



GOVERNMENT OF EBONYI STATE OF NIGERIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, P.M.B 0020, ABAKALIKI

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 003, 2023

**EXECUTIVE ORDER ON THE ADOPTION OF A FRAMEWORK
FOR RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE LAND-INTENSIVE
INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE (FRILIA)**

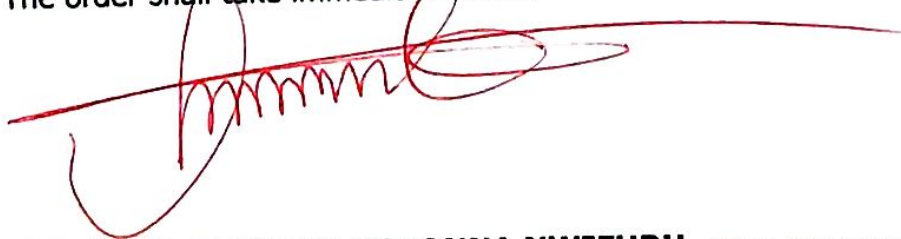
WHEREAS:

1. Ebonyi State has enormous arable and fertile land with potentials to produce a wide range of crops including rice, cassava, yam, oil palm, variance of fruits and vegetables among others. A sizable portion of Ebonyi State Land is either communally or family owned;
2. Ebonyi State Government is desirous to build a sustainable Agro-based industrial economy with huge potential to benefit from the diversification agenda of the Federal Government through agriculture-led industrialization which will significantly increase private investment and also enhance job creation and revenue generation particularly through modernized use and management of land; and
3. Ebonyi State wishes to adopt the Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land Intensive Investments in Agricultural (FRILIA), namely,
 - a) Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment (RIA) which recognizes that investment in agriculture and food systems can contribute to food security and nutrition, and recognition and respect for human right; and

- b) Voluntary guidelines on the Responsible Governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forest (VGGT) which within the context of National Food security promotes secure tenure rights and equitable access to land, fisheries and forests as a means of eradicating hunger and poverty as well as support sustainable development and the enhancement of the environment;

NOW THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 1999 (AS AMENDED) AS THE EXECUTIVE GOVERNOR OF EBONYI STATE, I HEREBY ISSUE THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. The adoption and Implementation of the Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land-Intensive Investment in Agriculture (FRILIA) in Ebonyi State is established as an Agricultural Principle.
2. It is intended that the FRILIA Principles will improve globally, the attractiveness of Ebonyi State for land-based investments, facilities investments that ensure food security as well as ensure commercial yield for investors.
3. In line with the FRILIA Principles, new concepts in community mapping, socio-economic analysis, land use and resettlement will be adopted by the state in compliance with best global practice.
4. A FRILIA working Group is to establish by Ebonyi State Government to oversee the implementation of FRILIA Principles in the State. The Group will be composed of FRILIA Champions from relevant Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in the State.
5. The Ebonyi State Government through the Ministry of Agriculture will recruit FRILIA specialists to support the implementation of FRILIA in the State.
6. The Ebonyi State FRILIA Principles as articulated above shall serve as a guide for investments that require large parcel of land and where absolutely necessary, the Principles shall also cover small to medium parcels of land connected to substantial investment.
7. The order shall take immediate effect.



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