1. The Governments of the Republic of Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania and Republic Uganda have received loans amounting to USD 25,014,522 (Unit of Account 17.75 million) from the African Development Fund (ADF) to finance the Multinational Lake Victoria Maritime Communications and Transport (MLVMCT) project. MLVMCT Project is going to be implemented for four (4) years. The East African Community Secretariat will be representing the participating governments of the Republic of Kenya, Republic of Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania as the entity responsible for overall oversight of the project delivery. The EAC Secretariat will delegate the day-to-day management of the project’s regionally implemented activities to the Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) as an overall regional implementing Agency. At the national level, the National Executing Agencies which are the Kenya Maritime Authority (Kenya), Surface and Marine Transport Regulatory Authority (Tanzania) and the Ministry of Works and Transport (Uganda) will be responsible for the implementation of the project’s activities. The project implementation is expected to commence in April, 2017.

2. The principal objective of this project is to contribute to broad-based poverty alleviation and improvement of livelihoods of people through increased investment in maritime transport and fishing on Lake Victoria. Specifically, the project will establish a maritime communications system for safety on Lake Victoria, including the implementation of a maritime safety coordination centre and search and rescue centres on the Lake, and produce a maritime transport strategy for the EAC.

3. The project has the following components:

(a) Component 1: Establishment of a Maritime communications system for safety on Lake Victoria – to address Maritime Communication Network in order to achieve extension of the GSM mobile coverage and functionality; construction of the Maritime Rescue Communication Centre (MRCC) in Mwanza, Tanzania; Establishment of twenty two (22) Emergency Search and Rescue stations (SARs); and installation of Installation of weather forecast systems for (3/country) and additional navigation aid equipment for Uganda in order to provide Weather alerts and provision of value added services.
(b) **Component 2: Maritime Transport Study** - Development of East African Maritime Transport Strategy and Preparation of Lake Victoria Transport Development Programme.

(c) **Component 3: Project Management and Capacity Building** - Support operation of PIU, NPU, NEAs; Capacity building of the Project Implementation Unit and National Project Units and key stakeholders; Skills development; Awareness and Monitoring and Evaluation.

4. The procurement of goods, works and the acquisition of consulting services including non-consultancy services financed by the Bank for the project, will be carried out in accordance with the “Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations”, dated October 2015, as amended from time to time, and following the provisions stated in the Financing Agreement. The Procurement for the project will be undertaken based on the categorization of national and jointly (regional) implemented activities. Bidding documents for the different procurements are expected to be available during different times between January 2017-December 2018.

5. The procurement arrangements are summarized as follows:

   (a) **Consultancy Services** shall be procured through Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS)

   (b) **Goods**, shall be undertaken through Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) with international or national advertising depending on the categorization of national and jointly (regional) implemented activities.

   (c) **Works**, shall be undertaken through Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) with international or national advertising based on the categorization of national and jointly (regional) implemented activities.

6. The proposed intervention will likely require the procurement of the following goods, works and services:

   (a) **Consultancy Services**

      (i) Maritime Transport Study - Development of East African Maritime Transport Strategy and Preparation of Lake Victoria Transport Development Programme;
      (ii) Project scoping and Design
      (iii) Communication Strategy
      (iv) Monitoring and Evaluation

   (b) **Works**

      (i) Construction of MRCC Mwanza;
      (ii) Remodeling/construction MRCC –Kisumu, Entebbe;
      (iii) Renovation FTI Entebbe;
      (iv) SARs civil works;
      (v) Civil works for women shelters at the Beach Management Units (BMUs);
(c) Goods

consisting of search and rescue boats and medical boats with communication equipment; MRCC furniture; Installation of MRCC software & equipment; Installation of SARs software & equipment; SARs furniture; Installation of weather forecasts systems; Training equipment- FTI Entebbe; Life Jackets

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

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