

A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACT CAP N4 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA 2004 BY INCREASING ITS MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS FOR STRATEGIC OPERATION AND INTEREST AND TO VEST IN THE AUTHORITY POWERS TO ESTABLISH FARM SETTLEMENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTAINING FOOD SUFFICIENCY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Tochukwu Okere

[] Commencement

BE IT ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as follows:

- 1 **1.** The National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act
2 cap N4 LFN 2004 (hereafter referred to as the “Principal Act”) is hereby
3 amended as set out in this Bill. Amendment of
the National
Agricultural Land
Development
Authority Act
Cap N4 LFN 2004
- 4 **2.** Section 2 of the Principal Act is Amended by inserting a new
5 paragraph (g) as follows: Amendment of
Section 2
 - 6 (g) "One representative each from the six Geo political zones of the
7 Federation to be appointed in rotation among states of the geo political
8 zones."
- 9 **3.** Section 3 of the principal Act is amended: Amendment of
Section 3
 - 10 (a) in paragraph (c) by inserting in line 1 immediately after the
11 word "Farm" the words" settlements schemes" and deleting the words
12 "holdings"
 - 13 (b) in paragraph (e) by inserting in line 2 immediately after the last
14 word "areas" the words" through the establishment of Farm Settlements
15 Schemes",
- 16 **4.** Section 6 of the principal Act is amended: Amendment of
Section 6
 - 17 (a) in paragraph (a) by inserting in line 2 immediately after the last

1 word "development" the words" and the establishment of Farm Settlements
2 Schemes" .

3 (b) by inserting immediately after the existing subparagraph (1) the
4 following new paragraphs:

5 "(o) Undertake appropriate investigations into the farming activities
6 of the Farm Settlement schemes,"

7 (p) Undertake inspection of farming implements, vary out periodic
8 inventories, and establish relevant quality assurance systems, including
9 certification of the agricultural raw materials and produce.

10 (q) Ensure compliance with standard specifications designed and
11 approved by the Board for trading, sales, farming and other agricultural
12 purposes for farm settlements.

13 (r) Collaborate with relevant Agricultural agencies such as the
14 International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, National Seeds Services,
15 Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria, National Root Crops Research Institute
16 etc; and Agricultural Financial Institutions such as the World Bank, Central
17 Bank of Nigeria, International Fund for Agricultural Development, African
18 Development Bank, Bank of Industry etc; towards improved performance and
19 funding of the Farm Settlements.

Amendment of
Section 16

20 **5.** Section 16 of the principal Act is Amended:

21 (a) in paragraph (a) by substituting figure "10" with the figure "20";

22 (b) by inserting a new paragraph (aa) monies appropriated by the
23 National Assembly.

Amendment of
Section 20

24 **6.** Section 20 of the principal Act is Amended by inserting in the
25 interpretations clause the words "Farm settlements" means a community
26 replete with social amenities and services for the purposes of Agricultural and
27 Farming activities.

Citation

28 **7.** This Bill may be cited as the National Agricultural Land
29 Development Authority Act (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the National Agricultural Land Development Authority Act Cap N4 Laws of the Federation 2004 to increase its membership and functions for strategic operation and to vest the Authority powers to establish Farm settlements across the Country.