

1st QUARTER 3PUCF REPORT

The 1st quarter Public Private Partnership Units Consultative forum (3PUCF) meeting, a body which comprises of PPP unit heads across Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the Federal government took place today Thursday 14th March 2019 at the minister's conference room in the Ministry of health Abuja.

In his address at the event, Director General of the ICRC, Engr. Chidi Izuwah commended participants for their continuous efforts in developing the forum. He informed the forum that in line with the ease-of-doing-business initiative of the government, we have removed the requirement of presenting the OBC Compliance Certificates to the FEC as a requirement for proceeding to the PPP Procurement phase; without breaking the law. This has immensely improved the PPP delivery process by reducing the duration of the transaction, which has been a major complaint of many stakeholders.

Speaking further, he disclosed that the Commission intends to publish the 2019 eligible PPP projects, globally referred to as Pipeline of projects; as well as a list PPP project Opportunities. Stating that the Commission hopes to accomplish this in Q2 2019, he also enjoined all PPP units to ensure that they submit their list of PPP projects.

In her welcome address, the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Health, Mr Abdullahi Mashi said that the country's health sector had an infrastructure gap of about 10 billion dollars (N3.06 trillion) a year.

Mashi, who was represented by Dr Omobolanle Olowu, the Head of Public Private Partnership (PPP) at the Ministry said that with the dwindling oil price which accounts for over 70 per cent of government's revenue, there was no way the government alone could finance the Infrastructure deficit in the health sector.

"The Current government policy places emphasis on the private sector driving developments within the health sector. This has created a favourable environment for PPPs and investment in health.

"The health sector has potentials for private investment and government hopes to establish private sector driven world class hospitals and diagnostic centres to reverse the direction of medical tourism to Nigeria.