



# AGRODEP

African Growth & Development Policy  
modeling consortium

FACILITATED BY IFPRI

A program in support of CAADP implementation

*Number 38- July 20, 2015*

---

## NEWS

---

### [Latest AGRODEP Working Paper](#)

The thirteenth paper in AGRODEP's [Working Paper Series](#), "[How Aid Helps Achieve MDGs in Africa: The Case of Primary Education](#)," is written by AGRODEP member [Urbain Thierry Yogo](#) and investigates how effective Official Development Aid (ODA) has been in achieving universal primary education in 35 countries in Africa south of the Sahara. The author finds that a one percent increase in aid to education increases the primary completion rate by 0.20 percentage points. He points out, however, that this small increase means donors will have to more than double the current level of aid in order to reach the goal of universal primary education.

### [2015 AGRODEP Membership Extension](#)

New members selected from the [sixth round of membership extension](#) have been contacted and have been asked to complete the membership requirements online. This latest round of extension received over 450 applications. Selected new members needed to live in Africa and have either a Ph.D. or Master's degree; they were further evaluated based on their technical skills, research experience, and publications in peer-reviewed outlets.

---

## DEVELOPMENTS

---

### [2015 Training Course Dates](#)

There are two AGRODEP training courses upcoming in the next few weeks. "[Applied Nonparametric Econometrics](#)," instructed by Christopher F. Parmeter, will be held from July 27-31. This course is designed to introduce students to applied non-parametric methods that can be used to overcome common using class instruction and computer tutorials. The class will cover the basic concepts of smoothing and will utilize the open source software R.

The course on "[Productivity and Efficiency Analysis](#)," also instructed by Dr. Parmeter, will be held from August 3-7. This five-day course will introduce students to the fundamentals of productivity and efficiency analysis using a set of parametric, semi-, and non-parametric econometric models. The instructor will provide hands-on, detailed implementation of these various models using the open source software R.

The schedule of remaining AGRODEP training courses, scheduled for September and October 2015, is available [here](#).

## FEATURED MEMBERS



**Dr. Koffi Yovo** is a citizen of Togo. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2012. At present, Koffi is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Lomé (UL). In this position, Koffi conducts research on agricultural markets and trade. He holds a B.A. in Agriculture from the University of Lomé, a DEA in Rural Economics at CIRES/FASEG from COCODY, Abidjan, and a Ph.D. in Rural Economics at CIRES/FASEG from COCODY, Abidjan. His areas of specialization are agricultural markets and prices. His research interests include agricultural markets and trade and agricultural production systems.



**Clainos Chidoko** is a citizen of Zimbabwe. He has been an AGRODEP member since November 2012. At present, Clainos is a Lecturer at Great Zimbabwe University. Before joining Great Zimbabwe University, he worked for the University of Zimbabwe as a Graduate Teaching Assistant. He holds a B.Sc. Honours in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe and an M.Sc. in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe. He specializes in development economics, industrial organization, and poverty measurement and analysis. His research interests include poverty measurement and analysis, development economics, and agricultural economics.



**Susan Watundu** is a citizen of Uganda. She has been an AGRODEP member since April 2013. At present, Susan is a Lecturer at the Makerere University Business School, Department of Management. Before joining Makerere University Business School, Susan worked for Stanbic Bank Uganda Limited. She holds a B.Sc. in Quantitative Economics from Makerere University and a Ph.D. in Economics (ongoing, second year) from the University of Dar es Salaam. She specializes in applied econometrics. Her research interests include transport economics, agriculture and trade, financial economics, and microanalysis.

AGRODEP  
Titre 3396 Lot #2  
Dakar Almadies - BP 24063, Senegal  
Website: [www.agrodep.org](http://www.agrodep.org); Email: [info-agrodep@agrodep.org](mailto:info-agrodep@agrodep.org)

MailChimp

[unsubscribe from this list](#)