
NEWS

New NAIP Toolkit for Modeling Agricultural Growth and Investment Strategy

Recent research from Ismael Fofana of IFPRI, AGRODEP member Miriam W.O. Omolo, and co-authors Anatole Goundan, Léa Vicky Magne Domgho, Julia Collins, and Estefania Marti uses a simulation model to identify country-level priority areas for agricultural investment and track progress toward achieving Malabo goals. Under the Malabo declaration, African leaders committed to focusing on agricultural-led growth and targeting other goals including: halve poverty, end hunger, double agricultural productivity, triple intra-African trade, strengthen public-private partnerships in priority value chains, and many others, all by 2025.

The simulation model developed by this team consists of a three-component framework to capture progress toward Malabo goals composed of a stochastic meta-frontier technique, a computable general equilibrium model, and microeconomic analysis. This modeling framework is implemented on Kenya using several recent datasets from the Kenya National Bureau of Statistics as well as a 2013 Social Accounting Matrix for Kenya (Randriamamonjy and Thurlow, 2017). Results from the simulation suggest that the growth in Kenyan nonagricultural sectors would not be enough to achieve Malabo goals on poverty and hunger, but agricultural-led growth with social assistance could lead to achieving Malabo commitments by 2025.

DEVELOPMENTS

Food Security Portal moves into Third Phase

IFPRI's Food Security Portal and Africa South of the Sahara Food Security Portal projects have entered their third phase. These projects aim to provide a clearinghouse of reliable, up-to-date agriculture and food security data, as well as news and analysis and a suite of innovative policy analysis and early warning/early action tools.

The third phase of the project will provide a greater emphasis on food security in Africa through collaboration with African partners on data collection, research, and policy dialogues on topics of regional interest. Opportunities for collaboration for AGRODEP members will be posted through the AGRODEP blog, as well as announced through the FSP monthly newsletters. To become an FSP member and receive communications about the project, including opportunities to collaborate, please sign up for the FSP mailing list.

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