1. The African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) has received a grant from the African Development Fund to finance the Support to African Capacity Building Foundation's (ACBF) Third Strategic Medium Term Plan (SMTP III) Phase II Project.

2. The principal objective of this project is to build capacity of African countries and regional institutions on effective economic and financial governance for Africa’s transformation. The modes of procurement include: Shopping; National Competitive Bidding (NCB); International Competitive Bidding (ICB) and Individual Consultancy Services.

3. The project includes the following components:

   (1) **Improving formulation and implementation of economic and financial policies for Africa’s transformation**

   - This component will cover the capacity building activities at national and regional levels in a number of areas including: Improving macro-economic policy, modelling and forecasting at sub-regional level; Supporting the formulation of policy options for sub-regional economic analysis and financial governance reforms; and Supporting skills and institutional development to address the gaps uncovered in financial governance, particularly in debt sustainability at country and regional levels;

   (2) **Improving intra-regional trade and Africa’s Share in Global Trade**

   - This component will focus on capacity building support to RECs and other regional institutions on: Supporting implementation of the 2015 RECs Capacity Needs Assessment Findings; Supporting RMCs to align National Capacity Assessment Plans with Agenda 2063; Supporting the development of regional trade policy frameworks for public-private partnerships, especially for complex cross-border infrastructure development; and Supporting dialogue/consultations among parliamentarians towards adoption of regional trade, food security and agricultural policies.

4. Procurement of goods (including non-consultancy services) and the acquisition of consulting services, financed by the Bank for the project, will be carried out in accordance with the Procurement Policy and Methodology for Bank Group Funded Operations (BPM), dated October 2015. Specifically, Procurement will be carried using Borrower Procurement System (BPS) namely: ACBF Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual (General Procurement Guidelines) and the Bank Procurement Policy and Methodology (BPM). Bidding documents are expected to be available in March 2017.

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

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