

## FIRST QUARTER 2021 3PUCF REPORT

The First Quarter 2021 Public Private Partnership Unit Consultative Forum (3PUCF) meeting, a knowledge and experience sharing platform comprising of Heads of PPP Units across Federal MDAs held Thursday, 04 March, 2021 via the Zoom platform.

In his welcome remarks, Ag. DG of the ICRC, Michael Ohiani, thanked the Forum members for their dedication and determination that it has ensured the entrenchment of PPP procurement in Nigeria. In his words:

‘I wish to thank this forum for the dedication and determination that it has shown towards the entrenchment of PPP in our dear country, especially in the challenging period that we find ourselves in now’.

He listed some achievements of the forum since its last meeting to include:

- Federal Executive Council (FEC) approval granted to the Ibom Deep Seaport; a project jointly developed by the Federal Ministry of Transportation and the Akwa Ibom State Government.
- The Nigerian Correctional Service Aba Shoe and Garment Factory, and the Janguza Tannery in Kano Projects attained Commercial Close. The Ground-breaking ceremony was done by the Minister of Interior, Rauf Aregbesola in January, 2021.
- The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) commenced two new PPP projects; the Refineries Rehabilitation and Pipelines Network and Storage Facilities Projects.
- The Nigeria Institute of Infrastructure and Public Private Partnership (NII3P) has rolled out programmes, and is due to commence the first MBA PPP in March 2021, in collaboration with the Malaysian University of Science and Technology (MUST).
- The Nigeria Police Force receipt of a Full Business Case Certificate for the Police Specialised Services Automation Project (Po-SSAP)

Additionally, Ohiani noted that following the success of the Kaduna Polytechnic hostel project, tertiary institutions have made moves to adopt similar model towards the development and rehabilitation of critical infrastructure in their institutions. For instance, University of Abuja and Ahmadu Bello University Zaria have inaugurated their Project Delivery Teams and Project Steering Committees respectively.

He further noted with delight, that despite the challenges of the pandemic, in 2020, the Commission issued a total of 21 OBC Compliance Certificates and 9 FBC

Compliance Certificates. This brought the total OBC and FBC Compliance Certificates issued since inception of the Commission to 96 and 41 respectively.

In her remarks, the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Mrs. Folashade Yemi Esan who was represented by Mrs. Ibiene Roberts, Permanent Secretary, Special Duties, Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, called on participants across MDAs to come up with a list of viable projects which can be financed through PPP in view of the lean resources available to government. She said:

“It is pertinent to note that the present economic downturn precipitated by the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in decrease in the amount of revenue being generated by Governments at all levels. This has affected allocations to MDAs adversely.

In view of this, it is therefore necessary to focus on identifying critical projects with possible positive impact on the infrastructural development drive of the Federal Government, and which can be financed through PPP arrangement for implementation, to reduce the over reliance on the lean resources available to the Government. This will also augment releases from Government coffers to MDAs and allow them meet up with other incidental costs.” She noted that the pandemic provides an opportunity for MDAs to explore new ideas on projects that will assist in the Economic Recovery Growth Plan (ERGP) effort of the Federal Government.

Arc. Abimbola Asein Head, PPP Unit, Federal Ministry of Works & Housing in his presentation which centred around the Highway Development & Management Initiative (HDMI), disclosed that the initiative is hinged on private sector engagement and it is broken down into two categories: The Value-Added Concession (VAC) II and the Unbundled Assets Approvals (UAA).

According to him, under the VAC, the concessionaire is responsible for managing the entire Right of Way as well as developing the route and is able to recoup its investment through the revenue generating assets that it will develop on the route.

Under the UAA on the other hand, the revenue generating assets on the route are unbundled and are then given out to individual companies on a Build, Operate and Maintain basis as the case may be. He stressed that Nigeria stands to benefit immensely from the initiative.