

3RD QUARTER 3PUCF MEETING

The Third Quarter 2020 Public Private Partnership Unit Consultative Forum (3PUCF) meeting, a knowledge and experience sharing platform comprising of Heads of PPP Units across federal MDAs held on Thursday, 3rd September, virtually via the zoom platform.

The Director of Special Duties, Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHCSF), Mrs. Ibienné Roberts in her brief opening address commended the ICRC for its non-relenting efforts in running the 3PCUF Secretariat.

She also appreciated all Infrastructure based MDAs for their resilience and steadfastness in carrying on with their projects despite short falls in budget allocations. She added that the OHCSF is working on the eight (8) priority areas of Federal Civil Service Implementation Plan (FCSSIP) under the Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP) of the present administration.

In his opening speech, the DG of ICRC Engr. Chidi Izuwah after welcoming all participants, requested that a minute's silence be observed in honor of one of the dedicated Staff of the Commission, Mr. Busari Olusa (former, Head of Energy & Urban Infrastructure Unit of ICRC) who unfortunately passed away on 6th July 2020 after a brief illness.

He went ahead to say despite the COVID19 pandemic restrictions, the ICRC had continued to deliver on its mandate; and as at the 31st of August 2020, had issued eleven (11) Outline Business Case Compliance Certificates and five (5) Full Business Case Compliance Certificates so far in 2020. This brings the total compliance certificates granted since inception of ICRC to 87 OBC and 37 FBC compliance certificates.

In addition, he added that it was important to note that in line with the requirements of Section 9 of the ICRC Act, the Honourable Minister of Finance Budget and National Planning had issued the Special Concession Account (SCA) compliance circular, in line with the Treasury Single Account (TSA) guidelines.

A presentation on the 1st student hostel via PPP in Kaduna Polytechnic was delivered by Dr. Mukhtar Habib where he informed the forum on progress made so far with the project since contract signing with the concessionaire.

A detailed presentation was made by Mr. Odili Onu (Director, Revenue, Investment and Project Finance Department of ICRC) on the Special Concession Account (SCA) objectives and benefits.

The final presentation was made on the Global Perspectives of Covid 19 and its Impact on PPPs by Mr. David Baxter, USA in which Mr. Baxter shared the results of a survey that he carried out from March 2020 on the impact of Covid 19 on PPPs.

DG ICRC closed the meeting by acknowledging the support of all members and look forward to a physical gathering for the Q4 2020 meeting.