
NEWS

Global Food Policy Report Focuses on Globalization

While moderate economic growth is expected in Africa in 2018, the region continues to face significant threats from climate change, conflict, and global uncertainty. Policymakers will need to focus on increased investment in agriculture and strengthening resilience of livelihoods and food systems, according to IFPRI's [2018 Global Food Policy Report](#).

This year's GFPR featured contributions from several AGRODEP-affiliated researchers. David Laborde and Will Martin contributed a chapter on [trade and food security](#), Joseph Glauber contributed a chapter on the effect of [domestic support programs](#) in developed countries on global food security, and Ousmane Badiane contributed to a chapter on [regional trends in Africa](#).

DEVELOPMENTS

AGRODEP at PARI and UNECA Meetings

In February, AGRODEP members and members of the AGRODEP Management Team have participated in several high-level regional meetings.

Fousseini Traore, a member of the Management Team, attended the National Policy Roundtable and the Annual Research and Planning Meeting of the Program of Accompanying Research for Agricultural Innovation (PARI); AGRODEP member Senakpon Dedehouanou also participated in the National Policy Roundtable. PARI supports the scaling of agricultural innovation through science and technology, and several AGRODEP members are involved in the project. The Roundtable presented preliminary PARI research findings in Benin to key stakeholders and discussed policy implications. During the Annual Planning meeting, participants reviewed the progress made in the first phase of PARI (2015-2017) and developed a tentative workplan for the second phase (2018-2019).

Betina Dimaranan attended an Expert Group Meeting, organized by UNECA, on the construction and production of Supply-Use Tables (SUTs). The purpose of the expert group meeting was to exchange experience and best practices between countries and to strengthen the technical capacity of the participants on the compilation and application of SUTs. National statistical experts from 30 African countries participated. Betina gave a presentation entitled "Use of Social Accounting Matrices in Policy Analysis: Examples from AGRODEP."

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