

**BRIEF PROFILE OF ALIYU ABBATI ABDULHAMEED:
MANAGING DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



Aliyu A. Abdulhameed was appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural Lending (NIRSAL) on 23rd December 2015.

Through a blend of technical competence, result focused leadership and passionate advocacy, he has energized the institution and achieved important initial milestones which have provided a strong foundation for realizing NIRSAL's unique vision of transforming the agriculture sector through de-risking the agricultural value chain.

Under his watch, NIRSAL has attracted positive attention of respected global players in the agriculture sector including African Development Bank (ADB), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), and United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and other African countries like Rwanda, Liberia etc. Prior to his appointment Mr. Hameed served as Executive Team Member of NIRSAL when it was a Project Office under the Development Finance Department of the Central Bank of Nigeria.

In a career spanning over 22 years, Aliyu has acquired deep and hands on experience in important sectors of the emerging African agriculture economy. For instance, as a staff of Kewalrams Afcot Group, pioneer backward integrators in the Cotton Textile Garment (CTG) value chain, he was part of the team that was instrumental to the creation of Olam, the no 1 global commodity trader which links end to end value chains from primary production to industrial users of globally traded agric commodities. Later on as an entrepreneur, Abdulhameed also acquired practical experience in the provision of agricultural commodities and related services to a wide variety of clients.

Mr. Abdulhameed brings to NIRSAL strong experience in corporate agribusiness and deep expertise in the field of agricultural finance and risk management. He holds a B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria as well as a Master's Degree in Public Administration with specialization in Public Policy from the Nigerian Defense Academy (NDA) with a strong focus on the organic link between food security and national security. Mr. Abdulhameed also holds an Executive Masters Certificate in Project Management from the Project Management College (UK). He has attended many local and international trainings and seminars on agriculture financing, leadership and management.