

### **Policy Vision**

To foster a sustainable and inclusive agricultural sector that contributes to Nigeria's development while safeguarding the environment and promoting social equity.

### **Policy Mission**

The SAPZ program aims to increase household incomes, foster job creation in rural agricultural communities, especially for youth and women, and enhance food and nutritional security in Nigeria. The development objective is to support inclusive and sustainable agro-industrial development in Nigeria.

### **Policy Statement**

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS), through the National Project Coordinating Unit (NPCU), is committed to fostering a sustainable and inclusive agricultural sector that contributes to Nigeria's development while safeguarding the environment and promoting social equity.

The Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZ) Program supports Nigeria's inclusive and sustainable agro-industrial development. It promotes environmental sustainability by adopting climate-smart practices, conserving biodiversity, and managing natural resources responsibly.

The Program is aligned with the National Agricultural Technology and Innovation Plan (NATIP) 2021-2024 and the National Livestock Transformation Plan 2019-2028. Implementing the Program will enhance social equity by empowering women, youth, and vulnerable groups and ensuring equitable distribution of benefits. The SAPZ Program will drive national economic growth by increasing agricultural productivity and enhancing the capacity of MSMEs, youth and women-led enterprises through robust Business Development Services and entrepreneurship training for entrepreneurs to sharpen their business skills, create more jobs, and improve livelihoods.

Accordingly, the SAPZ Program aligns with the current Administration's Renewed Hope Agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and seeks to strengthen governance by promoting transparency, accountability, and stakeholder participation.

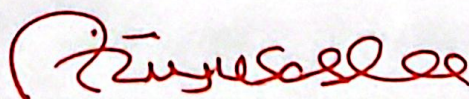
To achieve these goals, the SAPZ program will:

- > Implement a robust Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) aligned with national laws, regulations and international standards.
- > Prioritize gender equality, social inclusion, and climate change adaptation.
- > Build strong partnerships with Ministries, Department and Agencies of the government, civil society groups, and the private sectors.
- > Ensure compliance with all applicable environmental and social laws and regulations.
- > Monitor and evaluate program performance to identify areas for improvement.

The National Program Coordinating Office, as the lead implementing agency, is fully committed to:

- > Integrating environmental and social considerations into all SAPZ program activities.
- > Building the capacity of relevant stakeholders to implement the ESMS effectively.
- > The SAPZ program is committed to maintaining the highest standards of transparency and accountability in all its operations, ensuring the public's trust and confidence.

By adhering to these principles, the SAPZ program aims to create a lasting positive impact on the lives of Nigerians while protecting the environment for the present and future generations.



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