1. The Government of the Republic of Zambia has received a Loan from the African Development Bank, in the amount of USD 30 Million to finance the Skills Development and Entrepreneurship Project, and intends to apply the proceeds of this Loan to payments for goods, works and consulting services to be procured under the Project.

2. The overall development objective of the Project is to support job creation, promotion of gender equality and poverty reduction amongst women and youth through skills development and entrepreneurship in Zambia; The project includes the following components:-
   a) Construction of Industrial Clusters;
   b) Development of the Cassava Value Chain; and
   c) Institutional Support and Project Management.

3. The major works, goods and services to be procured under this project include:
   **Works:** Construction of Industrial Clusters in 7 Provinces of Zambia; and construction of cassava bulking centres and district warehouses in 3 provinces.
   **Goods:** Cassava processing equipment for bulking centres and warehouses; and cassava breeding equipment and screen-houses for cassava research stations.
   **Services:**
   i. Technical Assistance in Industrial Cluster development Facilitation (PPP agreements, access to technology, market linkages, BDS, linkages with financial institutions)
   ii. Technical Assistance in Cassava Value Chain Development (Commercialization Strategy; communication messages, advocacy, buyer & producer workshops; develop market linkages; (research and advisory services to all stakeholders); stakeholder consultations; and
   iii. Services of gender and procurement consultants.

4. Procurement of goods will be in accordance with the Bank’s Rules and Procedures for the Procurement of Goods and Works; and the acquisition of the services of Consultants will follow the Bank’s “Rules and Procedures for the use of Consultants” (May 2008 Edition, Revised July 2012), which are available on the Bank’s website at [http://www.afdb.org](http://www.afdb.org). Bidding documents are expected to be available in **July, 2016**

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