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Latest AGRODEP Workshops

In early November, AGRODEP held a workshop in Dakar, Senegal on [Evaluation of Interventions on Agricultural Technology Adoption](#). At the workshop, participants learned to identify the determinants of and constraints to technology adoption, as well as approaches to promote technology adoption. They were also taught the use of field experiments methods to analyze technology adoption and engaged in Stata exercises for econometric analysis and analysis of data from field experiments. Participant teams, consisting of an economist/econometrician and a project manager/policymaker also put together research proposals on technology adoption. The event was co-sponsored by the Institut des Hautes Etudes du Développement Durable (IHEDD) based at the University of Clermont-Ferrand in France. Other sponsoring and/or participating organizations included FERDI (Fondation pour les Études et Recherches sur le Développement International), ATAI (Agricultural Technology Adoption Initiative), The World Bank under the West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program (WAAPP) and the PPAAO (Programme de productivité agricole en Afrique de l'Ouest, IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute, and CORAF/WECARD (Conseil Ouest et Centre africain pour la recherche et le développement agricoles).

On November 12-15, AGRODEP held a second workshop on the [Africa Continental Free Trade Area \(AfCFTA\)](#). The workshop aimed: (a) to present recent and ongoing research related to the CFTA and to regional integration in Africa, (b) to launch an AGRODEP expert group for policy analysis and advisory services (PAAS) in the area of trade and regional integration, and (c) to discuss research questions and priorities and innovative research methodologies to support evidence-based policy recommendations.

The final two days of the event consisted of a training course, which covered: (a) measuring trade integration with trade flows/trade indicators, (b) measuring trade integration with gravity models, (c) partial equilibrium models used in trade analysis, and (d) simulation models for assessing the AfCFTA.

FEATURED MEMBERS



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