



# OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

## GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 001-2023

### **FOR ADOPTING A FRAMEWORK ON RESPONSIBLE AND INCLUSIVE LAND-INTENSIVE INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE (FRILIA)**

#### WHEREAS:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of Imo State, it is hereby ordered as follows:

#### Section 1: Purpose

This Executive Order establishes the state's commitment to adopting and implementing the Framework for Responsible Investment in Land-Intensive Agriculture (FRILIA). This framework is essential to balance economic development with protecting land rights, social equity, and environmental sustainability.

#### Section 2: Guiding Principles

The following principles will guide the state's investments in land-intensive agriculture:

- **Overarching Investment:** Investments shall benefit all stakeholders economically, socially, and environmentally.
- **Recognition and Protection of Land Rights:** Without prejudice to the overriding rights of the Governor of Imo State over land under the land Use Act CAP, L.5 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004. Land rights of indigenous people, local communities, and individual landholders shall be recognized and protected.
- **State Land Acquisition and Resettlement:** The state will pursue land acquisition and resettlement activities equitably and justly in accordance with the law, adhering to the principle of informed consent.
- **Environmental and Social Responsibility:** Investments shall comply with environmental standards and aim to minimize the social impacts on local communities.

#### Section 3: Steering Committee Establishment, Powers, and Functions

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A Steering Committee for FRILIA is established and shall comprise representatives from relevant state agencies, civil society, agriculture, land rights, and environmental science experts.

- Powers: The Steering Committee shall have the authority to oversee the implementation of the FRILIA, allocate resources, and issue guidelines.
- Functions: The committee is responsible for strategic planning, oversight, and coordinating the roles of different stakeholders.

### Section 4: Technical Committee Establishment and Functions

A Technical Committee is also established to support the Steering Committee.

- Functions: This committee will conduct detailed planning, data collection, and monitoring of projects. It will also provide technical advice to the Steering Committee.

### Section 5: Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

A Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) shall be established to address complaints related to land acquisition, environmental degradation, or any other issues related to investments in land-intensive agriculture.

- Functions: The GRM shall review complaints, conduct investigations, and recommend corrective actions where necessary.

### Section 6: Implementation

This Executive Order is effective immediately upon issuance.

DATED this 01 day of 10, 2023.

**Senator Hope Uzodimma CON**  
Governor of Imo State



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