



# AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NIGERIA (ARC/N)/ DIPTON GROUP JOINT VENTURE PARTNERSHIP



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## **Utilization of Federal Colleges of Agriculture (FCA) and Research Institutions in Central Bank of Nigeria – Agricultural Intervention Programme: Higher Institutions/Research Centers as Economic Activity Zones (EAZ) Request for Partnership/Appointment**

Please accept the compliment and best wishes of the Executive Secretary Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARC/N) *Professor Garba H Sharubutu mni*.

We write most respectfully to introduce our services, system, network and partners. The Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARC/N) is an agency of the federal government of Nigeria under the Federal Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development; supervising and coordinating the National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARI's) and their training arms; the Federal Collages of Agriculture (FCA's).

We are also hosting collaboration linkages of the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) comprising.

- **Eighteen (18) National Agricultural Research Institutes**
- **Eleven (11) Federal Colleges of Agriculture**
- **Three (3) Universities of Agriculture**
- **Forty-Seven (47) Faculties of Agriculture in both States and Federal Universities.**
- **Ten (10) Faculties of Veterinary Medicine**
- **Four (4) International Agricultural Research Centers (IITA, Africa Rice, KRISAT and LRI)**

Also offering guardian, mentorship and advisory services to three Colleges of Cooperative in Enugu, Ibadan and Kaduna and all state owned Colleges/Schools of Agriculture and have implemented the following projects.

- **Biosafety and Biotechnology Rapid Assessment Policy Platform (BIORAPP)**
- **Programme of Accompanying Research for Agricultural Innovation (PARAI) of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA)**
- **ARC/N/International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) collaboration programme**
- **Competitive Agricultural Research Grant Scheme (CARGS)**
- **National Center for Crop and Animal improvement (NCCA)**
- **West African Agricultural and Productivity Programme (WAAPP)**
- **Establishment of Agricultural Research Outreach Centers (AROC's), Adopted Villages and Adopted Secondary Concept**

We acknowledge your country agro-industrial capacity, capability and competences and request your interest in using our projects, programmes and platforms in promoting, positioning and projecting your country agricultural original equipment manufacturers and food processing and production brands; also institutional knowledge transfer centers and institutions.

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We are using Federal Colleges of Agriculture, Research Centers in Nigeria including Faculty of Agriculture in all Nigeria Universities to promote the following.

- (A) **Higher Institution Tractorization Initiative (HITI):** Tractor Assembly Production Manufacturing and Tractor Value Chain Project – An initiative and programme of using student/school infrastructure to assembly, operate and maintain tractors.
- (B) **Agro-Industrial Parks (AIP): Integrated Farm Complex**
- Poultry
  - Goat/Cow Ranch
  - Fish Pound
  - Piggery
  - Fruit Juice
  - Vegetable
  - Grain (All with value chain processing, production and post-harvest)
- (C) **ICT/Digital Park:** Develop an ICT/Digital Park –The ICT/Digital Park will be a project/business incubation platform for agric/agro-business development; also providing platform and support system for agricultural and agro-business information and communication management system; incorporating Integrated Printing Press.
- (D) **Other Income/Opportunity Generating Projects**
- Water Bottling Plants
  - Laundry
  - Bakery/Confectionary (Baking and Catering Training Center)
  - Toiletries and Cosmetics
  - Herbal Drug Processing

The proposed project will be used for the;

- **Strengthening of vocational/entrepreneurial centers in Nigeria**
- **Provide training platform and system for retirees, pensioners and veterans**
- **Provide exchange and internship for organized private sector**
- **Serve as a bridge and resource for communities and farmers**
- **While extending research/planning to farmers, financial institutions**
- **For our proposed Nigeria-Agricultural Commodities Value Chain Addition Initiative (NACVAI): Food Industrial Project Promotion Programme (FIPPP)**

We have appointed Keystone Bank as our Bankers and Financial Advisers, while Dipton Investment & Trade Ltd offers Joint Venture Partnership and Transactional Advisory Services.

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