GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MALAWI

PROJECT PREPARATORY FACILITY FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AGRICULTURE COOPERATIVE BANK

- 1. The **Government of Malawi** has received a Project Preparatory Facility Advance from the African Development Bank to finance the **Feasibility Study on the Establishment of an Agriculture Cooperative Bank.**
- 2. The principal objectives of this project are to assess the financing needs of smallholder farmers with the view of:
 - Proposing and assessing the viability of different financing options including the establishment of an Agriculture Cooperative Bank; and
 - ii) Outlining the implementation modalities for those options with the view to boosting the sector's productivity along the value chain (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Project Preparation Activities").

Procurement of Goods, Works and Services necessary for the execution of the Project shall be carried out in accordance with the Rules and Procedures for Procurement of Goods and Works, May 2008 edition, revised July 2012, and Rules and Procedures for the Use of Consultants, May 2008 edition, revised July 2012.

3. The project includes the following components:

Component 1: Consultancy services.

The component will involve recruitment of a Consultant to undertake the Feasibility Study on the Establishment of an Agriculture Cooperative Bank.

Component 2: Operating expenses

The component will facilitate project management and review workshops including supporting procurement operations, and project monitoring and supervision.

- 4. Procurement of goods and/or works will be in accordance with the Bank's *Rules and Procedures for Procurement of Goods and Works, May 2008 edition, revised July 2012.* 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.* Bidding documents are expected to be available in **May 2016**.
- 5. Interested bidders may obtain further information, and should confirm their interest, by contacting:

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