



This series of factsheets describes the National Level Activities supported by INCLUDE, the Knowledge Platform on Inclusive Development Policies, to encourage the use of existing and new knowledge by policy-makers and practitioners.

Utafiti Sera: policy-knowledge community on wage employment creation in Nigeria

Economic growth in Africa has not translated into employment creation. While African economies grew by an estimated annual rate of about 6%, employment in wage-paying jobs increased by only 0.4% between 2004 and 2012. This pattern of jobless growth negates the ‘Africa rising’ narrative. A study facilitated by PASGR in Nigeria on wage employment creation in agriculture and agro-processing sectors found that politics and the pursuit of narrow interests by key actors are major hindrances to employment creation. The study suggests building a large coalition of interest groups to promote employment creation in the two sectors. As part of efforts to turn research evidence into policy action, PASGR and the National Institute for Legislative Studies are facilitating the development and implementation of a policy-knowledge community of practice, called Utafiti Sera, on wage employment in agriculture and agro-processing in Nigeria.

Objectives

- Build, facilitate, enhance and sustain a vibrant policy-knowledge community on employment creation and inclusive growth in agriculture and agro-processing through well-planned programme activities
- Synthesize new and existing relevant research evidence on employment and inclusive growth in agriculture and agro-processing
- Make research evidence available to policymakers and practitioners using policy briefs, newspaper articles and infographics
- Engage key policymakers and practitioners through direct contact, policy advocacy, and the use of champions during breakfast meetings and forums

Lead organisations

- Partnership for African Social and Governance Research (PASGR)
- National Institute for Legislative Studies (NILS)

Country of focus

Nigeria

Partners

- Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- Federal Ministry of Industry
- Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity
- Senate and House Committee on Agriculture, Industry and Employment/ Labour Matters
- Farmers Association (rice farmers and cotton growers)
- Millers Association
- Women in Agriculture
- Textile Manufacturers Association
- CSOs/NGOs, foundations
- Bank of Industry
- Bank of Agriculture
- Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
- African Leadership Forum (ALF)
- Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk-Sharing for Agriculture Lending (and more)

Planned activities

- Map the key stakeholders that influence policies and programmes on employment creation in agriculture and agro-processing in Nigeria (August-September 2016).
- Map and synthesize existing studies and draft a concept note on employment and inclusive growth and their policy implications (August-September 2016).
- Organize a forum to discuss specific employment and inclusive growth issues in Nigeria (October 2016).
- Prepare policy briefs, infographics, policy-relevant newspaper articles and op-eds on employment creation and inclusive growth to inform breakfast meetings November-December 2016).
- Make a video documentary on employment creation in agro-processing value chains to inform breakfast meetings November-December 2016).
- Organize two breakfast meetings on employment, labour and productivity with parliamentarians (January 2017).

