



Taraba state Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land Intensive Agriculture (FRILIA) Investment Approval Process

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AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT APPROVAL PROCESS IN TARABA STATE

Large-scale agricultural investments in Taraba State are underpinned by a framework defined by Taraba State Ministry of Agriculture FRILIA Principles. This large-scale agricultural investment approval process has been designed to be in line with the principles of FRILIA. It consists of the following 6 stages

Process Stage	Steps / Description	Responsible Party (MDA / Stakeholder)	Estimated Duration
Stage 1: Initial Inquiries & Know Your Customer (Due Diligence)	<p>A. TSIPA is entry point for large-scale agricultural investments</p> <p>B. TSIPA approached by investor (or vice versa)</p> <p>C. Preliminary due diligence; investor receives investment info</p> <p>D. Possible community engagement if site is identified</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taraba State Investment Promotion Agency (TSIPA) • Ministry of Agriculture • Ministry of Commerce and Industry 	1 Month
Stage 2: Information Exchange & Site Visits	<p>A. TSIPA continues providing resources</p> <p>B. Coordinates investor's interaction with MDAs & service providers</p> <p>C. Arranges site visits; notifies officials & stakeholders for consultation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSIPA • Ministry of Environment, Climate Change & • Ministry of Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs 	1 Month
Stage 3: Investor Proceeds or Withdraws	<p>A. Investor responds to community feedback</p> <p>B. If proceeding, investor builds relationships; begins engagement plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSIPA • Ministry of Agriculture • Ministry of Commerce and Industry • Ministry of Justice • Ministry of Finance, Budget & Economic Planning 	1 Month

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Stage 4: MoU with TSIPA & Communities	<p>A. TSIPA conducts deeper due diligence</p> <p>B. Continued community consultations</p> <p>C. Draft MoU: land, benefits, ESIA, ongoing consultations (MoU is not legally binding)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Land and Urban Development TSIPA Ministry of Agriculture Ministry of Commerce and Industry Ministry of Justice Ministry of Finance, Budget & Economic Planning Ministry of Land and Urban Development <p>TSIPA</p> <p>Ministry of Agriculture</p>	1 Month
Stage 5: Feasibility, Business Plan & ESIA	<p>A. TSIPA reviews ESIA & responds in 5 days</p> <p>B. Finalize community engagement plan</p> <p>C. Begin/continue land lease discussions (No lease signing until Stage 6)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ministry of Environment Ministry of Commerce and Industry Ministry of Justice Ministry of Finance, Budget & Economic Planning Ministry of Land and Urban Development 	1 Month
STAGE6 : The parties enter into Final Agreements.	<p>A. The final agreement is likely to be contained in several individual agreements or could be combined into one document. While the precise requirements will vary, approved</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taraba State Investment Promotion Agency (TSIPA) Ministry of Agriculture 	1 month

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	investment is likely to include some or all of the following:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Commerce and Industry • Ministry of Justice • Ministry of Finance Budget and Economic Planning 	
	1. Land lease agreement		
	2. Out grower contract(s)		
	3. Community impact and benefit agreement		
	4. Community engagement plan		
	5. Monitoring plan		
	6. Inclusive, accessible and equitable dispute resolution mechanisms		

The 6 stages provide an overarching framework that guides all the toolkits of FRILIA. However, the unpacking of these stages varies from one toolkit to another. Hence, each of the FRILIA toolkits has its own approach embedded within the overall investment project cycle.