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NEWS

[“Credit Constraints and Agricultural Productivity in Developing Countries: The Case of East Africa”](#)

AGRODEP has published a new Working Paper, the 40th in its [Working Paper series](#).

[“Credit Constraints and Agricultural Productivity in Developing Countries: The Case of East Africa”](#) was written by [Bethuel Kinyanjui Kinuthia](#). The paper examines how credit impacts agricultural productivity in East Africa, as well as how efficiency losses are associated with credit constraints. The data is based on the Living Standards Measurement Study-Integrated Surveys on Agriculture for Tanzania and Uganda.

The results show that credit affects agricultural productivity in the region through various channels and in different ways in the two countries covered by the data. Overall, farm size, extension services, and non-farm income appear to impact agricultural productivity. In addition, the results show that most rural households continue to rely on informal credit systems rather than on formal or semi-formal systems. The paper concludes with several recommendations to increase households’ access to credit and overall productivity.

Bethuel is a citizen of Kenya and has been an AGRODEP member since 2012.

DEVELOPMENTS

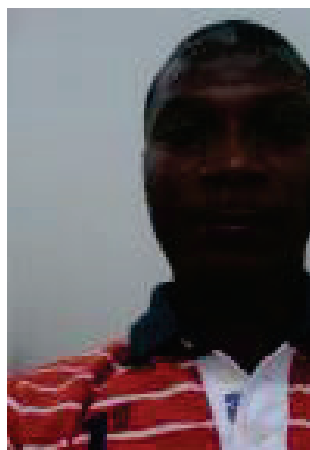
[AGRODEP Member Joins ISDRS Board](#)

The AGRODEP Management Team would like to extend its warm congratulations to [Dr. Olawale Olayide](#). Olawale was recently appointed to the Executive Board of the International Sustainable Development Research Society (ISDRS), where he will be serving as Director of Communications for a term of three years. ISDRS represents one of the foremost global research societies on sustainable development.

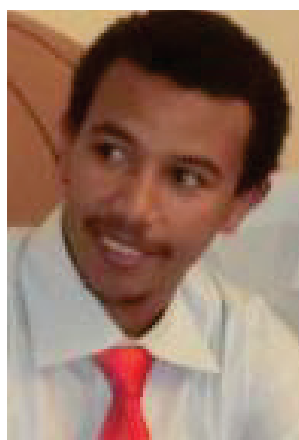
Olawale is a citizen of Nigeria and has been an AGRODEP member since 2013. He is currently a Research Fellow and Coordinator of the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Program at the University of Ibadan, Centre for Sustainable Development.

In 2014 and 2015, Olawale utilized two AGRODEP Research Valorization grants to participate in two ISDRS conferences in Norway and Australia.

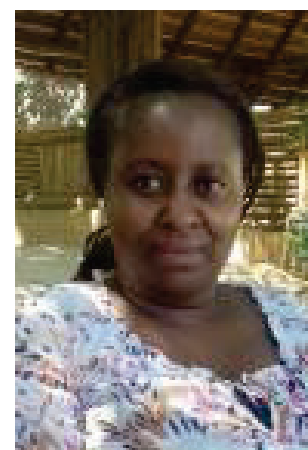
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