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Dar es Salaam. The President's Delivery Bureau (PDB) intends to amend the Public Procurement and the Public Private Partnership laws in order to increase the pace of implementation of Big Results Now (BRN) projects.

Members of the business community have repeatedly complained that the legislation makes it cumbersome to partner with the government. PDB chief executive officer Omari Issa, has said.

According to him, the Public Procurement Act requires that for anyone to qualify for the award of any tender there must be a rigorous competitive process which passes through various stages, and that it takes a lot of time to have a successful tenderer.

This, he said, made it difficult to have many projects implemented in the scheduled timelines because the government was facing shortage of experts.

He added that if the BRN was anything to go by, there was no way the government could exclude

Number of laws to be amended for the purpose of fast-tracking implementation of BRN

the private sector.

"BRN's success is also heavily dependent on the participation of the private sector, which will provide technology, management skills and funding. In order to encourage private sector participation, PDB is also working towards streamlining the Public Private Partnership (PPP)," said Mr Issa.

On the PPP Act, the PDB boss, who was speaking at a press conference in Dar es Salaam, said that it did not provide room for a smooth business environment thus failed to attract the private sector.

"We haven't enough expertise in many projects, that is why we have now started building internal capacity by providing requisite training to our work force in order to increase efficiency," he said.

Meantime, PDB would soon meet stakeholders to discuss snags to BRN projects implementation.