

A Policy Dialogue on Agricultural Commercialisation and Smallholder Transformation in Nigeria

**Organized by Agricultural Policy Research in Africa (APRA)
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Program

Opening session

- 1.00pm-1.10pm Introduction of Distinguished Guests – Prof Soji Adelaja,
(John A Hannah Distinguished Professor of Land Policy, Michigan State University)
- 1.10pm to 1.15am Remarks by Chairman, APRA Nigeria Advisory Board- *Dr Manzo Maigari,*
(*Director General, Nigeria Agribusiness Group*)
- 1.15pm to 1.20pm Remarks by Honourable Minister of Agriculture – *Dr Muhammad Mahmood Abubakar*
- 1.20pm to 1.25pm Remarks by Ogun State Commissioner of Agriculture -*Dr Adeola Odedina*
- 1.20pm-1.30pm Remarks by Kaduna State Commissioner of Agriculture- *Hon Ibrahim Hussain*

Presentation session

- 1.30pm to 1.45pm - Presentation of APRA Research Findings and Policy Questions -*Prof. Adebayo Aromolaran – Country Coordinator, APRA Nigeria WS1 project (Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko)*
- 1:45pm to 2.00pm - Questions and Answers –*Dr Milu Muyanga, Principal Investigator, APRA Nigeria WS1 project. (Michigan State University)*

Panel Discussion Session

- 2.00pm to 2.40pm – Panel discussion – Dr Manzo Maigari (Moderator)
- 2:40pm -3:00pm – Contributions from the floor

Policy Questions:

- (1) What policy actions are needed to spur the growth of medium-scale farming in Nigeria?
- (2) How can the growth of medium scale farming improve the livelihood of women and youths?

Wrap Up Session

- 3.00pm to 3.10pm Summary of identified key policy elements from the dialogue
- Prof Thomas Jayne, Lead Principal Investigator, APRA Nigeria WS1 Project.
(University Foundation Professor of Agricultural, Food and Resources Economics, Michigan State University, USA)
- 3.10pm to 3.20pm Vote of Thanks – Prof John Thompson, CEO APRA, IDS, University of Sussex