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Introduction

The Collaborative Seed Programme (CSP) brings together Nigerian and Dutch seed sector stakeholders with the aim to enhance the performance of the Nigerian seed sector. It takes a systemic approach to sustainably address key challenges in the seed sector. CSP contributes to the vision of the National Seed Road Map (NSRM) of Nigeria, being that the seed sector becomes more competitive, resilient, profitable, innovative and adaptive, sustainable, inclusive, resistant, and transparent. The CSP focuses on eight topics drawn from 22 strategic innovation pathways of the NSRM.

CSP is a four-year programme financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, represented by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Abuja; it is embedded within the Nigeria-Netherlands Seed Partnership. CSP Partners include government, industry, knowledge, regulatory, civil society and farmer organizations from both Nigeria and the Netherlands.

Programme Snapshot

Impact	Improved sustainable income, food and nutrition security of rural households in Nigeria		
Goal	Improve farmers' access and use of quality seed of new, improved varieties to sustainably increase agricultural productivity		
Outcomes	 Enhanced capacity for quality service provision Enhanced efficiency and transparency of seed markets Enhanced sector coordination and accountability Enhanced seed regulatory systems 		
Locations	Abuja, Ibadan, Kano and Kaduna State		

Programme Topics, Partners and Ambitions





Topics	Nigerian Partners*	Netherlands Partners*	Ambitions
Decentralization of seed quality assurance	NASC, IITA, NAQS, NIHORT, NRCRI, SEEDAN	Wageningen University & Research	Establish decentralized SQA systems for key food and nutrition security crops.
Extension on seed and cultivation practices	ABU-IAR, NAERLS, East-West Seed, Sahel Consulting	Wageningen University & Research	Address challenges related to the use of quality seeds of improved varieties, and advanced cultivation practices
Seed company marketing and promotion	SEEDAN & seed companies, NABC-Seeds 4 Change	Wageningen University & Research, Plantum & seed companies	Increase the capacity of Nigerian and Dutch seed companies to promote varieties
Institutional markets	Sahel Consulting, NASC, SEEDAN & seed companies, development partners	Wageningen University & Research	Reduce seed market distortion by institutional buyers
Sector governance and coordination	NASC, SEEDAN, Sahel Consulting, other stakeholders	Wageningen University & Research, Plantum	Enhance coordination, alignment, and accountability among seed sector stakeholders
Alignment of donor interventions	Sahel Consulting, development partners	Wageningen University & Research	Enhance alignment and sharing of information contributing to NSRM implementation among development partners
Plant variety protection	NASC, NACGRAB, Plant Breeders Association, IAR and NIHORT, SEEDAN	Naktuinbouw, Plantum, Wageningen University & Research	Establish an operational system for Plant Variety Protection
Variety release	NACGRAB, IAR and NCRI, SeedCo Nig. Ltd, East-West Seeds, Plant Breeders Association, NASC	Wageningen University & Research, Plantum	Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the variety release system

^{*}Each topic has a Nigerian and a Dutch lead; the first partner indicated is the topic lead.

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