

## **PRESS STATEMENT- For Immediate Release**

The Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) signs Memorandum of Understanding with Lagos State Government to support enhancement of Lagos State's procurement capability and practices.

Lagos, Nigeria, 11 December 2025, CIPS, a leading global membership body for procurement and supply professionals, has signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Lagos State Government through the State Public Procurement Agency (LSPPA) to support enhancement of Lagos State's procurement capability and practices.

The partnership underscores a shared commitment to advancing efficient, and ethical procurement systems that deliver long-term value for citizens and improve service delivery across government ministries, departments, and agencies (MDAs).

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the CIPS Country Director for Nigeria, Chukwudi Uche, stated:

*"This collaboration reflects CIPS mission to strengthen procurement capability at all levels of governance. By working closely with Lagos State, CIPS aims to use procurement and supply as a force for good to support Lagos State in her ambition for aggressive infrastructure build-out with expanded social services, economic growth, governance strengthening, and inclusive welfare."*

The MoU provides a framework for cooperation in several key areas, including:

- Capacity building and professional development for procurement officers across Lagos State MDAs
- Trusted advisory support on global best practices, standards, and policy reforms
- Joint training initiatives to strengthen ethics, transparency, and due diligence
- Ensuring that Lagos State's procurement professional standards, skills and competency framework and accreditation routes remain fit for purpose
- Pursuing new projects or initiatives of mutual interest to both parties such as donor funded projects that may be beneficial to the procurement professionals and communities in Lagos.

The Lagos State PPA Director General, Mr. Fatai Idowu Onafowote, welcomed the partnership, noting:

*"Lagos State is committed to continuous reform and capacity enhancement in public procurement. Partnering with CIPS enables Lagos State to align with global standards while equipping our personnel with the skills and tools required for effective, transparent, and citizen-focused procurement practices."*

The signing of the MoU reinforces Lagos State's ongoing procurement reform journey and aligns with broader national efforts to promote accountability, cost optimization, and improved public-sector performance.

### **About CIPS**

The Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply (CIPS) is the world's largest professional body for Procurement and Supply Professionals and holds charitable status as recognised by the UK Charities Commission. CIPS is a Chartered body which was awarded in recognition of its leading role in building a community of excellence in procurement and supply and also has Chartered Status for the individual. CIPS is a strategic partner to the Bureau of Public Procurement.

### **About Lagos State PPA**

The Lagos State Public Procurement Agency (the Agency) was established on the 2nd of April, 2012 under the Lagos State Public procurement Law, 2011 (the Law). The objectives of the Agency are to ensure probity, accountability and transparency in Public Procurement throughout Lagos State. The Agency is therefore charged with the responsibility of formulating Policies and guidelines relating to Procurement in Lagos State as well as certifying all Procurements prior to, during, and after the awards of Contract. Its scope of operation includes the State Government, Local Government Councils/Development Authority and all procuring entities in the State.

### **Signed:**

#### **Fatai Idowu Onafowote**

Director General  
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#### **Chukwudi Uche**

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