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## NEWS

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### AGRODEP Welcomes New Members

AGRODEP recently welcomed 34 new members from the [2012 Special Call for Membership](#). The call, which focused on researchers who are engaged in or strongly interested in impact evaluation, attracted members from a wide variety of professional backgrounds and nationalities. New members are currently engaged in creating their AGRODEP profiles, which will be live on the AGRODEP website in the coming weeks. This latest membership extension brings total AGRODEP membership to 117.

### Happy New Year from AGRODEP

The AGRODEP team wishes to thank all of its members and friends for a highly successful first full year. 2012 has seen significant growth in AGRODEP's membership and activity, with a full range of training courses and grant activities, two membership extensions, a new series of both working papers and technical notes, and extensive data portal and modeling activities. We thank everyone for their hard work and participation and look forward to even further member participation and

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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### Advanced CGE Modeling Course Held

AGRODEP held an advanced training course on [GAMS-Based Computable General Equilibrium Modeling](#) on December 3-5, 2012, a follow-up from the basic CGE course held in May. The course was taught by Helene Maisonnave, staff member at PEP Laval. Some participants have had this to say about the course:

*"The training has put me in a better position to start applying GAMS-based CGE in my future research projects."* [Nnaemeka Chukwuone](#)

collaboration with our network friends in 2013!

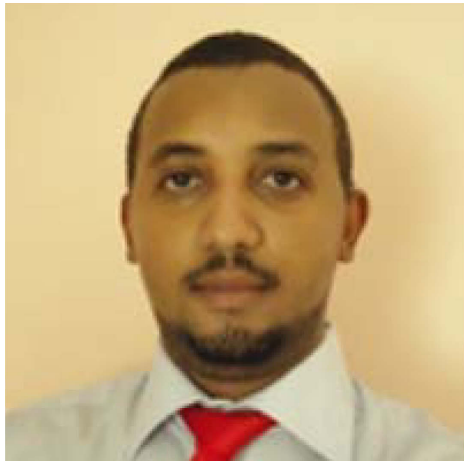
*" . . . This was an extremely valuable training course; it was truly an enriching experience."*

[Wachira Rhoda Gakuru](#)

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## FEATURED MEMBERS

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**Dawit Birhanu** is a citizen of Ethiopia. He has been an AGRODEP member since October 2010. At present, Dawit is pursuing a Ph.D. at George Washington University. Prior to that, Dawit worked for the African Development Bank where he provided the analytical base for African economic and financial development. He holds a B.A. degree in Economics from Addis Ababa University and



**Ibrahim Sulieman Mohamed Ismail** is a citizen of Sudan. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2011. At present, Ibrahim is an Assistant Professor at the University of Kordofan. In this position, he teaches undergraduate courses. Prior to his current position, Ibrahim worked at the University of Gedarif. He holds a B.A. degree in Agriculture from the University of Khartoum, as well as an M.A. and a Ph.D. in



**Nassim Oulmane** is a citizen of Algeria. He has been an AGRODEP member since October 2010. At present, Nassim is a Senior Economist at the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA). In this position, Nassim conducts research on regional integration, trade, and sustainable development. Before joining UNECA, Nassim worked for The French Forecasting Directorate. He holds a B.A. from the University of

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