

**NIGERIA'S POSITION PAPER ON
THE 5TH D-8 AGRICULTURAL
MINISTERIAL MEETING ON
FOOD SECURITY HOLDING IN
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INTRODUCTION:

Nigeria, as a committed Member of the D-8 Member Nations, hosted the 4th D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security from 4th – 6th December, 2013 in Abuja.

Arising from the Abuja Ministerial Meeting, Nigeria clearly identified five key initiatives viz.: Fertilizer, Seed Bank, Animal Feeds, Halal Meat and Fisheries.

FERTILIZER:

- Fertilizer is regarded as one of the most important agricultural inputs of achieving accelerated and sustainable agricultural production.
- Nigeria is the first country to implement the Growth Enhancement Support (GES) Scheme under which farm inputs are distributed at subsidized rate to farmers through private sector channels, using electronic wallet system.



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This NPK formulation is popular with palm crop and tree crop farmers. It is rich in potassium. Good for tubers too.



FERTILIZER contd:

- In addition to the existing fertilizer plants in the country, new World Class Petrochemical and Fertilizer Plants are being established in the country.
- Similarly in order to close the gap in the demand for fertilizer, government in active collaboration with fertilizer associations have launched campaign to promote the use of organic fertilizer.
- The D-8 nations are hereby encouraged to take advantage of this initiative.

SEED BANK:

- The D-8 Agricultural Ministerial Meeting on Food Security in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 2009 prescribed three tiers of Seed Bank for the D-8 supply of high quality seeds within and among member countries viz: D-8 Umbrella Seed Bank, Regional Seed Bank and National Seed Bank.
- The D8 Secretariat is urged to support the setting up of the Seed Bank in the country in line with the Kuala Lumpur initiatives.



SEED BANK contd:

- D-8 Countries are urged to give consideration to the following three (3) key areas of seed production and supply:
 - Seed Bank construction and management;
 - Development of Seeds Production Guidelines;
 - Development of Pictorial Crop Variety Descriptors.

ANIMAL FEEDS AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Nigeria is providing support in the following areas:

- Pilot Project on **Cassava Peel Pellet Processing** in collaboration with International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)/ International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA);
- Pilot Project on **Cassava Waste Fermentation** to produce **High Quality Protein using Biotork Technology** to replace fish meal, soybeans meal to produce competitive, high-quality fish and animal feeds.



ANIMAL FEEDS AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION contd:

HALAL MEAT INDUSTRY IN NIGERIA :

- *Agricultural Transformation Agenda (ATA) is implementing a transformation of the entire meat Value Chain Industry,*
- *Nigeria proposed the establishment of D-8 Halal-Meat Investment Commission.*

FISHERIES:

The areas where intervention is required by D-8 Member Nations in the Fisheries subsector in Nigeria include:

- Providing support for upgrading the National Institute for Fresh Water Fisheries Research (NIFFR) in New Bussa, Niger State into a National Centre of Specialization in Aquaculture;*
- Assisting the selected fish hatcheries from across the country to upgrade production facilities;*



FISHERIES contd:

- Developing output markets for fingerlings producers;
- Ensuring high standard in aquaculture best practices;
- Developing the capacity of fish processors to achieve export quality in the drying, deboning, packaging and derivate products of harvested fish; and
- Supporting constant research in fish production through national research institutes.

STANDARDS AND TRADE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS:

- *It is imperative to promote trade among D-8 member states*
- *This can be done by considering the general rules governing the standards and trade of agricultural products which includes the following.*
 - *De-emphasizing non-tariff measures (NTMs), harmonizing international standards and practices to facilitate trade among member nations,*

STANDARDS AND TRADE OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS CONTD:

- Encouraging private organic agricultural standards and harmonizing Geographical Indicators (GI) in line with legal tools.



CONCLUSION:

- *I would like to emphasize that the present administration of President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan has put a lot of incentives in place to encourage private investment in the Agricultural Sector.*
- *I thank you all and God bless.*

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