

**Group One: Building Strategic Partnerships with other development actors, in particular civil society and private sector**

**Questions**

How a wider and more diversified partnership strategy could enhance leverage in policy engagement and delivery of sustainable program results.

**A. How can government (Federal, State and Local Government) facilitate inclusive partnerships between broad ranges of development actors?**

**Responses: (Questions were raised on why these recommendations that were implemented in the past failed, budget constraint should also be put in perspectives in implementing the recommendation)**

- Map out actor to facilitate inclusiveness.
- Review and strengthening of the current Government (Federal, State and Local Government Areas LGA's) coordinating desk or unit for the entire donor supported project, where this is not in existence, this should be created.
- Institutionalization of a regular review of all agricultural related projects at Federal, State and LGA's.
- Keeping a matrix of agricultural projects in Nigeria.

**B. How can civil society actor (specific definition in relation to the discussion should be made clear) be included in achieving on-the-ground sustainability and empowerment**

**Responses:**

- Auditing of the civil society across board (use UN ECOSOC database and government data base of the civil society).
- Organizational capacity development of the identified operational civil society.

- Identify the role of the civil society from the program development stage.
- Creating the database and profiling of the civil society.
- Allocation of a percentage of the donor or project fund to the civil society.

**C. What needs to be done to attract private sector to support smallholder agriculture**

**Responses:**

- Creating a market-driven approach into agricultural programs for attraction of private sectors e.g. contract farming.
- Creation of a platform or create linkages between private sector and agricultural value-chain.
- Policies to create enabling environment for private sector (SME) to engage with the smallholder farmers.
- Record keeping, transparency and good government.
- Data set of results.
- Improved infrastructure and subsidy.

**D. How can IFAD (**how will Nigeria IFAD partnered project better engaged**) or work better with the private sector and civil society partners?**

**Response:**

- Creation of a platform or create linkages between private sector and agricultural value-chain.
- Facilitate the development of common M and E tool
- Enhancing the capacity of the CSO i.e. Value chain and commodity groups association, FBO etc.
- Coordinate a periodic meeting of the stakeholders.
- Grassroots Sensitization and advocacy program
- Policy advocacy and technical guidance at Federal and State levels.

