KOGI STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FOOD SECURITY

12th May, 2025

The Honourable Commissioner
Kogi Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
Lokoja, Kogi State

Sir,

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT APPROVAL PROCESS FOR FRAMEWORK FOR RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE LAND INTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT (FFRILIA) IN KOGI STATE

The Honourable Commissioner will recall that the available procedure for on-boarding prospective investors under the ministry of Agriculture were those outlined to meet the requirements of the Bureau of Public Procurement (BPP). These requirements do not meet the expectations for FRILIA under the State Action for Business Enabling Environment (SABER) in the State.
The technical team for FRILIA in the Ministry has domesticated a general template provided Nigeria Governor's Forum (NGF) technical team for this purpose.

Find attached the domesticated Investment Approval Process for FRILIA under the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security for your kind approval please.

Kindly accept the assurances of my best regards.

Engr Abdulsalam M. Sagir
Permanent Secretary

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Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture Investment Approval Process

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In Accordance with the provisions of Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security Law & Other Matter Connected

Large-scale agricultural investments in Kogi State are underpinned by a framework defined by Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture FRILIA Principles. This large-scale agricultural investment approval process has been designed to be in line with the principles of FRILIA. It consists of the following 6 stages:.

Process Stage	Responsible Party
Stage 1: Initial Inquiries & Know Your Customer (Due Diligence) Assessments A. Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture should be the primary entry point for ALL large-scale agricultural investments in Kogi State B. Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture may be approached by potential investor (or in some cases the Ministry may reach out to a potential investor) C. The Ministry conducts preliminary due diligence on investor and provides investor with information related to potential investment. D. Possible initial engagement with community if area has been preliminarily identified. (within 2 weeks of initial engagement with potential investor)	**Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security**
Stage 2: Information Exchange & Site Visits A. The Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture continues to provide information and resources the potential investor may need to proceed with the investment. Also coordinates the investor's interaction with other government agencies and helps the investor locate service providers. B. The Ministry of Agriculture arranges for site visits for the investor after notifying local officials and communities of investor interest. C. The Ministry of Agriculture notifies local government officials, other ward and community stakeholders to engage in internal consultations and then to respond preliminarily whether they might welcome the investment. (within one month of Initial engagement with potential investors)	Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture, KoSSIPPPA, Kogi State Bureau of lands, Local Government Officials, Traditional rulers, Host communities involved, Civil society organizations with interest.

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Stage 3: Potential Investor Proceeds or Withdraws A. The investor reacts to the community's initial response to the potential investment and the investor's own assessment of the viability of the investment and potential site. If the investor decides to withdraw, the process stops. If the investor wishes to consider a different location within the State, the process reverts to Stage 2. The process also ends if the community decides not to proceed. B. If the potential investor decides to proceed and the community is supportive, the investor should engage further, build relationships with the community and get them fully involved. The investor and the community (with legal assistance provided by Kogi State Ministry of Justice) should begin to discuss a community engagement plan to guide the ongoing consultations. (One month 2 weeks of initial engagement with potential investor)	Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture, KoSSIPPPA, Kogi State Bureau of lands, Kogi State Ministry of Justice, Local Government Officials, Traditional rulers, Host communities involved, Civil society organizations with interest.
Stage 4: Investor Enters into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MoU") with Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture and Representatives of the Affected Communities. A. The Ministry of Agriculture does more in-depth due diligence on the investor and the Ministry shares additional due diligence findings with other stakeholders. B. Consultations with the community continues and a community engagement plan may be agreed to at this point. C. If all parties continue to be supportive of the proposed investment, they attempt to agree on an MoU that covers the framework of the investment, how much land is required, benefits that may accrue to the community, commitments to ongoing consultation, preparation of an ESIA, etc. The MoU does not legally commit any party to a final agreement on the proposed investment. (within 2 months of initial engagement with potential investor)	Kogi State Ministry of Agriculture, KoSSIPPPA, Kogi State Bureau of lands, Kogi State Ministry of Justice, Secretary to the Government of Kogi State, Local Government Officials, Traditional rulers, Host communities involved, Civil society organizations with interest.
Stage 5: Investor Completes and Shares a Feasibility Study, Business Plan and an independent Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA). A. Kogi State Ministry of Environment makes its determination whether the ESIA is acceptable and notifies the investor within 7 days of receiving it. B. If not already completed, a community engagement plan should be finished in this stage. C. Land lease discussions can continue (if begun in a previous stage) or begin. Leases should not be finalized and signed until Stage 6. (Within 2 months and one week of initial engagement with potential investor)	Kogi State Ministry Of Agriculture, Kogi State Ministry of Environment, KOSIPPPA, KGIRS, Host Community(ies)

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Stage 6: The parties enter into Final Agreements. A. The final agreement is likely to be contained in several individual agreements or could be combined into one document. While the precise requirements will vary, approved investment is likely to include some or all of the following: 1. Land lease agreement 2. Outgrower contract(s) 3. Community impact and benefit agreement 4. Community engagement plan 5. Monitoring plan 6. Inclusive, accessible and equitable dispute resolution mechanisms (within 3 months of Initial engagement with potential investor)	Kogi State Ministry Of Agriculture, Kogi State Ministry of Environment, Kogi State Ministry of Justice, Kogi State Bureau of Lands, KOSIPPPA, KGIRS, Host Community(ies), Traditional rulers, Local Government Officials,

The six stages provide an overarching framework that guides all the toolkits of FRILIA. However, the unpacking of these stages varies from one toolkit to another. Hence, each of the FRILIA toolkits has its own approach embedded within the overall investment project cycle.

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