

4TH QUARTER 2020 3PUCF REPORT

The fourth quarter 2020 Public Private Partnership Unit Consultative Forum (3PUCF) meeting, a knowledge and experience sharing platform for Heads of PPP Units across federal MDAs held on Thursday, 3rd December, virtually via the Zoom platform.

The Ag. DG ICRC, Mr. Michael Ohiani welcomed participants at the Forum and thanked the Almighty God for sparing the lives of everyone. He appreciated the Federal Ministry of Interior that initially promised to host the 2nd quarter of the 3PUCF before the unfortunate outbreak of COVID 19 and still kept to that promise by hosting the 4th.

He confirmed that the ICRC has issued 14 OBC and 8 FBC Certificates of Compliance so far in 2020, bringing the total number of compliance certificates granted by ICRC since inception to 90 OBC and 40 FBC compliance certificates.

The Head of the Civil Service of the Federation was represented at the Forum by Mrs. Ibienne Roberts, the Permanent Secretary Special Duties, Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (OHOCSE). In her brief opening address commended the ICRC for its non-relenting efforts in running the 3PUCF Secretariat.

She stated that the measures of Budget reduction and cut down on administrative expenses put in place by the Federal Government to mitigate the effect of the pandemic will no doubt affect the Public Private Partnership activities in Ministries, Department and Agencies (MDAs). Nonetheless, she appreciated all Infrastructure based MDAs for their resilience and steadfastness in carrying on with their projects despite short falls in budget allocations.

She noted 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.

A detailed presentation was made by Mr. Adamu Umar of the Transportation Infrastructure Department of ICRC on the topic “*Aba Shoe and Garment Factory, Aba and Janguza Tannery, Kano PPP Project Case Study*”. According to him, the project is an unsolicited proposal submitted by Erojim Investment limited in collaboration with its technical partner, China Poly Technologies, Beijing for the resuscitation of Nigeria Correctional Services (NCS) Aba Shoe Factory.

Dr. Ibrahim Wada, Chairman, Garki Hospital Abuja (GHA) presented a comprehensive report of the progress journey of the GHA PPP Project. It may be recalled that in March 2007, a concession agreement for the management and operation of the Garki Hospital Abuja was signed between FCTA and Nisa Premier Hospital.

Dr. Wada said the concessionaire had invested in the project beyond agreed levels stated in the contract. He noted that there was full scope of clinical services available, services were accessible, the PPP model used was financially sustainable and Garki hospital is available and suitable for the WACS membership scheme.

The Ag. DG of ICRC closed the meeting by acknowledging the support of all members and noted that he looked forward to a COVID free 2021 by the grace of God.