

### THIRD QUARTER 2019 3PUCF REPORT

The Third Quarter 2019 Public Private Partnership Unit Consultative Forum (3PUCF) meeting, a knowledge and experience sharing platform comprising of Heads of PPP Units across federal MDA's held Thursday, 12 September, at the Federal Ministry of Finance, Abuja.

In his remarks, the Director General of the ICRC, Engr. Chidi Izuwah, speaking through Barrister Mike Ohiani, Director, Public Private Partnership Resource Centre, expressed delight at the steady growth of the forum from inception in 2014 to date while commending participants for their dedication and focus in developing capacity and knowledge exchange within the PPP ecosystem.



He reiterated the Commission's mandate which includes regulating Public Private Partnership (PPP) procurement by guiding MDAs to structure PPP transactions for both green field and brown field infrastructure as well taking custody of all executed agreements and ensuring compliance. According to him, The ICRC has been involved in PPP compliance monitoring visits for both pre- and post- contract to PPP projects in the Country and he the DG would be leading an ICRC team on a post contract monitoring visit to Lekki Deepwater Port later in the week..

While advocating for gender sensitivity in infrastructure development, he stressed that infrastructure was not gender neutral and gaps in access to infrastructure affects women disproportionately.

“When taps are not running in our villages, it is our women and girls that go to fetch water”

“The boys go to school and the girls will go late and are expected to perform at the same level”.

According to him, to mitigate the gap, the ICRC and the Australian government had begun a major effort to strengthen women’s involvement in infrastructure and PPPs towards delivering responsive infrastructure.

He disclosed that as at the end of August, the Commission had granted 9 Outline Business Cases (OBC) and 9 Full Business Cases (FBC) Compliance Certificates for 2019, bringing the total number of certificates issued since inception to 76 OBCs and 31 FBCs.

In her remarks at the event, Minister of Finance, Mrs Zainab Ahmed, speaking through Mrs. Anita Shittu, Director, Human Resource Management, Ministry of Finance, disclosed that the Federal Government had acquired an automated customs gateway portal for the management of Import Duty Exemption Certificates, through Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) arrangement.

Ahmed said that the Ministry had also through PPP, undertaken a Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Investment Tax Credit Scheme (The Scheme), under Executive Order 007 of 2019.

According to her, the objective of the gateway portal is to ensure that government effectively tracks and manages all revenue accruable from import duties and other charges.

“It would also ensure accurate duty payment, streamline the process by which import duty waivers are granted and eliminate all forms of subjectivity in the grant of fiscal incentives.

“The project has two components. The development and deployment of a bespoke software for the process and the management and operations of the system. The software was procured directly and has been deployed to the ministry. The ministry is in the process of procuring the management and operations part of the contract via PPP arrangement,” she said.

She disclosed that the road scheme, otherwise called “The Scheme” is an initiative that will enable private sector partner with the Federal Government to bridge the road infrastructure gap in the country.