

**MINUTES OF THE 2ND MEETING OF FRILJA STEERING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY, 7TH AUGUST, 2025 AT THE CONFERENCE HALL OF
THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT,
DAMATURU**

ATTENDANCE

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| i. | Barr. Saleh Samanja,
Honourable Attorney-General and
Commissioner for Justice | - | Ag. Deputy Chairman |
| ii. | Ali Mustapha Goniri,
Honourable Commissioner,
Ministry of Agriculture & Natural Resources | - | “ |
| iii. | Mohammed Abatcha Geidam mni,
Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Finance | - | “ |
| iv. | Hon. Sidi Yakubu Karasuwa,
Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Environment | - | “ |
| v. | Ahmed Buba Abba Kyari,
Honourable Commissioner,
Ministry of Housing and Urban Development | - | “ |
| vi. | Hamza Saidu,
Managing Director, Yobe Investment Company Ltd | - | “ |
| vii. | Aliyu Isa Chikaji, Director General, YAPPPIP | - | “ |
| viii. | Dr. Abdullahi Hassan Gana, Director General, YOGIS | - | “ |
| ix. | Auwalu Sani (Director Political Affairs) | - | Secretary |
| x. | Alhaji Ahmadu Ibrahim, Yobe Stat University | - | Co-Secretary |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGY:

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| 1. | Baba Malam Wali mni,
Secretary to the State Government | - | Member |
| 2. | Hon. Kaigama Umar,
Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Commerce
Industry and Tourism | - | “ |

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3. Alhaji Adamu Jajere,
Honourable Commissioner, Ministry for
Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs - "
4. Hon. Mohammed Garba Gagiyo,
Honourable Commissioner,
Ministry of Budget & Planning - "
5. Hon. Yajalo Badama,
Honourable Commissioner,
Ministry of Women Affairs - "
6. Amina Umar Galadima,
Secretary, Ease of Doing Business Council - "

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Opening Remarks by the Chairman
3. Presentation of Progress Report of the Technical Committee
4. Deliberations on FRILIA revised Toolkits
5. Update on Executive Order
6. Any Other Business
7. Closing Prayer/Adjournment

ITEM		ACTION BY
A	<u>OPENING</u> The meeting commenced with an opening prayer led by Ali Mustapha Goniri, the Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources at 2:30 pm.	
B	<u>OPENING REMARKS</u> Barrister Saleh Samanja, the Attorney-General and Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Justice who presided over the meeting on behalf of His Excellency, Hon. Idi Barde Gubana, the Deputy Governor and Deputy Chairman of the	

Steering Committee on Framework for Responsible and Inclusive Land Intensive Agriculture (FRILIA). The Acting Deputy Chairman (FRILIA) disclosed that His Excellency, the Deputy Governor and Alternative Chairman of the Committee was on official trip to Morocco and due to the urgency of content of the agenda, mandated him to chair the meeting as scheduled. He stated that FRILIA had been a new concept and required the involvement of affected community farmers and stakeholders.

All those who might be effected by it especially members of the affected communities should be thoroughly enlightened about the programme. He therefore, sought for other members comments on FRILIA.

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PRESENTATION OF PROGRESS REPORT OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Aliyu Isa Chikaji, the Director General, YAPPIP who was the Chairman of the Technical Committee as well as a member of the Steering Committee on FRILIA briefed the meeting on the progress recorded by the Technical Committee. He stated that immediately after the inauguration of the three FRILIA Committees on 30th December, 2024, his Committee swung into action and held its several monthly meetings. Also, with the full collaboration of Nigeria Governors' Forum Secretariat, Abuja came up with the revised toolkits after many virtual meetings and trips to Abuja to ensure that the State qualified for participation and sponsorship.

The revised toolkits that were endorsed by the NGF Secretariat which the Technical Committee presented for approval and subsequent publication were:

- i. Stakeholder Engagement
- ii. Out-grower and Food Security
- iii. General Memorandum of Understanding
- iv. Environment and Social Risk Management
- v. Valuation and Compensation
- vi. Community Needs Assessment
- vii. Land Access and Easement

viii. Investment Approval Process

ix. Grievances Redress Mechanism

The Technical Committee also developed its stakeholders' engagement strategy. The Committee also requested for permission to proceed with a Statewide enlightenment and sensitization to create awareness on FRILIA.

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DELIBERATIONS ON FRILIA REVISED TOOLKITS

A member observed that the customary land 'ownership' through inheritance without formal documents that was common in the rural areas could put our people at serious disadvantage if their farmlands were included in the programme. Another member recollected that land belonged to the Government and citizens could be offered 'tenure' or 'ownership' for 99 years through Certificate of Occupancy granted by the Government. This implied that the Government could confiscate land 'ownership based on any overriding public interest. Another member however, observed that within the context of FRILIA, if land were to be confiscated and reallocated, it would favour the investor only not the general public.

In his response, the Chairman of the Technical Committee highlighted that FRILIA was part of the whole concept of Ease of Doing Business and the programme was curved out to concentrate on agriculture-related investments in the Country. The toolkits of the programme were fashioned out to facilitate understanding and prevent discontent among the people to pave the way for its successful implementation. The affected farmers would be fully involved in its implementation and they would stand a better chance of getting twice or more quantity of farm produce which was expected to be multiplied many times by the investor through application of modern techniques and improved inputs.

The investor, the land 'owner' and the community would all benefit from the programme. The programme was a huge success in Kenya and South Africa and it was also a success in Kaduna and Ogun States within the Country. Shedding more