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The Honorable Minister Budget and National Planning
National Planning Commission,
Plot 421 Constitution Avenue,
Central Business District,
Abuja, Nigeria



Dear Sir,

INTRODUCTION TO BUDESHI - A PLATFORM THAT LINKS BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT DATA

Public and Private Development Centre is a citizen sector that seeks to promote increased citizen's participation in governance in a way that supports improved integrity in public sector governance through monitoring and reporting on public finance expenditure. We are also members of the Open Data Working Group (Nigeria), set up by the Ministry of Communication Technology and of which your organization is a part of.

We are pleased to introduce you to www.budeshi.org, a dedicated web platform that seeks to link budget and procurement data to various public services using the Open Contracting Data Standards (OCDS).

The Budeshi platform is primarily being used to demonstrate to public institutions the utility of linking procurement and budget data using uniform data standards. This is with the intent of having the Open Contracting Data standards adopted by public institutions. Ultimately budeshi seeks to ensure that public finance information is coherent and linkable to public services.

Budeshi is also accessible to the public to interact with and also to make their own comparisons based on the procurement and budget data on the platform.

At the moment, Budeshi has used datasets received from the Universal Basic Education Commission and the National Primary Health Care Development Agency.

Budeshi is currently in Alpha stage; meaning that it is still undergoing significant development. Although some visual data is currently available on the site, a dedicated visualization tool is currently being developed and would be available on the platform in April, 2016. This would enhance every user's interactivity with available data.

We would appreciate the opportunity to have the Budeshi team come and showcase how the platform works at your earliest convenience.

We welcome your suggestions and recommendations to further development of this platform and ultimately, we count on your support in having the OCDS adopted across the public service.

For any clarification, kindly contact us on 07066618896 or via email: ppdc@procurementmonitor.org

Please accept our esteemed regards.

Yours Sincerely,



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