

**Feasibility and Design of an Agribusiness Investment Fund for West Africa**

**Date:** 2007 – ongoing

**Client:** Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa

**Country / Region:** Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger

CEPA is currently advising AGRA on the feasibility and design of an agribusiness investment fund for West Africa covering Nigeria, Ghana, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger. The proposed fund is a part of AGRA's Program for Africa's Seed Systems (PASS) initiative that aims at developing efficient seed system value chains in 10-15 countries, with an overall objective of improving food security and increasing incomes in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The first phase of the work involves an assessment of the investment opportunities in smaller-scale agribusinesses in the context of the market gap for provision of risk capital. The work in this phase will be based on extensive field visits to West Africa to assess the need for and define the scope of the agribusiness fund.

Subject to the confirmation of the need for an agribusiness fund in the region, the second phase of work will involve the detailed design of the fund including an assessment of the fund economics, assessment of potential co-investors and fund managers, drafting of an investment policy, operating policies and procedures.

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