

Resolution of the National Alliance Against Hunger Consultative Session held from 20TH- 21ST February 2009 at Abuja, Nigeria



More than 41 participants from 18 States of Nigeria representing farmers', pastoralists, environmental, women, youth and development organizations, gathered at the Conference Hall of Youth Aid Organization for Africa (YAOFA) Abuja Nigeria. Two organizations YAOFA and STF joined hands with CEDD Nigeria to cooperate and organize the 1ST Consultative session where matters of crucial importance for the establishment of National Alliance Against Hunger (NAAH) Nigeria, Propose Actions that will create a vibrant NAAH Nigeria in line with IAAH Statement of Principles and the Founding Organization in 2003 at Rome, Italy do agree to

- We, the participants, shared information and viewpoints, and discussed our responses to the challenges. We have undertaken to take back these discussions and information which we found to have been inspiring and useful to our organizations and networks. We agreed that the real test of the significance of our meeting at the Abuja YAOFA conference Hall will be what we are doing in practice in the next weeks, months and years,
- We are convinced that the goals OF World Food Summit and the Millennium Summit on reducing Hunger can be attained and the world can be freed from hunger and malnutrition that faced humanity today. In the same vein, we are convinced that IAAH can make a valuable contributions towards the achievement of the MDG's goals on poverty

We commit ourselves to

- strengthen the National Alliance Against Hunger , especially the organizations of Farmers, Women, peasants, pastoralists, fisher folks and Youth and to lobby and pressure people in power to change the unsustainable policies and practices that causes hunger, poverty and malnutrition

- Establishing the National Alliance Against Hunger (NAAH) Nigeria and we thus invite relevant organizations to join in the Alliance to serve as a powerful and effective advocate platform for eradication of hunger, malnutrition and poverty in Nigeria and in cooperation with other networks around the world throughout the world
- Elect a Steering Committee of Seven Members to provide leadership and lay a solid foundation for a vibrant NAAH in Nigeria
- co-operate with social movements and NGOs in Nigeria to increase the pressure on the policy makers and relevant stakeholders to pay attention to food security, poverty and hunger so we have a sustainable healthy population capable of economic development of our choice
- co-operate with other organizations and networks in Nigeria to strengthen our common struggle for sustainable Agriculture and to contribute to achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, especially by strengthening national commitment and action to end hunger and malnutrition
- Develop and promote sustainable alternative policies and practices, and especially to implement and promote food sovereignty, agro ecology and other sustainable food producing systems,
- Climate change has lead to unpredictable weather, stronger and more frequent natural disasters like droughts, erratic rain and floods disrupt food production. We commit to advocate for the Government to pay attention to this so that poor and the vulnerable interest are taken into consideration
- Lack of knowledge in sustainable farming techniques for the majority of poor peasants.
- share information and viewpoints about development aid for food, agriculture and rural development,
- monitor the support for food, agriculture, pastoralist and fisheries,
- Discuss and promote principles and practices for good support for food, agriculture, pastoralism and fisheries to eradicate hunger and poverty. The principles developed by International Alliance Against Hunger (www.iaahp.net) is a good starting point.
- Commit ourselves to advancing a campaign as adopted by IAAH international on Food Security, Poverty, Malnutrition and Hunger within the context and realities of Nigeria
- Comment Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), The Action Aid Nigeria Offices and any such Organization in the UN system in Nigeria and the like who have supported and have committed to support NAAH in Nigeria.