REPORT OF THE Q3 3PUCF

The 3rd quarter Public Private Partnership Unit Consultative Forum (3PUCF) for Ministries, Departments and Agencies which held in Abuja was hosted by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The Ag. Director General ICRC Engr. Chidi Izuwah thanked MDAs for their participation in the just concluded Nigeria PPP Network (NPPPN, stating that the re-launch of NPPPN demonstrates a willingness to explore more cost effective ways of bridging the infrastructure gaps that exists in the various regions.



In a statement by the Permanent Secretary of Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr. Bukar Hassan, he informed the forum of the recent approval of the concession of 20 out of 33 silos by Federal Executive Council (FEC) for a period of 10 years, and he estimated 8 billion profits from the transaction. He underpinned the importance of providing sensitization and capacity building workshops on PPPs for MDAs to create better awareness and knowledge on PPP processes.

In this quarter's meeting, knowledge sharing was focused on social infrastructure and the warehouse in a box project was the theme of discussion. The warehouse is for pharmaceutical storage that would be located in Abuja and Lagos.

Public Private Partnership Unit Consultative Forum (3PUCF) is a knowledge based platform for PPP birthed by the ICRC. This initiative is to provide an active avenue whereby MDAs can acquire knowledge on PPP procurement processes, share ideas and challenges. Since its inauguration in December, 2013, 3PUCF holds quarterly meetings. The Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation is the chair of the Forum; the Federal Ministry of Finance is the co-chair, while the Commission serves as the secretariat. The forum has been a huge success and has witnessed active and committed participation from MDAs.