



KOGI STATE GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
& FOOD SECURITY**

3rd December, 2024

His Excellency
Alhaji Ahmed Usman Ododo
Executive Governor of Kogi State
Government House, Lokoja

Sir,

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO CONSTITUTE STEERING AND TECHNICAL
COMMITTEES FOR FRAMEWORK FOR RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE LAND-
INTENSIVE INVESTMENTS IN AGRICULTURE (FRILIA)**

Your Excellency sir, the Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Investment in Agriculture (FRILIA) is one of the results areas under the State Action for Business Enabling Reform (SABER). Specifically, it aligns with Disbursement linked Indicator (DLI) 1.2 whose roles are to ensure responsible and inclusive land-intensive agricultural investments. FRILIA is to ensure that agreed guidelines and toolkits with respect to stakeholder engagement, communication and other best practices with respect to land-intensive agricultural investments are followed.

As part of the requirements to meet up with the 2024 DLI 1.2 deliverables, it is expected that the State constitute and show evidence of the constitution of the steering and technical committees for FRILIA to the World Bank.

Your Excellency, below are the composition and functions of the two committees.

Composition of FRILIA Steering Committee

The Governor shall be the Chairperson of the committee and the members shall include:

1. Commissioner for Agriculture

2. Commissioner for Commerce and Industry
3. Commissioner for Finance, Budget & Planning
4. Commissioner for Justice
5. Commissioner for Environment
6. Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs
7. Commissioner for Women Affairs and Socio Development
8. Director General, Bureau for Lands
9. Chairperson Kogi State Investment Promotion Agency
10. Chairman Town Planning Board
11. Chairman Kogi Internal Revenue Service
12. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security as Secretary

Functions and powers

1. Ensuring Agri-business align with FRILIA principles and international best practices
2. Promoting transparency, inclusive production models, safeguard measures and monitoring of impact.
3. Approving adoption of FRILIA toolkits, guidelines and policies
4. Co-opting individuals or committees as necessary
5. Meeting quarterly to review progress, challenges and other relevant issues

Composition of Technical Committee

1. Kogi Geographic Information Service
2. Ministry of Commerce
3. Ministry of Finance, Budget & Economic Planning
4. Ministry of Environment
5. Ministry of Agriculture
6. Ministry of Justice
7. Ministry of Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs
8. Bureau for Lands
9. Town Planning Board
10. Office of Surveyor General
11. Kogi State Agricultural Development Project
12. State Fadama Coordination Office
13. Representative of the private sector

- 14. Representative of Civil Society Organization
- 15. Kogi State internal Revenue Service
- 16. SABER Programme Manager
- 17. Director of Agricultural Services (MoA) as Secretary


Functions


1. Developing FRILIA
2. Preparing land investment strategy and implementation plan
3. Developing toolkits, guidelines, and policies for land-intensive agricultural projects
4. Integrating sustainable land use practices, environmental conservation and social inclusion
5. Conducting risks assessment and advising on agri-business policy
6. Monitoring compliance with regulations and fostering collaboration with stakeholders
7. Facilitating dialogue with key stakeholders including private sector and civil society representatives, monitoring progress and providing quarterly reports to the steering committee
8. Perform other duties as the steering committee may occasionally deem necessary to achieve its functions
9. The technical committee shall operate with commitment to promoting sustainable development, social equity and environmental stewardships in all land-based investment activities in Kogi State.

Prayer

We request His Excellency's approval to constitute these committees based on the aforementioned composition to carry out the specified functions.

Kindly accept the assurances of the esteemed regards of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food security.

 03/12/2024
 Timothy Ojomah
 Hon. Commissioner of Agriculture

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