



## INNOVATIVE FINANCING FOR FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION IN NIGERIA



**DATE:** 24th July 2023

**TIME:** 13h 30 to 14h 30

**VENUE:** King Faisal Room (TBC) FAO Headquarters, Rome

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### Presentation Note

#### Nigeria High Level Event

Hosted by H.E. Senator Kashim Shettima,

Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria

**Innovative Finance for Food System Transformation**

**Nigeria's Value Chain Development and Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones Programmes**

*An inspiring case of public-private financing at scale for food systems transformation that does not leave smallholders behind.*

Nigeria mobilized over ½ billion US\$ through domestic resources, multilateral development banks, international financial institutions, climate funds leading agro-businesses for an innovative, profitable, equitable and sustainable food systems transformation initiative. In this event, the Government of Nigeria will be showcasing its Value Chain Development Programme (VCDP) as a unique example of a successful partnership between producers, the public sector, and private operators.

VCDP which is co-funded by the Government of Nigeria and IFAD has empowered vulnerable farmers and youth to engage into commercial partnerships with some of the biggest food processing and marketing firms in the world such as OLAM, a world leading agri-business company operating in over 60 countries, with an annual revenue of about 39.8 billion US\$. Data shows that the return on investment for the participating farmers is over 80%, allowing them to come out from informality and increase their incomes significantly. VCDP won IFAD recognition by the UN ECOSOC New York as a high impact public-private partnership development programme. It also won the price for the best development partner in Nigeria. Next is the development of Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones that are at the core of the Government' strategy to establish modern in-country agro-industrial processing capacity to supply the domestic market, promoting green investments, and providing profitable market outlets to rural households.

The government's vision is about ending hunger in Nigeria while leveraging its huge domestic market to generate wealth for the millions of rural poor. Building on the success of VCDP, the Federal Government of Nigeria is determined to capacitate Nigerian rural smallholders and operators, youth and women living below the poverty line to take advantage of the new Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones. The Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones Programme (SAPZ) brings together local governments, IFAD, AfDB, IsDB, GCF, OLAM and other private sector actors alongside the Government of Nigeria for transformative financing of food systems that leaves no-one behind.



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The partners complement each other, bringing to table their unique mandates, experience and expertise.

- **The Government of Nigeria** is in the driver's seat. It provides strategic direction and policy guidance and takes up key managerial functions and overall oversight to ensure the smooth implementation of the programme. It mobilizes funding and coordinates the different stakeholders involved to ensure complementarity and coherence. Through a focus on policy development, the Government also ensures the creation of an enabling environment that supports private sector investment and addresses inefficiencies and market failures in agricultural value chains.
- **The African Development Bank (AfDB)** is the main financier of the programme but also provides important technical expertise. AfDB supports the FGN in developing and setting up SAPZs, aimed at attracting private sector agribusinesses to set up processing plants in zones of high food production. In addition, AfDB provides policy advice aimed at putting in place appropriate fiscal policies and incentives, investment, and infrastructure policies for SAPZ.
- **The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)** is one of the main financiers of the SAPZ programme. To ensure its investment in the programme are an investment in the rural poor, IFAD supports the FGN to provide vital support to smallholder farmers and small operators to increase their productivity/production and link them to the additional market outlets offered by the SAPZ. IFAD also works to enhance the resilience and adaptive capacity of smallholder farmers to climate change.
  - To that effect, IFAD also mobilized through the **Green Climate Fund (GCF)**, additional funds that allow the programme to provide smallholder farmers with access to finance to support farmers in adopting and implementing climate change adaptation and mitigation solutions.
- Finally, the **Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)**, also joined as a key co-financier supporting the FGN in its ambition to set up SAPZs in high-production potential state. In the development of infrastructure, the improvement of irrigated land & farm to market access roads, the supply of certified agricultural inputs and extension services and skills development for farmers and MSMEs with the view to increase investments from the private sector companies, and to create jobs, improve yield, enhance income and reduce post-harvest losses.





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*\*Program will be adjusted based on confirmation of high-level resource persons*

Time	Activity	Responsible	Duration
13h15 -13h30	Registration	<b>Dr. Sanjo Faniran</b> , Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning – National Food Convener	15minutes
13h30-13h33	Opening remarks	<b>Hélène Papper</b> , Director, Global Communications and Advocacy Division - Moderator	3minutes
13h40-13h43	Video innovative finance through VCDP commodity alliance forum	<b>Hélène Papper</b> , Director, Global Communications and Advocacy Division - Moderator	3 minutes
13:44- 13h 40	Key note remarks	<b>H.E. V.P Senator Kashim Shettima</b> His Excellency, the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria	5minutes
13h50-14h15	High level Panel Discussion on Innovative Financing for Food Systems Transformation in Nigeria	<p><b>H.E. V.P Senator Kashim Shettima</b> His Excellency, the Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria</p> <p><b>H.E. Rev. Fr. Hyacinth Alia</b> His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Benue</p> <p><b>Dr. Alvaro Lario</b> - President IFAD</p> <p><b>Mrs. Hassatou N’Sele</b> - Vice, President AfDB</p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Muhammad Sulaiman Al Jasser</b> - President IsDB –</p> <p><b>Mr. Reji George</b> - Vice-President OLAM International</p> <p><b>Mrs. Ejim Lovelyn</b> - Vice President, Commodity Alliance Forum (Representative of farmers)</p>	25minutes
14h15-14h27	Discussions	All Participants	12 minutes
14h27-14h30	Session Closing	<b>Hélène Papper</b> , Director, Global Communications and Advocacy Division - Moderator	3 minutes