# **NICERT Presentation**

### The National Conference on Non-Oil **Export**

**Nigeria Export Promotion Council (NEPC)** 

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#### **NICERT IN BRIEF**

- A Product of Research
- Partnership with Ecocert Group Headquartered in France.
- ECOCERT in a nutshell
- •29+ years, WORLDWIDE operations, 60 000 clients, 30 subsidiaries
- •NICERT in Partnership with ECOCERT and NICERT Expert Consulting Limited
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- Argentina
- Brazil
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Mexico
- Peru
- United
   States

- EUROPE
- Germany
- France
- Portugal Romania
- Serbia
- Spain
- Switzerland Turkey

- AFRICA
- BurkinaFaso
- Madagascar
- Morocco
- South Africa
- Tunisia
- NICERT in Nigeria

- ASIA
- China
- India
- Japan
- Singapore
- South Korea

#### OUR BUSINESS SECTORS.....

## NICERT Expert Consulting

## CONSULTANCY, TRAINING, TECHNICAL SUPPORT & PROJECT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

#### **NICERT EXPERT CONSULTING LIMITED**

# STUDIES & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS Feasibility studies, Market studies & intelligence Policy Committee Support & Stakeholder engagements





# SUPPORT Technical and Regulatory support, Traceability systems, Supply Chain Management, NEEDS Assessment Support, Market Linkage,

#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT & DIGITAL SOLUTIONS

Project
Conceptualization,
Setup, Appraisal,
Management,
Monitoring and

**Evaluation** 





#### **TOOLS DEVELOPMENT**

Creation of monitoring tools, Internal Standards,

Traceability systems development



General & Company trainings (Face to face & virtual), Knowledge gapfilling, Training of trainers



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#### **Conformity Assessment & Certification Services**

#### Nicert in Partnership with Ecocert



#### Pre- Audit InspectionCorrective Action Plan

- Verification to ensure Conformity to relevant Standards/Regulations (including laboratory analysis in ISO 17025-accredited laboratories).
- Documentary Review/Evaluation
- Input Attestation (EOS≡EU; USDA NOP; & JAS)
- Product/Process Certifications [e.g., Organic (EOS≡EU; USDA NOP), GlobalG.A.P., Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, ISO 22000 (FSMS), HACCP]
- Issuance of Transaction Certificate (TC) & Certificate of Inspection (COI)
- Trademark-Use Verification
- Label and Advertising media Approval
- Risk Assessment & Management
- Quality Management Systems (ISO 9001:2015) Certification
- Religious Certifications: HALAL and Kosher



**CERTIFICATION** 













CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT

#### The Potentials for Non-oil Export in Nigeria

34 million ha arable land (Nigeria is among top 10 Countries with the most arable lands)

Growing interest and attention from the government through interventions aimed at promoting production and export of non-oil (agricultural) commodities.

SOME INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL

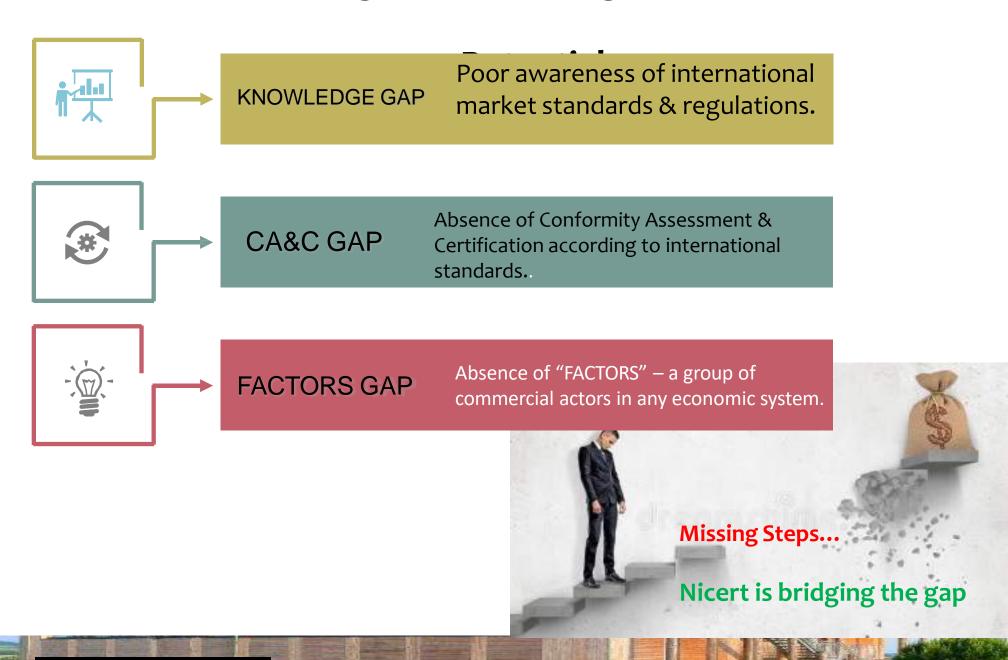
Among Top Producers for non-oil (agricultural) export commodities e.g., Cocoa, Sesame, Hibiscus, Ginger, Cashew, Cotton, Shrimps and Prawns.

Huge agrarian population for agriculture with potential for improved efficiency through mechanization.

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#### The "Gaps" depriving the harnessing of the Potentials



#### The Conflux between NEPC and Nicert Mandates

**NEPC Mandate** 

To spearhead the diversification of the Nigerian economy by expanding and increasing non-oil exports for sustainable and inclusive economic growth.

To operate with globally accepted competency in enhancing sustainability, providing opportunity for indigenous products to compete favourably in the international market.

**Nicert Mandate** 



#### MILESTONES mutually achieved (Nicert-NEPC)

NiCOP – Training, Technical Support and Certification of Several Companies to HACCP and ISO22000:2018

Organic Certification for the first Organic Beekeeping Operation in Nigeria



Nicert is a Technical Partner to NEPC for Export Clinics – Thousands of MSME participants trained so far Recommendations to the Council for Trade missions where sustainable and profitable opportunities abound for non-oil export from Nigeria

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#### MILESTONES mutually achieved by NICERT-NEPC/GIZ(NICOP)







#### The Way Forward for the "new normal"



The revolution currently ongoing in the country through multiplication of certified operations should be sustained by promoting certification all the more. Indeed, there is no better time for the implementation of the National Organic Farming and Export Programme of the Council, than now.

**Product Development more than ever, has become very essential,** most of the commodities
from Nigeria for export are either in their raw or semiprocessed form. It is necessary for value-chain actors to
manufacture high-value goods that are ready for the
end-user's utility.

Stakeholder engagement and support is also crucial. e.g., State Governments (individuals etc.) who can act as FACTORS, should come in from their positions of strength and competitive advantage. This will plumet in no small way the number and area of organic certified operations in the country.

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# Thank you.