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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13 OF 2023

ON GOMBE STATE FRAMEWORK FOR RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE LAND-INTENSIVE AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENTS (GFRILIA)

WHEREAS, the Government of Gombe State recognizes the need to enhance the investment climate and promote sustainable economic development through responsible and inclusive land-intensive agricultural investments;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to adopt a Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agricultural Investments (FRILIA) to ensure that land acquisition and resettlement for large-scale agribusiness investments adhere to international best practices and benefit both investors and local communities;

WHEREAS, Gombe State FRILIA (GFRILIA) aims to foster agricultural reforms that ensure fair and transparent practices, safeguard environmental sustainability, and promote socio-economic development across Gombe State;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999, and all other laws enabling me in that behalf, **I, MUHAMMAD INUWA YAHAYA, CON**, the Governor of Gombe State, hereby order the adoption, establishment, and implementation of the Gombe State Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Agricultural Investments (GFRILIA):

1. ADOPTION OF GFRILIA PRINCIPLES

All Ministries, Department, and Agencies of the Gombe State Government are directed to adhere to the core principles of GFRILIA that align with

- i. the Commissioner of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry etc.;
- ii. the Commissioner of Trade, Industry etc.;
- iii. the Commissioner of Finance and Economic Development;
- iv. the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice;
- v. the Commissioner for Local Government and Community Devt
- vi. the Commissioner of Water, Environment etc.;
- vii. the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Social Development;
- viii. Commissioner of Budget and Planning;
- ix. the Director General, Gombe Geographic Information Systems (GOGIS)
- x. Chairman, Gombe State Internal Revenue Service
- xi. Director-General, Gombe State Investment Promotion Agency
- xii. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture etc. Secretary

3) Functions of the GFRILIA Steering Committee:

The Steering Committee shall:

- i. ensure that agricultural investments align with GFRILIA principles and international best practices;
- ii. promote transparency, inclusive production models, and safeguards against tenure rights dispossession;
- iii. monitor investment impacts and ensure compliance with compensation standards and environmental sustainability measures;
- iv. review and approve Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) reports and frameworks for responsible agricultural investments;
- v. disseminate toolkits, guidelines, and policies to guide investors in complying with GFRILIA principles;
- vi. create additional committees as recommended by the Technical Committee to fulfill its functions; and
- vii. meet regularly to review project progress and address specific

issues as may directed by the Governor.

3. ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION, AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GFRILIA TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

1) Establishment Of Technical Committee

There is hereby established for the Steering Committee a Technical Committee

2) Composition Of Technical Committee:

The Technical Committee shall be composed of:-

- 1) the Director General, Gombe Geographic Information System Chairman;
- 2) representatives from:-
 - a) Ministries of Trade, Finance, Agriculture, Justice, Local Government Affairs, Environment, and Women Affairs;
 - b) the Bureau of Land Services,;
 - c) Gombe State Investment Promotion Agency,
 - d) Office of the Surveyor General,
 - e) Gombe State Agricultural Development Project,
 - f) Fadama Project,
 - g) the private sector in land investment,
 - h) Directorate of Farms Settlement and Peasant Farmers Development,
 - I) Forestry Commission,
 - j) Gombe State Internal Revenue Services,
- 3) SABER Focal Person,
- 4) an Agribusiness Officer, and
- 5) Director, Agriculture Services

Secretary.

3) Functions Of Technical Committee:

The functions of the Technical Committee shall be to:

- i. support the Steering Committee in implementing GFRILIA and achieving its objectives.

- ii. develop toolkits, guidelines, policies, or equivalents for approval by the Steering Committee to assist investors in land-intensive agricultural projects.
- iii. conduct regular environmental and social impact assessments and risk management evaluations.
- iv. facilitate stakeholder engagements, including consultations with local communities and land rights holders.
- v. oversee the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) established by Executive Order No. 11 of 2023 and ensure timely resolution of grievances through impartial mediation and legal recourse.
- vi. provide monthly reports to the Steering Committee on resolved and pending issues related to GFRILIA implementation.

4. THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER

- a) This Order shall take effect immediately.
- b) This order shall be implemented consistent with applicable laws of Gombe State.
- c) This order does not create any enforceable rights or benefits against the Government of Gombe State or its entities.

MADE AT Gombe this 20th day of December, 2023.



MUHAMMADU INUWA YAHAYA, CON
(Dan Majen Gombe)
GOVERNOR
GOMBE STATE