
NEWS

[Informal Trade and the Price of Import Bans: Evidence from Nigeria](#)

AGRODEP released a new [working paper](#) this month, entitled [“Informal Trade and the Price of Import Bans: Evidence Nigeria.”](#) This paper was written by Joachim Jarreau, Cristina Mitaritonna, and Sami Bensassi. The study finds that price hikes associated with import bans appear lower in states closer to the border with Benin, but also that import bans do not appear to disrupt market cointegration between states. The study was funded by a [2014 AGRODEP Gap in Research Grant](#).

[The European Union and USA’s Non-Tariff Barriers and Africa’s Exports: An Impact Analysis](#)

A second new [working paper](#), [“The European Union and USA’s Non-Tariff Barriers and Africa’s Exports: An Impact Analysis”](#), was authored by Olayinka Idowu Kareem. The paper looks at the relationship between non-tariff barriers in high-income countries and Africa’s low export levels to these countries. The author finds that while tariffs in the EU and US do not appear to be responsible for Africa’s low exports to these countries, their non-tariff barriers do significantly inhibit Africa’s access to these markets. Sanitary and phytosanitary measures put in place in the EU and US are of particular importance.

DEVELOPMENTS

[Latest Training Course Focuses on Value Chains and Gender](#)

AGRODEP held a two-part training course from March 29-April 1 on [Tools for Value Chain Analysis](#) (VCA). The course included emphasis on how to incorporate gender into VCA using the Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI) and the Participatory Market Chain Approach (PMCA).

The first part of the course on the WEAI was instructed by Hazel Malapit of IFPRI, while the second part, covering the PMCA, was taught by Sarah Mayanja of the International Potato Center (CIP) of Uganda. Both sections of the course included training on the conceptual use of the tools, as well as how to use those tools for gender-sensitive analysis. In addition, the instructors provided examples of how both tools have been used to analyze value chains in the African context.

The event was well received by the 12 participants, all members of AGRODEP’s Value Chain Analysis Group. Read the full [news article](#) on the course.

FEATURED MEMBERS



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