

**CALL FOR PAPERS*****First Conference of the Feed the Future Nigeria Agricultural Policy Project***  
**Abuja, 27 & 28 September 2016**

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Michigan State University (MSU) and partners in the Nigerian agricultural sector are pleased to announce a Call for Papers for the First Conference of the *Feed the Future Nigeria Agricultural Policy Project*, to be organized in Abuja on 27 & 28 September 2016. The overall theme of the Conference is “Promoting Agricultural Policy in Nigeria: Challenges and Opportunities”. The conference is organized as part of the USAID-Nigeria funded, *Feed the Future Nigeria Agricultural Policy Project*, a joint effort between MSU and IFPRI’s Nigeria Strategy Support Program. The goal of the *Feed the Future Nigeria Agricultural Policy Project* is to promote inclusive agricultural productivity growth, improved nutritional outcomes, and enhanced livelihood resilience for men and women in Nigeria through an improved policy enabling environment. The goal will be achieved through increased national capacity of Nigerians to generate and analyze information and to formulate evidence-based policy options for consideration by decisions makers and other stakeholders. This will potentially improve policy processes driven by empirical evidence and based on active dialogue among relevant stakeholders. The conference is expected to bring together researchers, policy makers and practitioners working in the Nigerian agricultural sector.

We are calling for papers within the following key topics:

- *Technology Adoption* (issues related to irrigation, improving seed varieties and modernizing food processing through agro-industrial clustering)
- *Youth Employment* (issues on the understanding of the drivers of youth employment in the agricultural sector, key constraints and challenges, incentive mechanisms and youth training programs)
- *Land Governance and Investment* (re-examining land policy in Nigeria, implications for sustainable land tenure administration systems, political economy issues, the drivers of public agricultural expenditures etc.)
- *Climate Change* (implications of climate change on cropping systems and the broader food system in Nigeria, the resilience of the agricultural sector and climate change adaptation among others)

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### **Paper Submission Information**

While we invite all research on the relevant topics above, we welcome in particular, paper submissions by young Nigerian researchers (graduate students and junior faculty members). Papers can be submitted in a provisional version or as long abstracts, but must contain a clear presentation of the results obtained, and a reference list to be considered by the conference scientific committee. They must be written and presented in English and should be submitted in WORD to:

[IFPRI-MSU-NAPPConference@cgiar.org](mailto:IFPRI-MSU-NAPPConference@cgiar.org)

The first page of the paper should include: (1) submission title, (2) author/s' name/s and affiliation, (3) abstract, (4) keywords (no more than three), (5) JEL classification, and (6) detailed contact information (first and last name, mailing address, phone number, email address) of the corresponding author. Please ensure that the document has been carefully edited for grammatical errors.

### **Key Deadlines**

25 July 2016: Submission deadline (draft papers/long abstracts due)

22 August 2016: Final decision on selected papers to corresponding authors

23 September 2016: Final papers due

27 & 28 September 2016: Presentation of selected papers at the conference.

### **Travel reimbursement**

Funding opportunities are limited. The Conference organizers will cover relevant travel expenses and hotel accommodation for one presenter of a selected paper (where appropriate) coming from outside FCT Abuja. In case of joint papers, only one author (paper presenter) per selected paper will be invited to participate in the conference. Further information about conference logistics will be available in due course.