



## BUREAU OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

### Procurement Process in Nigeria - Women have free level ground with men counterpart says DG, BPP

In the contracting process in Nigeria, women have a level playing ground with their men counterpart to participate and contribute to the nation economically.



L-R: Director-General, Bureau of Public Procurement, Mamman Ahmadu, FNIQS presenting BPP working document to the leader of the delegation, Mr. Lansana Wonneh, Deputy Country Representative, United Nations Women Generation Equality in Nigeria.

The Director General, Bureau of Public Procurement, Mamman Ahmadu, made this known when the United Nations Women Generation Equality organisation, led by Lansana Wonneh, paid him courtesy visit in his office in Abuja, on Thursday July 28, 2022.

The DG said, the Bureau does not discriminate against any company dominated by any gender; instead, it works according to what is specified in the Procurement Act 2007, and supported by Executive Orders 3 and 5.

He said, in Small and Medium Enterprises, women are doing well. Adding that, they are the engine for economic development for emerging economies like Nigeria.

Mamman said, the office undertakes due diligence in handling its work and does not differentiate companies based on gender ownership. He pointed out that, women do great things in life and advised them *to take calculated risks that matches reward*.

The DG directed that, the Director, Research Training and Strategic Planning (RT&SP), Mr. Adebowale Adedokun, liaise with the organisation for greater partnership.

Earlier, the leader of the delegation, Mr. Lansana Wonneh, Deputy Country Representative of UN Generation Equality said, they are seeking for partnership with the Bureau and need to know the ratio of men to women in the registered companies handling procurement work in Nigeria, to enable them do a pragmatic analysis on why women handle low contracts as against the high profiled contracts men handle in order to have an enlightenment program to encourage the women.

Mr. Wonneh said, the organisation is going to launch its project in August 18, 2022 whereby the Director-General is invited to grace the occasion.



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