

## SECOND QUARTER 2018 PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP UNITS CONSULTATIVE FORUM (3PUCF) HOLDS IN ABUJA

The second quarter 2018, 3PUCF, which held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2018 was hosted by the Nigerian Shippers Council (NSC) at the NSC Liaison Office, in Abuja. It was another opportunity for knowledge sharing and enhancement. The Forum had in attendance, heads and team members of PPP Units across several Ministries, Departments and Agencies; and some members of the private sector.



*Group picture of participants at the event.*

The Ag. DG ICRC, Engr. Chidi Izuwah welcomed everyone to 3PUCF. In his address, he informed the Forum that ICRC had issued 10 Outline Business Case (OBC) and 4 Full Business Case (FBC) Certificates of Compliance so far in the year 2018 which includes the National Carrier (Nigeria Air) OBC for which its logo and name unveiling was done at Farnborough Air Show in London.

He further added that ICRC was given a Continental award as Infrastructure Regulator of the year by Africa Investor Group in Mauritius in June. Finally, he informed participants that ICRC collaborated with the Institute of PPP (IP3) and organized its first in a series of PPP cycle certification training for staff of some MDAs and ICRC.

Mr. Eke, Deputy Director NSC, and representative of the Executive Secretary, NSC in his opening address highlighted the need for infrastructure provision via PPPs in Nigeria now more than ever. According to him, in January this year, the President commissioned the Kaduna Inland Dry Port (IDP), an erstwhile Inland Container Depot upgraded to the status of an Inland Dry Port (IDP) which was an initiative of the NSC, with the combined effort of ICNL Limited, Kaduna State Government and guidance by the ICRC.

He noted that the Kaduna IDP had started receiving containers for clearance and is a port of origin for export cargo and final destination for import cargo. He added that

the proposed Truck Transit Parks (TTPs) projects, or more precisely, Truck Holding Bays; with Electronic Call Up Systems, is a combination of solutions that would address the endemic traffic gridlock in Apapa port terminal which is also a PPP project.

During the knowledge sharing session, Dr. Olumide of International Finance Corporation (IFC) delivered a presentation on the topic “*Kenyan Managed Equipment Scheme*”. In the presentation, Dr. Olumide compared the Nigerian and Kenyan large medical equipment modernization (MES) programs and how both countries performed. According to him, in 2002, the Nigerian Government entered into a contract with Helmut Dietrich for Vamed Engineering GMBH & Co. KG, to refurbish eight hospitals in the first phase of the project worth N17 billion, the project which was expected to be completed over a period of five years however failed.

The Kenyan Government implemented similar contracts to provide imaging equipments for 98 public hospitals through a MES scheme. The winning bidder, GE did an assessment of all 98 sites; built or refurbished radiology units and provided equipment fit for purpose. This was completed within 15 months. GE also set up a training centre; and in the process, trained 800 Kenyan medical professionals on how to use the equipments.

Challenges faced by the Nigerian Government were; inability to enter into a long term contractual arrangement with the vendor, inability to reliably pay on time, and the capacity to manage the relationship over time thereby rendering the process unsuccessful in Nigeria but successful in Kenya.



*A cross section of participants at the event.*

The second experience sharing was by Mr. Emmanuel Onwodi, Director of the Transportation Infrastructure Department of ICRC on the topic *PPP Project Case Study; Ibom Deep Sea Port*.

According to him, the project is a greenfield deep sea port Project in Akwa Ibom State, owned by Federal Ministry of Transportation. It is part of 14,400 hectare Ibom Industrial city and is supported by a large-scale Free Trade Zone development. The project development is supervised and supported by the Minister of Transportation and the Ministerial Project Development and Steering Committee on Ibom. The project development is supported by the two Transaction Advisors, Felak Concept Limited from Nigeria and Maritime and Transport Business Solutions B.V. (MTBS) from the Netherlands.

ICRC granted Outline Business Case (OBC) Certificate of Compliance on 8th October 2014 and revalidated it on 14th February 2017. He stressed on the importance of following due process in all transactions and consistent cooperation between an MDAs and ICRC for the success of the project.

Mr. Onwodi stated that the concession contract with the successful bidder is expected to be signed before the end of 2018.