



#### Nigeria-China Belt and Road Investment forum

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# Nigeria-China trade and investment relations



- Nigeria and China continue to have strong relations in trade.
- Nigeria's biggest import partner is China.
- China is one of the biggest FDI players in Nigeria.
- However, in terms of Nigerian export partners, China is 16<sup>th</sup> on the list behind countries such as Sweden and Togo.
- Of the \$881 million Nigeria exported to China in 2018,
   78.7% was crude oil or natural gas.



# Why invest and trade with Nigeria?

## Ease of doing business



- Government established the Presidential Enabling Business Environment Council (PEBEC) in July 2016.
- Nigeria has risen by 23 places in the ease of doing business ranking which is above the regional average in sub-Saharan African.
- Remarkable improvements in electricity generation, trading across borders, contract enforcement and quality management systems.
- Nigeria is an investor friendly country with huge opportunities.

# The significant market potential for short gestation export crops





## Non-oil export potential



- International Trade Centre's Export Potential tool identifies huge potential for Nigeria to increase its exports of sesame, frozen shrimps, and leather to China.
- In particular, Nigeria is only meeting 2% of its potential regarding sesame exports to China.
- Ethiopia and Sudan are currently exporting substantially more sesame to China than Nigeria.
- Chinese companies can look more to Nigeria in demanding sesame.



# Examples of on-going activities with potential

# Comparative advantage in rubber

















#### Finance and Incentives





#### **Export Expansion Grant**

- Post-shipment incentive designed to expand export volumes.
- Exporters can get a maximum of 15% of their annual export value, which can be used for:
  - ✓ Paying all taxes (except PAYE), offsetting government loans, buying government bonds.
- Payment of EEG is through the use of Export Credit Certificates (ECC).

#### **Export Development Fund**

- Prepare, facilitate and support exporters to penetrate global markets.
- Provide support for product development and market access for new exporters though:
  - 1. Providing export promotion training.
  - 2. Exposure to trade fair participation and trade missions.
  - 3. Gathering of trade information and intelligence, and provision of logistic support.
- The EDF is a strong opportunity to assist in funding and develop the capabilities of Nigerian exporters.
   (needs concessional seed funding to kick-start)

### A Case Study of Success



#### **FOOD PRO**

With access to finance

Raw Cashews

Cashew

**Roasted Cashews** 

Kernels

- Pre-2015, production capacity 1000 metric tons.
- 2015-2016, loan of N200M facility enabled
   FoodPro to increase capacity to 5000 metric tons.
- Expansion delayed to 2017 due to FX crisis.
- Now, Food Pro is able to process one container a month.
- Progress from raw cashew and kernels to roasted cashews, focusing on retail in Nigeria, UK and South Africa.

This is what access to finance can do!



### Closing remarks



 Nigeria and China will continue to have fruitful relations over the coming years.

 There is significant potential for Nigeria to export more non-oil products to China.

• Nigeria is open for business and the investment opportunities for Chinese firms are endless.



## Thank you for listening.

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