

SECOND QUARTER 2020 3PUCF REPORT

The Second Quarter 2020, Public Private Partnership Units Consultative Forum (3PUCF), a knowledge and experience sharing platform comprising of Heads of PPP Units across Federal MDA's held Thursday, 11th June, 2020. The meeting which took place via Zoom platform saw an impressive attendance and participation by stakeholders across Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

In his opening remarks, Director General of the ICRC, Engr. Chidi Izuwah commended participants for their consistency and dedication to the ideals of the Forum particularly considering the COVID 19 pandemic and its ravaging effect globally. "There is no doubt that this pandemic has had a devastating effect on global business activities including PPP transactions in the last few months, but I am proud to say that the Commission has continued to weather the storm. We are doing the best we can under the circumstance."

Speaking further, Izuwah said, "The establishment of a Special Concession Account in line with the ICRC Act for which a Circular has been signed and issued by the Minister of Finance, Budget and National Planning for immediate implementation represents a huge milestone for the Commission'.

'The Nigeria Institute of Infrastructure and Public Private Partnership (NII3P) has equally commenced activities' he added.

In her remarks, the Director, Special Duties, Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHSCF), Mrs. Ibiene Roberts, reminded the Forum of the importance of fostering synergy on information and PPP developments in the country. She enjoined Heads of MDAs not to relent in their efforts to develop projects through PPP despite the effect of the Covid 19 pandemic.

She further urged colleagues in the Agriculture, Health, Trade & Investment and Science & Technology sectors to try and improve on developing bankable PPP projects that can generate revenue for the Nation. She concluded by assuring the Forum of the OHCSF's continuous support and wished participants fruitful deliberations

Also speaking at the event, representative of the Nigeria Infrastructure Advisory Facility (UK-NIAF), Mr. Gori Olusina commended the ICRC for its diligent work and especially the establishment of a Special Concession Account and the Nigeria Institute of Infrastructure and Public Private Partnership (NII3P). He said that these two are a great achievement to the PPP space in Nigeria and that the UK-NIAF are ready to work with the ICRC in building capacity and overall delivery of Infrastructure in Nigeria.

He emphasized that the key thrust of the UKNIAF PPP component is to showcase how Nigeria can select, design and deliver pro-poor PPPs that deliver social and physical

infrastructure in a way that creates sustainable jobs, reduces poverty, promotes gender equality and social inclusion, while limiting the negative impact often associated with infrastructure delivery. He noted most importantly that UK-NIAF helps develop bankable projects. Mr. Gori added that the key MDAs the UK-NIAF works with are ICRC and Federal Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Budget & National Planning and they plan to propose support to some infrastructure-based PPP projects especially for sectors like Health, that have been gravely impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic.