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International Seminar
on

"COMPREHENSIVE LOCAL AGRICULTURE PLAN" (C-LAP)

BLUEPRINT FOR AGRICULTURAL REVOLUTION IN NIGERIA

OCTOBER 26TH - 27TH, 2017
VENUE: TRANSCORP HILTON,
ABUJA-FCT, NIGERIA
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BACKGROUND

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Nigeria is an agrarian society, with agriculture contributing about a quarter of the gross domestic product; performing way below its potential. Prior to the 1960s oil boom, which negatively impacted the agriculture sector; Nigeria was one of the most promising agricultural producers in Africa. Nigeria was number one globally in palm oil exports and a leading exporter of many products including groundnuts, maize, tomatoes and cocoa. While Nigeria once provided 18 percent of the global production of cocoa, second in the world in the 1960s, that figure is now down to 8 percent. And while the country produces 65 percent of tomatoes in west Africa, it is now the largest importer of tomato paste. There has been a rapid decline in the agriculture sector as it battles with a lot of challenges. Now more than ever there is urgent need for intervention and all hands must be on deck to revitalise this vital sector of economy as a means to combat poverty and hunger in the country.

Some effort has been made by both Federal and State Governments in the last sixteen years and there are visible signs of progress but Nigeria still has a long way to go.

The Association of Local Governments of Nigeria (ALGON) supported by local and international technical experts is therefore collaborating with other tiers of government and different stakeholders to drive its revolutionary grassroots oriented agricultural programme known as 'Comprehensive Agricultural Plan' (C-LAP).

ALGON believes that a comprehensive plan at "Local Government Level" that will add value to our agricultural raw materials and integrate Nigeria into world agricultural markets is the way forward.

C-LAP is a bottom-up approach which aims to eliminate hunger through agriculture policy reforms and initiatives that will help small scale farmers achieve sustainable food supplies, provide jobs, access markets and increase exports significantly. C-LAP will be implemented in the 774 LGAs of Nigeria over an initial five years period. Under this project, component of "food security and livelihood enhancement" have been given top priority. The project will intervene in all sectors of Agriculture and in other to combat poverty and improve livelihoods across the nation and assure food security. C-LAP will also improve access to markets through innovated value chain interventions, provision of technical services and physical infrastructures for improved market access. This innovative approach will involve new technologies, market linkages, skill development, product development & promotion and physical infrastructure for market access and increased sales.



ABOUT C-LAP

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C-LAP is an integrated and participatory action plan for the development of LGAs in agriculture and allied sectors. This plan will add value to Nigeria's agricultural raw materials and integrate Nigeria into world agricultural markets. ALGON (Association of Local Governments) has initiated the planning process at grassroots level. This project envisages an increased emphasis on participation and on partnerships between the public and private sector. The main thrust of the experts and policy makers of C-LAP will be to consider agricultural growth as the key to poverty reduction and the need to diversify agricultural production on the basis of geographical location and commercialization of agro-products. . This Plan will also create business opportunities for franchise operators, jobs for the youth; reduce wastage of agricultural produce as there is a defined retail network to absorb production. Further, empowering farmers and agripreneurs through self-employment as an option for their additional income or a full- fledged livelihood sustainability. Creates opportunities for private investors to invest in food chains and finally the business can be taken to the capital market in 3-4 years so that ALGON has a major benefit and becomes a financially viable tier of Government

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To prepare a Comprehensive Local Agriculture Plan (C-LAP) through participatory process involving various organizations and stakeholders.
2. To enable optimum utilization of scarce natural, physical & financial resources.
3. To assess and plan for the infrastructure required to support the agriculture development.
4. To establish linkages with the required institutional support services, like credit, technology transfer, ICT, research etc.
5. To evolve an action plan for achieving sustainable agricultural growth with food security and cropping system that will improve farmers' income.
6. Establish one Integrated Model/Demonstration forms (5-20 ha. each) in each of the 774 LGAs
7. Aggregating 774 farms and linking these farms to a national retail chain, wholesale markets and mega food parks.
8. To address the forward linkages; the project will design Food Mart Retail Chain Model to create a network that delivers the agricultural produce straight to the door step of the consumers.



9. Designing farmers' markets in each LG at the state capitals and one at national level.
10. To create opportunities for private investors to invest in food chains and finally the business can be taken to the capital market so that ALGON has a major benefit and sustain at its own.

THE C-LAP SEMINAR

The 1st Annual C-LAP Seminar “Blueprint for Agricultural Revolution in Nigeria” and Public Presentation of Comprehensive Agricultural Plan for Local Government Area (C-LAP) holds on 26th & 27th October, 2017 from 9am-4pm daily at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja. The purpose of the seminar is to sensitize and present objectives, approach and work plan of CLAP to all relevant partners, stakeholders and the general public; and to create a forum for interaction and information dissemination.

SEMINAR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. To extensively deliberate on C-LAP, through participatory process involving various organizations and stakeholders.
2. To evolve an effective action plan for achieving sustainable agricultural growth that ensures food security.
3. To identify ways for optimum utilization of scarce natural, physical & financial resources.
4. To plan for the infrastructure required to support agricultural development in LGAs.
5. To recommend high-tech agricultural technologies & programmes for entrepreneurship development.
6. To assess the urgency for the involvement of private sector from production to consumption food chain.
7. To deliberate the need of increased investment in agriculture research and education.
8. To consider the involvement of private Universities/Institutions to impart quality education through increased competition in existing system.



THEMES:

- Strategies for Agriculture Development to Improve Rural Livelihoods
- Moving Forward from Traditional to Hi-tech Agriculture through C-LAP
- New Market Opportunities
- Taking Agriculture to Agribusiness
- Business Opportunities
- Transformation of Knowledge in Agricultural Education & Research through International collaborations.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

- Top Government Officials & Policy Makers
- Corporate Executives
- Farmers and Agribusiness Owners
- Agripreneurs
- Agricultural Development Project Managers
- Farmers Association
- Research & Extension Professionals
- Academics/Consultants
- Agri-Finance Experts
- Agric Extension Officers
- Channel Distributors
- Manufacturers/Representatives
- Equipment Importers/Dealership
- Import Agents
- Media
- Development Practitioners
- Infrastructure & Logistics Companies
- Food Processors
- Financial Institutions
- International Donors
- Students



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- Association of Local Government of Nigeria (ALGON), Nigeria
- Accelerated Building Technologies Limited, Nigeria.
- MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai, India.
- G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Uttarakhand, India
- Career Point University of Agriculture and Technology, Himachal Pradesh
- Top Greenhouses Ltd. Israel
- Afghan Agro Services, Kabul, Afghanistan
- Population, Women and Environmental Development Organization (PWEDO), Kathmandu, Nepal
- Global Agrisystem Pvt. Ltd. Company, New Delhi, India
- eEcoSolutions Pvt. Ltd., Odisha, India
- Progressive Research Organization for Welfare (PROW) New Delhi, India
- Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, USA
- International Rice Research Institute, Manila, Phillipines.

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