



AfDB Nigeria Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZ) Phase I Project

GCA in collaboration with the AFDB is supporting The Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZ) Program in Nigeria. The program will support economic and social development programs of the Federal Government of Nigeria and the participating States, contributing to rural infrastructure development, improved access to agricultural markets, increased farm productivity, and promotion of agricultural technology, and agribusiness and job creation.

Adaptation Need

Nigeria possesses significant agricultural potential, yet the sector faces major constraints including low crop yields, high post-harvest losses (estimated at 30-50%), limited agro-processing capacity, and inadequate infrastructure. Climate change is a key contributing factor to these challenges, as the country's agriculture remains predominantly rainfed and highly vulnerable to increasing rainfall variability. Unpredictable weather patterns hinder farmers' ability to plan effectively, leading to reduced productivity, weak competitiveness in local food production, rising food import bills, persistent poverty and unemployment, and low levels of private sector investment in the agro-industry.

GCA's Added Value

GCA, in collaboration with PricewaterhouseCoopers, conducted a labor market study to assess the potential for creating adaptation jobs in Nigeria under the SAPZ project. The study produced an adaptation jobs taxonomy, a framework for mainstreaming adaptation jobs, and identified critical skills needed to support youth employment in climate adaptation across key sectors.

Total Investment Value Influenced

\$538.05M

Beneficiaries

1.00M

IFI Implementation period

2022 - 2027

Program

Youth Jobs and Entrepreneurship

Partners

African Development Bank

Status

Completed

Countries



SDG contribution

PROJECT GOALS

Mainstreaming Adaptation and Resilience

GCA has mainstreamed adaptation and resilience in Nigeria by generating evidence that prioritizes the agriculture sector—identified by all 15 African countries assessed as the most climate-vulnerable and economically critical. Through its labor market study, GCA identified key adaptation sectors, mapped essential skills, and developed a framework for embedding adaptation jobs into national planning. In response to Nigeria’s climate-induced agricultural challenges—such as low yields, high post-harvest losses, and declining sectoral employment—GCA’s work highlights targeted opportunities for job creation, skill development, and inclusive growth, especially for youth and women. These efforts strengthen the resilience of livelihoods and lay the groundwork for increased private sector investment in climate-smart agriculture.

Expected Outcomes

GCA’s support for the African Development Bank and Federal Government of Nigeria will reinforce the project’s outcomes:

- 500,000 jobs Created (100,000 Direct/400,000 indirect)
- 30% adaptation jobs (150,000)
- 10,000 SMEs supported

TIMELINE

GCA Support Status

Technical Assistance Preparation

GCA Support Implementation

March, 2022

GCA Support Completion

Monitoring

FINANCE

Project Investment Value

Total Investment Value
\$538.05M

IFI INVESTMENT VALUE

\$520.00M

OTHER INVESTMENT
VALUE

\$18.05M

IFI partners



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