Creating an Enabling Environment for Agro-Businesses

The prosperity of agro-enterprises could improve when relevant stakeholders, including government, private and development sector actors work together to provide the agro-businesses affordable bank lending interest rates, good road networks, affordable production inputs, entrepreneurship development and simple legal taxation.
Promoting Inclusive Pro-Poor Agricultural Markets

Promoting agricultural value chain interventions focused on channels and niches that provide a majority of resource-poor farmers, retailers, processors, producers, and vulnerable groups like women and youth with opportunities to sustainably participate, adapt and compete could help more poor people raise their productivity and earn higher incomes.
Women Participating more Profitably in Agriculture

More women could diversify into wholesaling and procure appropriate technology for processing of agro-products when provided targeted financial products, services and information which equals less drudgery and more income for them.
New Market in Poultry

Local producers and processors could produce higher-quality products and compete in the emerging poultry market if supported to adopt modern best practices, and increase investment in broiler processing and out-grower schemes reaching small poultry farmers.
Increasing Financial Access for Farmers

Farm business is more attractive to financial institutions when the financial literacy and business management capacity of farmers are increased, and financial institutions could develop products tailored to meet farmers’ needs if they increase their understanding of agricultural production functions and business cycles.
Improving Productivity through Appropriate Technology

Increasing awareness and access of farmers to appropriate technologies through demonstrations and trade shows would help farmers work smarter and increase their productivity.
Driving Innovation through Agricultural Research and Development

Continuous investment in research helps develop innovative agricultural solutions, services and products, and the use of rigorous evidence-based research and analysis to design agricultural interventions yields better results.
Attracting more Youth into Agriculture

Reorienting youth toward the numerous opportunities in agriculture as a business enterprise, increasing youth entrepreneurship training and promoting more use of information and communication technology in agriculture could attract more youth into agriculture and reduce unemployment.
Promoting Peace for Agricultural Development

Building economic relationships that foster peace, addressing root causes of conflict, consciously avoiding or minimizing the negative impact of project interventions, and building trust among communities sustains peace for agricultural development.
Building Climate Resilience for Food Security

Climate-smart agriculture planning, design of support structures in irrigation and hydropower, and developing and encouraging farmers to buy agricultural insurance policies could build resilience for climate variability.
Strengthening Capacity of Agro-Business Membership Organizations

Building the capacity of Business Membership Organizations to advocate for the interests and concerns of their members, be strong organizations with proper governance structure, and deliver required services and information provide a better business and investment climate for farmers. In photo above, United Ufuoma Fish Farmers Association swears in new executives.
Leveraging Partnerships for Agricultural Development

Sustainable agricultural development in the Niger Delta can be maximized if governments, private sector, donors and non-governmental organizations combine their diverse development efforts and resources to multiply and pool their lessons learned from projects to scale up and replicate promising approaches.

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