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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO A MARKET SOUNDING CONFERENCE FOR THE SYSTEMATIC LAND ADJUDICATION AND CERTIFICATION ACTIVITY UNDER COMPETITIVENESS AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CEDP)

Government of Uganda has received Additional Financing (AF) towards the scaling up and effective completion of the Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project (CEDP). The Project development objective (PDO) of the CEDP is to improve the competitiveness of enterprises in Uganda by providing support for: (i) the implementation of business environment reforms, including land administration reform; and (ii) the development of priority productive and service sectors. The revised PDO is to increase private sector investment in the tourism sector and strengthen access to and effectiveness of the land administration system.

The CEDP Land Administration Reform Component is an important element of the efforts on consolidation of land reform and includes the sub-components as follows: i) Reforming land administration; ii) Accelerating systematic registration of communal and individually owned land; iii) implementing a program of actions for strengthening institutions and mechanisms for land dispute resolution; iv) Implementing a program of actions for strengthening land administration and management institutions.

Effective management of land resources is of vital importance to the Government of Uganda (GoU) for development of the country and reduction of poverty. The Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD) is transforming the land administration sector by improving land registration and cadastral services.

The Systematic Land Adjudication and Certification (SLAAC) Activity, is in line with Uganda's Vision 2040 as a means to facilitate development, and is also aligned to the National Development Plan III, the National Land Policy and it is one of the major activities to be carried out under the Land Sector Strategic Plan with the aim of enhancing security of tenure, ownership and management of land with the twin goals of uplifting the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable groups in Uganda, and improving the conditions for competitiveness and enterprise development.

The project procurement will follow the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for Investment Project Financing (IPF) by Borrowers (July 2016, revised August 2018, and revised November 2020).

As the process of designing a fit-for-purpose Project Procurement Strategy for the SLAAC Activity and to make use of early stakeholder and market engagement to help understand market context and thereby get the right suppliers/contractors, a vendor's conference has been organized by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD), which hereby invites interested private sector stakeholders and industry players to a consultative workshop scheduled for **Thursday 1st July 2021, at 2:30pm – 4:00pm. Due to the prevailing COVID-19 Pandemic the Workshop will be conducted online. Those interested in participating should register at johnobore@gmail.com to access the connection details**

The objectives of the workshop are to:

- (i) Relay general information on the SLAAC activity to private and public sector stakeholders,
- (ii) Collect expert opinions on market conditions, technical aspects of the SLAAC activity, and the allocation of risks,
- (iii) Present details of procurement strategy, including possible delivery models and implementation arrangements.
- (iv) Receive feedback from suppliers/vendors on the suitability and sustainability of the proposed project procurement strategy and contracting arrangement.

We strongly encourage stakeholders to participate in this process and to use the conference as an opportunity to ask questions and provide comments regarding the new procurement opportunities under the Systematic Land Adjudication and Certification Activity (SLAAC).

To register and confirm your attendance, please Email: johnobore@gmail.com by close of business on **Wednesday 30th June 2021**

PERMANENT SECRETARY