

EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 9 of 2023

Made under the inherent powers of the Governor

WHEREAS:

1. Anambra State has vast tracts of arable and fertile land with the potential to produce a wide range of crops including cassava, yam, oil palm, fruits and vegetables among others. A sizable portion of Anambra Land is either communally or family owned;
2. Anambra state government plans to build a sustainable Agro-based industrial economy with huge potential to benefit 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. In order to achieve the above, the state tends to adopt the Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Intensive Agricultural Investments (FRILIA) which is an adaption of two international agreements that Nigeria is signatory to, namely:
 - a) Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment (RIA) which recognizes that responsible investment in agriculture and food systems can contribute to food security and nutrition, and recognition and respect for human rights; and
 - b) Voluntary guidelines on the Responsible Governance of tenure of land, fisheries and forests (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;

I, **Professor Charles Chukwuma Soludo CFR**, the Governor of Anambra State with the consent of the Anambra State Executive Council make the following Orders -

1. The framework for responsible and inclusive intensive agricultural investments (FRILIA) in Anambra State is established as an Agricultural Principle.
2. It is intended that the FRILIA Principles will improve globally, the attractiveness of Anambra State for land-based investments, facilitate investments that ensure food security as well as ensure commercial yield for investors.
3. In line with the FRILIA principle, new concepts in community mapping, socio-economic analysis, land use and resettlement that will be adopted by the State in compliance with best global practice.
4. A FRILIA Working Group is to established by Anambra State Government to oversee the implementation of FRILIA in the State. The group will be composed of FRILIA Champions from the following Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs):

MDAs	Number of Representatives
Ministry of Agriculture	2
Ministry of Land	2
Ministry of Justice	2
Ministry of Budget and Economic Planning	2
Ministry of Environment	2
Ministry of Local Government and chieftaincy	2
Physical Planning Agency	2

ALGON Senate	2
Anambra State Investment promotion and Protection Agency	2
Anambra State Housing Corporation	2
Ministry of Women Affairs	2
Ministry of Industry	2
Land Management Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture which is to be transformed into the Agricultural Land Management Agency	2
Total	26

5. The Anambra State Government through the Ministry of Agriculture will recruit FRILIA specialists to support the implementation of FRILIA in the State.
6. The Anambra State FRILIA principles as articulated above shall serve as a guide for investments that require large parcels 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 effect immediately.

Made at Awka this 10th day of November 2023.

Prof. Charles Chukwuma Soludo, CFR
Governor of Anambra State.