

# Understanding Policy Coordination for Enhanced Agric Advisory Services in Post COVID –19 Nigeria\*

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# What it is

- ▶ **Policy** – statement of rules or guidelines for a given course of actions to attain a certain goal
- ▶ **Coordination** – Uniting sets of action such that adjustment made to one does not adversely affect or change the courses of action in others
- ▶ **Policy coordination** – a framework for carrying out set of decisions in a given subject matter, or level of operation or governance so that adjustments made to one results in minimal or no adverse impact on other courses of action (Peters, 2015)

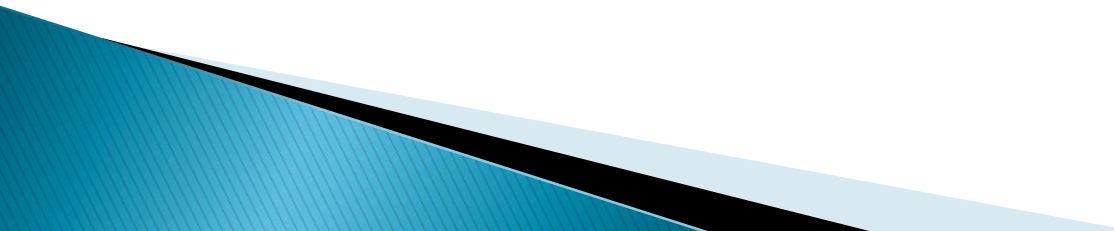
# Why Policy Coordination

Investment here needful to:

- ▶ Avoid duplications & reduce costs esp in a plural advisory services delivery system.
- ▶ Effectively respond to changing needs of diversified populace.
- ▶ Align properly with COVID-19 protocols
- ▶ Remove/minimize contradictions e.g. response to killing of farmers in Borno is indicative of poor policy coordination

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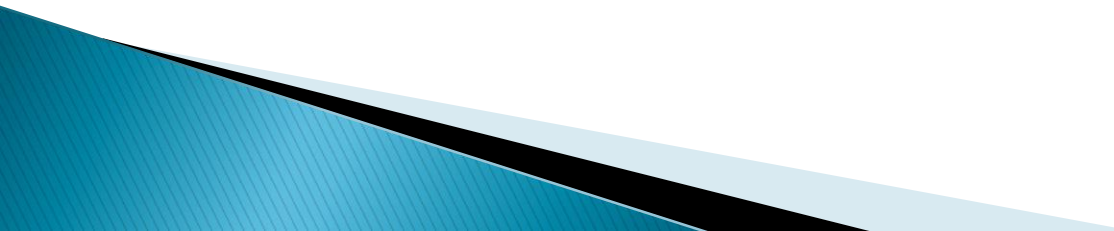
Investment here needful to:

- ▶ Break down “silos” and enhance integrated development.
  - ▶ Minimize political intrigues in managing development
  - ▶ Enhance service delivery to clients
  - ▶ Improve strategic outreach to populace
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# Mechanisms for Enhancing Policy Coordination

- ▶ Adequate policy support to advance policy coordination
- ▶ Proper and effective **alignment** of institutions, their roles and responsibilities
- ▶ Build networks of actors and practitioners for interaction, information and knowledge sharing.
- ▶ Strengthen collaboration (*creating common understanding of issues to advance*) and partnerships (*cooperation to advance mutually reinforcing interest*)
- ▶ REFIMLS; a key tool in coordination of AEAS in Nigeria

# Challenges to Policy Coordination

- ▶ Specialization; with many public institutions and complimentary mandates which Works better in “silos” than in integrated system.
  - ▶ Science and technology – more profiting with less coordination
  - ▶ Relatively expensive to manage coordination
  - ▶ Competitiveness adversely affects coordination
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# Way Forward

- ▶ Principal institutions: FMARD/ FDAE/ NAERLS/ ADPs /PESP must work and network in a mutually reinforcing manner.
  - ▶ Strengthen FDAE capacity for policy coordination to advance EAS in Nigeria.
  - ▶ Strengthen accountability to mandate with clear roles & responsibility for partners.
  - ▶ Create suitable policy environment for EAS
  - ▶ Strengthen Quality Control & Assurance– NIAE
  - ▶ Adequate funding
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