

**COMMUNIQUE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PORT SECTOR CRA INTEGRITY PLAN
BY ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OPERATING AT THE PORTS**


To address the need to sensitize the general public, on the structure and substance of the Port Sector Corruption Risk Assessment (CRA) project and the efforts to implement recommended measures, the Steering Committee of the Port Sector CRA Project rising from its meeting of the 16th day of March 2016 which held at Shippers Council Office at Shippers Plaza Abuja hereby issues this communiqué to clarify the nature, structure and purpose of the Port Sector CRA Programme

1. The Port Sector Corruption Risk Assessment Exercise undertaken in 2013 was a collaboration between Nigerian Port Sector Agencies namely; Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Nigeria Customs Service (NCS), Nigerian Shippers Council (NSC), Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Port Health Services, Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) and Council For the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria (CRFFN) and led by the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC), Technical Unit on Governance and Anti- Corruption Reforms (TUGAR) and the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP). The project was supported by the United Nations Development Project (UNDP).
2. The exercise studied operations of the various agencies operating in the Nigerian Ports and evaluated corruption- related vulnerabilities. The resulting Corruption Risk Assessment Report (www.tugar.org.ng) identified probable corruption risks and developed an Integrity Plan containing recommended measures aimed at mitigating risks identified.
3. This plan and the proposed measures were accepted by all the Nigerian Port Agencies, which under the chairmanship of the Federal Ministry of Transport, formed a Project Steering Committee (PSC) with representation from all agencies operating at the Ports and the Federal Ministry of Finance. The PSC is currently overseeing the implementation of all recommended measures.
4. The committee has prioritized the objectives of the Integrity Plan and its efforts are currently focused on the following:
 - a. To build capacity and support Port agencies to improve coordination between stakeholders and streamline processes for port operations through the development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all agencies operating at the Ports.

- b. Harmonize the SOPs into a unified process document for the Ports in order to improve predictability and transparency. This was assigned to the Nigerian Shippers Council, the Port Economic Regulator.
 - c. Build capacity of the Port agencies and support them and their stakeholders to develop or where they already exist, improve and deploy agency- specific Anti-Corruption policies.
 - d. Establish a Port Service Support Portal (PSSP) to serve as a transparent system for internal and external complaint handling for both operational and integrity issues. The PSSP is to be domiciled at the Nigerian Shippers Council and supervised by a steering committee with representation from all Agencies operating at the Nigerian Ports.
5. This is a collaboration and joint effort of all Port Agencies. Although ICPC, BPP, TUGAR and UNDP continue to provide support to the Port Sector CRA Steering Committee, it is expected that each Port agency will effectively engage with these initiatives and accordingly communicate the positive improvements being achieved.
6. This project is not the project of any single agency. It is a collaboration of all participating agencies for the good of the Port Sector.



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