

FOREWORD

The Workshop on Agricultural Mechanization in Commonwealth Africa held from from 13-17 August, 1990 was organized by the Food Production & Rural Development Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat, in collaboration with the Federal Government of Nigeria through Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Abuja; Federal Ministry of Science & Technology, Lagos; and the Institute for Agricultural Research, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.

The Workshop brought together, perhaps for the first time, the first generation of African Agricultural Engineers and Mechanization Experts to discuss the policy and strategy formulation aspects of the agricultural mechanization in Commonwealth Africa.

The main report and recommendation of the workshop have been published - under the title: *"Report of a Workshop on Agricultural Mechanization in Commonwealth Africa, Zaria, Nigeria 13-17 August 1990"*, Published by Commonwealth Secretariat in January 1991, 80 pgs.

This volume "Agricultural Mechanization Policies & Strategies in Africa: Case Studies from Commonwealth African Countries" consists of selected country case studies and technical papers prepared by experts and resource persons. It will, therefore, be of interest, not only to policy makers, researchers and development agencies, but also to students of agriculture, agricultural mechanization and agricultural economics.

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