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NEWS

[An Analysis of the Fishing Industry in Namibia](#)

AGRODEP has released a new [working paper](#), "[An Analysis of the Fishing Industry in Namibia: The Structure, Performance, Challenges, and Prospects for Growth and Diversification.](#)" This paper, authored by AGRODEP member [Blessing Chiripanhura](#), examines the structure of Namibia's fishery sector, focusing on the sector's historical performance as well as its potential for contributions to the country's GDP, employment, poverty reduction, and engagement in international trade. The authors conclude that while the Namibian government is emphasizing value addition in the industry, such efforts should be engaged in carefully only after proper data collection and research into appropriate export opportunities.

[AGRODEP Spatial Equilibrium Model](#)

AGRODEP has released a new [model](#) and related [technical note](#). The AGRODEP Spatial Equilibrium Model is a multi-region partial equilibrium model which links producers and consumers from different locations. The model and accompanying technical note allow users to examine the global economic and trade consequences of a variety of trade policies by looking at their impacts on markets, trade, and welfare indicators.

DEVELOPMENTS

[AGRODEP Impact Evaluation Network](#)

The [AGRODEP Impact Evaluation Network \(AIEN\)](#) now includes [37 members](#). The AIEN disseminates information regarding the latest impact evaluation activities in Africa, as well as the latest IE methodologies and techniques, and aims to increase the participation of African researchers and experts in impact evaluation projects throughout the region. The AIEN will have a meeting in Washington DC in March 2016. More details regarding the event will be released in the February newsletter.

[AGRODEP Value Chain Group](#)

AGRODEP is proud to announce the establishment of its new Value Chains Group. The initial set of [13 members](#) were selected from the [AGRODEP special call for membership](#) in 2015. Members will receive training on the latest tools and techniques used in value chain analysis and evaluation, as well as with opportunities to collaborate and share knowledge with other value chain researchers.

FEATURED MEMBERS



Mr. Kais Feki is a citizen of Tunisia. He joined AGRODEP in April 2013. At present, Kais is an Economics Consultant at the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Management in Tunis. He holds a B.A. in Finance and Economics from the Higher School of Commerce (E.S.C.) Tunis and an M.A. in Finance and Economics from the Institute of Higher Commercial Studies (I.H.E.C.) Carthage; he is currently a Ph.D. Candidate at the Faculty of Economic Sciences and Management in Tunis. His research interests include international trade and regional integration, competitiveness and productivity analysis, agricultural economics, and public finances and tax policy.



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