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## GOMBE STATE OF NIGERIA

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.



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