

EUROPEAN UNION (EU) SUPPORT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS.

The Director General of the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR) Dr. Joe Abah has said that the European Union through its 10th European Development Fund (EDF) has made available a grant to the Federal Government to support the implementation of the 2nd phase of the National Strategy for Public Service Reforms (NSPSR) from 2014-2019 particularly in the areas of Governance, institutional strengthening and efficient civil service administration reform.

He made this call in a welcome address at the inauguration of the Project Steering and Project Coordination Committees of the European Union support to the Federal Government Reform programme (EU-SUFEGOR) held at the Obasanjo Hall of the Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation; Federal Secretariat Abuja.

Dr. Abah further stated that the overall objective of the project is to promote public sector policy and efficiency in public service administration in order to enhance service delivery and project government's public service reform programme and strengthen its capacity for policy planning, development of statistics revenue generation, record management and performance monitoring in five (5) Federal Agencies. Overall the project will focus on strengthening processes, system mechanisms and technical competences of staff in these agencies.

Furthermore, he said specifically that the EU-SUFEGOR project will

- Support the development of mechanisms that will allow the implementation of the strategy to be properly coordinated, monitored and evaluated;
- Strengthen the generation, storage and dissemination of reliable statistics and build the capacity of NPC to develop policies and carry out macro-economic analysis and modelling;
- Establish an integrated Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) strategy which will be harmonized with existing Medium Term Economic Framework (MTEF) used for budget implementation and performance monitoring;
- Strengthen the technical and human competencies of Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS) to improve tax administration and generation of non-oil revenues in order to contribute to the growth of the Nigerian economy; and

· Support the establishment of Public Finance Management Systems in the five beneficiary agencies, namely Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, National Planning Commission, Federal Inland Revenue Service, National Board of Statistics and Bureau of Public Service Reforms.