

1st QUARTER 2022 3PUCF MEETING REPORT

The First Quarter 2022 Public Private Partnership Unit Consultative Forum (3PUCF) meeting, a knowledge and experience sharing platform, held on March 17, 2022 at the Chelsea Hotel in Abuja. It was sponsored by the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and had in attendance representatives of the Head of Service of the Federation, Acting Director General of the ICRC, Michael Ohiani and other dignitaries.



Declaring the meeting open, the ICRC's helmsman, Ohiani commended the forum for the commitment that it has shown to the entrenchment of Public Private Partnerships in Nigeria.

He said that despite the restrictions in 2021, great milestones were still achieved in the area of PPPs and its regulations.

For instance, the DG said that the Commission issued 19 OBCs and 5 FBCs, bringing the total OBCs issued since inception to date and FBCs since inception to 47.

“Four projects were approved by the Federal Executive Council (FEC), making a total of 49 FEC approvals from ICRC's inception to the end of 2021.

“ICRC facilitated a World Bank sponsored APMG Certified PPP Practitioner (CP3P) course for 60 Nigerian Government staff at Federal and State levels.

“We have achieved a lot in the last three months and since the beginning of this year, the Federal Executive Council has granted approval to two PPP projects - the Onitsha River Port project & the Federal Coastal Fishery Terminal, Ebughu, Akwa Ibom State.

“This brings to a total of 51 FEC approved PPP Projects as of date” he said.

He hinted that OBC certificates were issued for the Concession of Tincan Island Truck Transit Park and Development of Filling Station on leased land at National Museum, while an FBC was issued for the redevelopment of the Police DIGs Quarters in Maitama, Abuja.

He informed the attendees that a bill for an Act to Repeal the ICRC Act 2005 and re-enact the PPP Regulatory Commission (PPPRC) bill for better performance, was currently awaiting a third reading at the Senate.

“We acknowledge the efforts of all the MDAs and are indeed grateful to all of you for your consistency. In the same vein, we are most grateful to our hosts and sponsors, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) for your graciousness to host us, yet again. Thank you once again.

“I wish to remind us that the ICRC is readily available to partner with all stakeholders to significantly upscale Nigeria’s infrastructure to world class levels,” he said.

In her remarks, the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, (HOCSF) Dr. Folasade Yemi-Esan said that the office of the HOCSF was collaborating with ICRC to ensure efficient and effective civil service operations in Nigeria.

She was represented by Mrs. Ehigie Agalasi, Director Infrastructure in the OHOCOSOF, said that there was already a Federal Civil Service strategy and implementation plan which was implemented from 2017 to 2021.

"We have a succession plan from 2021 to 2025 and what the Office of the Head of Service is doing is to bring innovation and to the service so that it can be the best.

"That is why we are partnering with ICRC, we know that government does not have all the money so we need the collaboration of the private sector to get us to where we should be," she said.

She expressed the optimism of the HOCSOF to liaise with all other Ministries, Departments and Agencies of government in attaining the set milestone.