



Southern Africa Development Community

Southern African Development Community (SADC) Trade and Transit Facilitation Project

GENERAL PROCUREMENT NOTICE (GPN)

Country: Southern Africa Regional Member Countries

Name of the Project: SADC Trade and Transit Facilitation Project

Sector: Trade and Transport

1. Introduction

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat has applied for financing from the African Development Bank (AfDB) through the African Development Fund (ADF) financing window, in the sum of UA4.5 million, for Support to **the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Trade and Transit Facilitation Project**.

2. Objective of the project

The overall objective of this operation is to facilitate the movement of goods and people along the three corridors, and at key border posts, whilst supporting the development of railway infrastructure in the region. The specific objective is to enhance trade and transport facilitation especially on major corridors and strengthening enforcement capacity of customs and other border agencies in SADC; to support infrastructure development as enabler for SADC industrialization agenda, facilitate and support the development of an efficient regional railway system through the development of the regional railway master plan

It is expected that procurement of Goods and Services (including non-consulting services), shall be carried out under the Project. The expected modes of procurement, some of which are under Bank Procurement Policy and Methodology are:

- Least Cost Selection (LCS).
- Individual Consultants (IC).

- Quality-and-Cost Based Selection (QCBS).
- Open Competitive bidding (OCB)
- Limited Competitive Bidding / Shopping

3. Components of the project

The project includes the following components:

Component 1: Transit management and cross-border cooperation: This will enhance trade facilitation using Information Communication Technology through digitization along transit routes and to complement investments made in hard infrastructure and compliance through cooperation between border agencies and the private sector operators. This component includes:

- Consultancy to support development of frameworks for customs interconnectivity including interfaces with the SADC Corridor Trip Management System (CTMS) and deployment of the system at selected borders (namely Beitbridge, Kazungula bridge, Chirundu, and Kasumbalesa. Strengthening the capacity of customs for proactively managing compliance with set frameworks and standards including cooperation and collaboration with other agencies and the private sector.
- Consultancy to support mainstreaming of gender in the project activities and in particular the implementation of SADC Simplified Trade Regime.

Component 2: Road Transport Facilitation and Development of Regional Railway Master Plan: This component will support the development of (i) Regional Railway Master Plan, (ii) Railway Appraisal Guidelines and (iii) Bankable Investment Program for enhancing efficiency of the multimodal corridors, ports throughput, and assisting in the rebalance of modal share between road and rail. This component includes:

- Consultancy to supports the development of a Regional Railway Master Plan and Bankable Investment Program for enhancing efficiency of the multimodal corridors, ports throughput, and assisting in the rebalance of modal share between road and rail.

Component 3: Project Management: This component will support operating activities to ensure smooth implementation of the project by the SADC Secretariat. It will include augmenting the SADC Secretariat's capacity to implement the project through the procurement of dedicated Project Staff. The component will also cover the costs for conducting annual independent Audits and operational costs as well as costs relating to non-consultancy services such as the organization of project related meetings, events, conferences or workshops, the publication of reports, creation of databases and websites or other relevant communication materials. This Component includes:

- Hiring of Project Coordinator
- Hiring of Procurement Officer

- Hiring of Project Accounts Assistant
- Administrative Expenses

Procurement of goods and services financed by the bank will be carried out in accordance with the Bank's Procurement Policy for Bank Group Funded Operations dated October 2015 and in line with provisions of the Grant Agreement. The Bank's Procurement Policy is available on the Bank's website at <http://www.afdb.org>. Bidding documents are expected to be available in July 2023.

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

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