



EXECUTIVE ORDER

NO. 2 OF 2023

BY THE GOVERNOR OF PLATEAU STATE

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE FRAMEWORK FOR RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE LAND-INTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT (FRILIA) IN PLATEAU STATE

WHEREAS, Plateau State has vast tracts of arable and fertile land constituting about 74% of its total land mass with the potential to produce a wide range of crops, including yams, potatoes, rice, Carrot, Fruits, and Vegetables. Only 30% of its arable land is estimated to be under cultivation. A sizable portion of Plateau land is either communally owned or family-owned.

AND WHEREAS, The Plateau State Government plans to build a sustainable agro-based industrial economy with huge potential to benefit from the diversification agenda of the Federal Government through agriculture-led industrialization, which will significantly increase private investments and enhance job creation and revenue generation. Towards this end, land, including its management and use, becomes a game changer and an area of key focus and interest.

To achieve the above, the State intends to adopt the Framework for responsible and inclusive land-intensive Agricultural Investment (FRILIA), which is an adaptation of two international Agreements that Nigeria is a signatory to, namely:

1. Principles for Responsible Agriculture Investment (RAI), which recognizes that responsible investment in agriculture and food systems can contribute to food security and nutrition and recognition and respect for human rights; and
2. Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure of Land, Fisheries, and Forests (VGGT), which, within the context of National Food Security, promotes secure tenure rights and equitable access to land, Fisheries, and forests as a means of eradicating hunger and poverty as well as supports sustainable development and the enhancement of the environment.

The Plateau State FRILIA was jointly developed by the State Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development, the Ministry for Lands and Survey, Key Stakeholders, and the World Bank Group as part of the Plateau State Economic Transformation Project (PSTEP).

The FRILIA principles will improve the attractiveness of Plateau State for land-based investments globally, facilitate investments that ensure food security, and provide commercial yield for investors.

FRILIA also demands new concepts in community mapping, socio-economic analysis, land use, and resettlement that the State will adopt in compliance with global best practices.

Further, a FRILIA Steering Committee shall be established and will be responsible for strategic planning, oversight, and coordinating the roles of stakeholders; the Steering Committee will comprise FRILIA Champions from the following Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAS).

MDA	Total No of Representatives
Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development	1
Ministry for Lands, Survey & Town Planning	1
Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning	1
Ministry of Justice	1
Ministry Environment, Climate Change & Mineral Development	1
Ministry for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs	1
Ministry of Urban and Physical Planning	1
Association of Local Government of Nigeria	1
Plateau Investment & Property Development Company (PIPC)	1
Ministry of Housing	1
Ministry of Women Affairs & Social Development	1
Ministry of Finance	1
Ministry of Commerce and Industry	1
Plateau State One-Stop Investment Centre	2
LMU (Land Management Unit) of the Ministry of Agriculture, which is to be transformed into the Agricultural Land Management Agency	2
Total	17

The Plateau State Government, through the Commissioner of Agriculture, will recruit FRILIA Specialist(s) to provide technical support to the Steering Committee towards the implementation of FRILIA in the State. The Technical Committee will conduct detailed planning, data collection, and monitoring of projects.

Grievance Redress Mechanisms (GRM) shall be established to address complaints, conduct investigations, and recommend corrective actions where necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AS THE GOVERNOR OF PLATEAU STATE, I HEREBY ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

The Plateau State FRILIA principles, as articulated in the Appendix to this Executive order, should be adopted and serve as a guide for investments that require large parcels of land. Where necessary, the principles will also cover small to medium parcels of land linked to substantial investment.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DATED THIS.....15th.....DAY OFDecember.....2023


BARR. Caleb Manasseh Mutfwang,
 Governor of Plateau State