

# **Concept Paper for Call for Papers: Mitigating the Nigerian Food Crisis: Building a Robust Food Systems Architecture**

## **Introduction**

The Agriculture and Food Security Policy Commission of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group is delighted to announce a Call for Papers on the critical topic of "Mitigating the Nigerian Food Crisis: Building a Robust Food Architecture." This initiative aims to gather innovative and practical solutions from experts, researchers, policymakers, and stakeholders to address the pressing challenges that Nigeria faces in ensuring food security and sustainable agricultural development. The call seeks to encourage contributions that analyze the root causes of the crisis and propose viable strategies to enhance the resilience of Nigeria's food systems.

## **Background**

Nigeria is home to a vast and diverse agricultural sector, playing a crucial role in its economic development and sustenance of livelihoods. However, the country faces an escalating food crisis characterized by food insecurity, persistent hunger, undernutrition, malnutrition, and related incidences of underdevelopment. A combination of factors, including climate change, population growth, inadequate infrastructure, limited access to technology, and policy inefficiencies, has also contributed to this precarious situation.

Addressing the food crisis requires interdisciplinary research, innovative technologies, policy frameworks, and collaborative efforts between the public and private sectors. This call for papers aims to harness the collective expertise and knowledge to propose sustainable and transformative solutions that can bolster food security, improve nutrition, and drive agricultural prosperity in Nigeria.

## **Objectives**

The main objectives of this call for papers are to:

- a. Identify the root causes and drivers of the food crisis in Nigeria.
- b. Explore sustainable agricultural practices and technologies which can robustly enhance productivity.
- c. Propose policy recommendations to improve the efficiency and inclusivity of food systems.
- d. Examine strategies for mitigating the impact of climate change on agriculture.

- e. Analyze methods to promote agribusiness and attract investments in the agricultural sector.
- f. Highlight success stories and best practices from other regions that can be adapted to the Nigerian context.

### **Themes**

Authors are invited to submit papers on topics related to, but not limited to, the following themes:

- a. Climate-smart agriculture and adaptation strategies
- b. Enhancing smallholder farmers' resilience and productivity
- c. Strengthening post-harvest management and value chains
- d. Promoting sustainable and inclusive agribusiness models
- e. Leveraging digital technology for agricultural transformation
- f. Policy frameworks for food security and nutrition improvement
- g. Innovative financing mechanisms for agricultural development
- h. Cross-sectoral collaboration for a more resilient food system

### **Eligibility**

Authors from diverse backgrounds, including academia, research institutions, NGOs, and the private sector, are encouraged to submit their contributions.

### **Submission Guidelines**

- a. Papers must be insightful, persuasive, original, and constructive with evidence-based analysis;
- b. Papers must be relevant in mitigating Nigeria's current and future food crises;
- c. Ideas must be clearly communicated in a style that business owners, managers and policymakers can understand;
- d. Papers must take the following structure: Executive Summary (not more than 200 words); Introduction; Body (based on the contents of the sections); Policy Recommendations and Conclusion;
- e. Papers should range from 1500 to 2500 words with font size 11, 1.5 line spacing and Time New Roman Font. Please adhere to the word limit to avoid desk rejection.

- f. Papers should be appropriately referenced using the American Psychological Association (APA Style);
- g. Papers published elsewhere or those under consideration will not be accepted;
- h. All views expressed in submitted papers are those of the author (s) and do not reflect the views of the Nigerian Economic Summit Group (NESG)

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- i. Only papers that adhere strictly to the stated guidelines will be considered.
- j. Abstract Submission: Authors must submit an abstract of their proposed paper (max 300 words) to [ttagos@nesgroup.org](mailto:ttagos@nesgroup.org) and cc [rofiat.lawal@nesgroup.org](mailto:rofiat.lawal@nesgroup.org), [gloriaekpo@gmail.com](mailto:gloriaekpo@gmail.com) by 16th August 2023.
- k. Full Paper Submission: Accepted abstract authors will be notified by 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 and must submit their full papers (1500 to 2500 words) by 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **Review and Selection Process**

The submitted abstracts and papers will undergo a double-blind peer review process to ensure the quality, originality, and relevance of the contributions. The selection committee, comprising

experts in the field, will evaluate the papers based on their significance, methodology, clarity, and potential impact on mitigating the Nigerian food crisis.

### **Publication and Awards**

Selected papers will be presented at the General Assembly, organized by the Agriculture and Food Security Policy Commission. Outstanding contributions will have the opportunity to be featured in a special issue of the NESG Journal and receive recognition during the event.

### **Timeline**

Call for Papers Announcement: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Abstract Submission Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Notification of Acceptance: 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023

Full Paper Submission Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Peer Review Process: 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2023

GA Date: 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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