

31 August, 2016

Mr. Abubakar Malami (SAN)

The Honourable Attorney General of the Federal and the Minister of Justice,  
Federal Ministry of Justice,  
Shehu Shagari Way,  
Abuja.



Dear Sir,

## SPECIAL INVITATION AND REQUEST TO CHAIR THE 2016 FOI ACT COMPLIANCE & TRANSPARENCY RANKINGS

On behalf of the Public and Private Development Centre (PPDC), we write to invite you to chair the launch of the FOI Act Compliance Ranking and Transparency ranking for 2016. We further write to invite you as the Special Guest of honour at this event.

The launch of the FOI Rankings 2016 is scheduled to hold on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016; the International Right to Know day.

Over the years, procurement monitors have relied on the FOIA, 2011, to request for public expenditure finance information from several public institutions with varying levels of responsiveness across the different public sector institutions. This led to the release of an annual transparency rankings survey using the provisions of the FOIA 2011. Please find prior rankings on <http://procurementmonitor.org/site/>.

Furthermore, as part of ongoing efforts to mainstream the Open Contracting Data Standards (OCDS) in public sector contracting process, the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP) and the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) will be unveiling a pilot UBEC OCDS platform. This is in line with Nigeria's commitment to implement the OCDS within priority sectors such as the education sector.

Finally, at the event, a procurement performance report for Primary health care centres contracted out in the year 2014 will be released.

The meeting is scheduled to last for 2 hours only between 10:30am and 12:30pm.

We appreciate all the support your Office has provided to Open Contracting in Nigeria and we will be honored to receive a confirmation of your availability to chair this meeting in person.

Should we receive confirmation of your acceptance to chair this event in person, we shall submit to your office, the proposed location for the two-hour event for necessary security clearance. We shall also provide to your office, a draft of the procurement performance report before its launch on the 28th of September, 2016.

Kindly contact us on **07066618896** or send an email to [ppdc@procurementmonitor.org](mailto:ppdc@procurementmonitor.org)

We shall indeed be honored by your esteemed presence.

Thank you



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