

REPORT OF Q4 2017 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP UNIT CONSULTATIVE FORUM

The 4th quarter 2017 PPP Unit Consultative Forum held on 7th December 2017 at the Newton Park Hotel in Abuja.

The Ag. DG ICRC, Engr. Chidi Izuwah welcomed all participants and emphasized the need to promote Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Nigeria saying; “A 1% increase in infrastructure results to 1% increase in GDP growth” according to the World Bank. In addition, he urged MDAs to involve themselves with the development of credible and bankable PPP Projects in order to drive the process.

Mr. Segun Adewuyi a PPP professional delivered a presentation on the topic “Australian Awards PPP Fellowship” in which he briefly discussed the award-process which he called a bilateral award between the Australian and the Nigerian governments where 20 people from across Africa are selected for a 6-week intensive programme.

Dr. Akor Suleiman, a representative of the Ag. DG National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) in his opening address gave highlights of ongoing concessions carried out by NIWA in compliance with ICRC regulations. He called on ICRC to make the process swift in order to reduce the lengthy time and to encourage more MDA participation.

During the technical session, the first presentation was made by Mr. Ahmed Abdulrazak on the topic: “Contract Management for PPPs”. His presentation highlighted the roles of the MDAs in contract management, components, guiding principles of contract management, risk management and service delivery. Others include level of service delivery, the contract administration and finance administration. He equally stated that termination should be the last option disputes are being resolved.

The second technical presentation was made by Ms. Priscilla Jiwunde delivered on behalf of Mr. Chibuzo Ekweku (World Bank). The presentation covered the constitutional, statutory and policy frameworks of Nigeria. She gave clear insight into the disclosure templates, the treatment of confidential information, contractual clauses, procurement information and the method of disclosure following contract signing.

Furthermore, she stated that to determine a projects need when it is initiated it is important to provide information and the description of assets to the transaction adviser who keeps these records as development phase is done. As sponsors and direct owners of the projects, the information and accuracy of updates need to be managed closely by the MDAs to ensure information symmetry and standardization.

