



**ISSUED AT THE END OF THE 10<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE NIGERIA  
GOVERNORS' FORUM HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016 AT  
THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABUJA**

We, the members of the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF), at our meeting held today, at the International Conference Centre, Abuja, deliberated on a number of issues and resolved as follows:

1. Following a briefing by the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Chief Audu Ogbeh, to discuss operational strategies for the \$4.5 billion China-Africa Agricultural Machinery Support programme which has been provided as a concessionary loan to support the acquisition of agricultural machinery/equipment, members commended the Minister for his commitment to drive agricultural development in the country. The Forum however recommended that the federal government should take full responsibility for counterpart funds needed to assess the loan.
2. Members also recommended the combination of various reform strategies to address food production and security in the country, such as improving access to cultivatable land, farm inputs and irrigation systems, competitive pricing as well as opportunities for fishery and animal rearing.

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