

SE34: Pathways for achieving Zero Hunger through policy, innovation & partnership

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Description

IFAD, IITA, and partners propose a side event at CFS 52 to present findings from a mechanization policy assessment on food and nutrition security in Togo and Nigeria. The assessment highlights significant issues, such as the capacity gap among local fabricators and the lack of access to full-grade stainless steel materials necessary for producing quality food production machines. In Nigeria, the project's intervention has increased farmers' awareness of government policies on rice and cassava, promoting high-quality cassava production and supporting import substitution. These findings showcase how agricultural research and innovation can inform and support policy implementation towards achieving Zero Hunger.

This study and dialogue, involving AfricaRice, NARES, the private sector, farmer groups, banks, and input dealers, reviews government agricultural goals, assesses input utilization constraints, maps production input sizes, and identifies initiatives for agricultural transformation in selected states and regions. The analysis guides policy engagement in Nigerian and Togolese Zero Hunger forums, using evidence to transform agriculture through partnerships. The event will feature a panel with experts from IFAD, One CGIAR, government officials, and the private sector to discuss study findings, policy implications, and the role of agricultural research in creating opportunities for rural people, particularly women and youth.