation.

4. Procurement of goods and works, and acquisition of consulting services will be carried out in accordance with the “Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations” (BPM), dated October 2015.

5. Request for Expression of Interest for the acquisition of consultants for the provision of various Services and bidding documents for goods to be procured for project activities are expected to be issued in June 2018 while Bidding Documents for the procurement of works contracts are expected to be available in October 2018.

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

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