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DESIGN AND SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM FOR YOUTH
CAPACITY BUILDING AND FINANCING FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT
IN THE GAMBIA

A JOINT PROJECT OF

*THE AFRICAN GOVERNANCE INSTITUTE (AGI) AND THE GAMBIAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (GCCCI)*

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

Following a successful political transition in The Gambia that saw the arrival of H.E Adama Barrow in 2016 as President of the Republic and many former opposition leaders in the government, there has been high hope that the New Gambia will impact the lives of many people, particularly the youth and women. Gambia has tremendous potential that requires a sustained leadership to be unlocked.

Hope and expectations from the Gambians range from a sustained political stability to better business environment, rapid economic growth that impacts positively the lives of many, better government, strong private sector, massive job creation particularly for youth and women, better entrepreneurial conditions, better integration of the Gambia within the ECOWAS family and more, etc.

In order for the above expectations to be met, all stakeholders need to constructively contribute in rebuilding the country. These include not only the government but also the civil society and the private sector as well as citizens.

It is in line of the above spirit that the African Governance Institute (AGI) and the Gambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCCI) have decided to join forces to launch a "Program for Youth Capacity Building and Financing for Entrepreneurship Development" in The Gambia.

AGI is a Dakar-based Pan-African think tank that is active in promoting governance and economic development across the continent.

GCCI is a Banjul-based private sector membership chamber that is active in fostering and advocating private sector development and partnership within its members and with the government.

AGI and GCCI have sought and secured the financing of the African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) to help conceptualize, design and support the implementation of this ambitious program, which starts with this assignment.

It is in light of the above that AGI and GCCI are requesting proposals from qualified firms or individuals to support them in conceptualizing, designing and supporting the implementation of this program.

Below is laid out the required details to interested parties in helping them prepare their proposals.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

This assignment seeks to conceptualize, design and support an integrated program for youth capacity building and financing for entrepreneurship development financing in The Gambia. Specifically, consultants are expected to submit a technical and financial proposal in response to the three different components of this assignment:

- **Component 1: Market review and feasibility study:** This will consist essentially, but not limited to, to the assessment of the market dynamics and needs to help custom design the program.
- **Component 1: A Skills enhancement:** This will involve the design and implementation of a youth capacity building program across the country to help foster jobs creation and entrepreneurship

- **Component 3:** Youth Entrepreneurship Development Fund: This will involve the design of a special youth entrepreneurship fund and support its operationalization that is meant to help increase access to finance for young entrepreneurs and boost entrepreneurship through the country.

3. INSTITUTIONAL AND FINANCIAL ARANGMENTS

This assignment is perfectly in line with the Government's policy in regard to private sector development and youth empowerment. The selected consultants will be reporting to both AGI and GCCI. The point of contact for the EOI, proposals and execution of the assignment are...

The African Capacity Building Foundation has provided the funding for this assignment.

4. BIDDING PROCESS

Interested parties should submit a technical and financial proposal to the Africa Governance Institute by Monday, April 29th 2018, 00:00 GMT, to maty.ndiaye.cisse@iag-agi.org with copy to ceo@gcci.gm.

Evaluation will be on the basis of knowledge of the Gambia, credentials, qualifications, references and costs.

5. SCHEDULE

The entire execution time of this assignment is expected to be no more than 4 months, from the time of the signing of the contract of the successful bidders.