



Long-term EU-AU Research and Innovation Partnership for Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture

Dialogue for Action and Brokerage in West Africa: Fostering Knowledge, Communication & Innovation Hubs

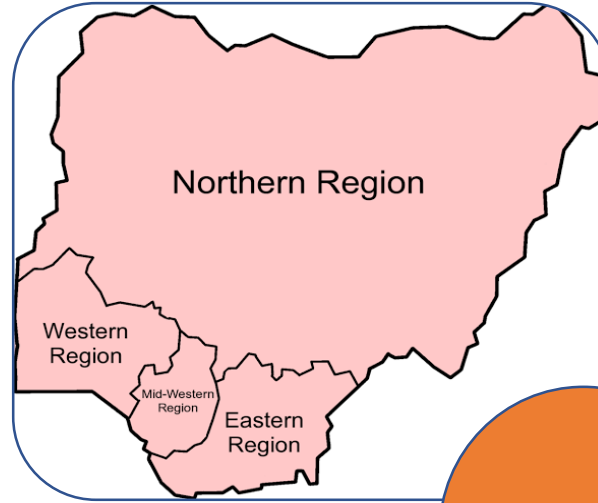
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WHO



Northern Nigeria

WHERE



Indigi Foods

WHAT



Underutilized indigenous grains

derivatives →



Powdered Meal



Biscuit



Bread



Noodles



Agroecological transitions of food systems – Environmental, Socio-economic, and Cultural benefits

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**Underutilized
indigenous grains**

Nutritious and rich
in rare
micronutrients

Low carbon and
water footprint

Resistant to
drought

High yield
potential

Sustaining plant biodiversity

Promoting indigenous species

Mitigating climate change

New market for farmers

Employment opportunities

Curbing malnutrition

Addressing food insecurity





Critical factors for development success / limiting factors

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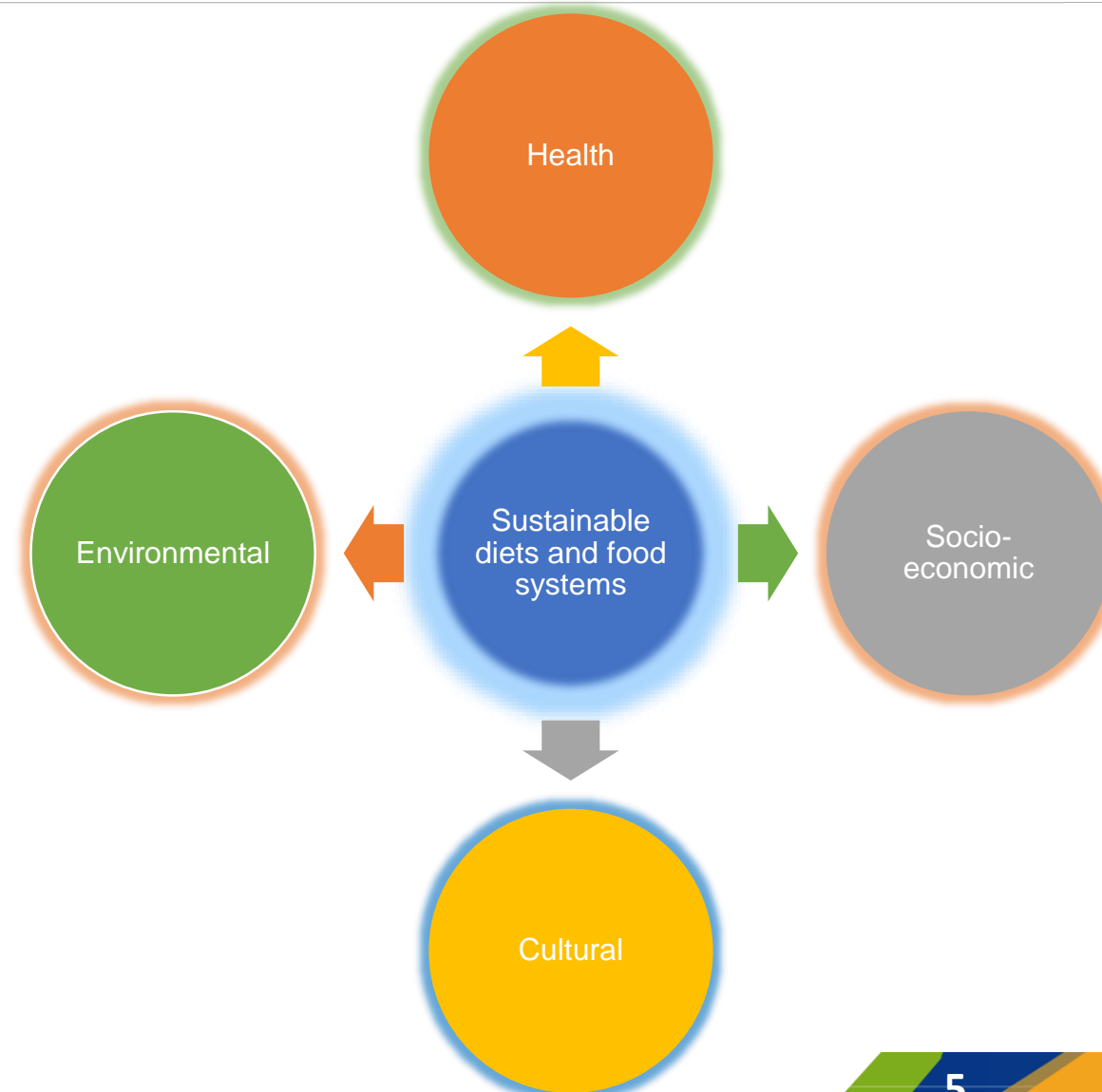
1. Relevant partnership to foster Research and Development in Nigeria (as was done in Kenya, Tanzania, Mali, and Ethiopia by ICRISAT/CGIAR)
2. Attention and support by Government
3. Develop the market for these grains through:
 - i. Consumer Awareness
 - ii. Support for entrepreneurs





Thematic priority

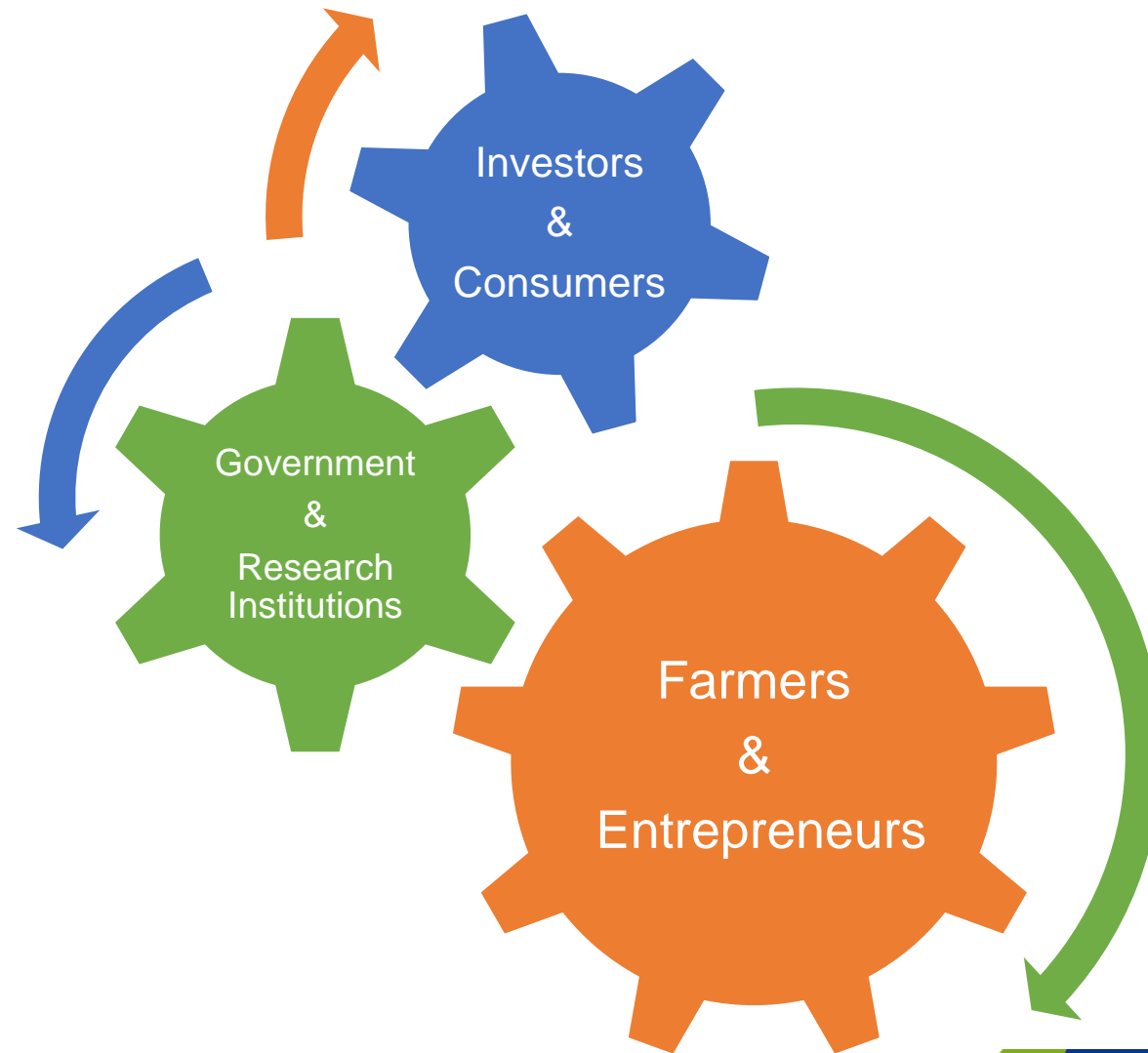
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Key Actors

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Conditions for enhancing actors' cooperation

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TO ENHANCE:

- **Farmers' cooperation** (quality seeds /production methods. improved tools, and knowledge)
- **Entrepreneurs'/ Investors' cooperation & Government interest** (improved commercialization/market)
- **Entrepreneurs' cooperation** (access to **patient** capital and other forms of support)
- **Consumers' cooperation** (improved products from these indigenous grains)
- **Research Institutions' cooperation** (Government needs to be supportive)





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THANK YOU

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