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NEWS

[AGRODEP Announces Call for Innovative Research Grant Proposals](#)

AGRODEP recently announced a competitive call for its [Innovative Research grant series](#). The theme of this call is "Economic Growth and Development in Africa: Lessons from the Last 40 Years and Implications for Sustainability." The Innovative Research grant series is open only to AGRODEP members, and proposals should focus on understanding how individual factors have contributed to Africa's recent economic turn-around and how the region's recovery can be sustained and broadened to reach a wider number of ordinary Africans. Potential topics include, but are not limited to: agriculture's role in development, the link between agriculture and agro-industry, regional integration and global value chains, the natural resource curse, the economics of conflict, trade infrastructure, economic growth and education, economic growth and democracy, impact evaluation of development interventions and sectoral policies, and the potential impacts of climate change.

AGRODEP members are encouraged to submit collaborative proposals.

DEVELOPMENTS

[Steering Committee Virtual Meeting](#)

The AGRODEP [Steering Committee](#) (SC) held a virtual meeting on July 30. The meeting was attended by 12 SC members and covered such topics as the 2013 AGRODEP workplan and network activities. Participants also discussed several new membership activities, including new Affiliate Member and Friends of AGRODEP membership options. Finally, a presentation was given regarding the 2014 GTAP Conference, which will be hosted in Dakar in June 2014.

The AGRODEP Management Team will identify experts to act as mentors for each accepted proposal. Applications should be submitted [online](#) by September 30 and accepted proposals will be notified by the end of October.

Call for Gaps in Research Grant Proposals

The deadline for AGRODEP's second annual call for proposals for its [Gaps in Research grant series](#) is Friday, August 30. These grants support research on emerging issues in Africa that previously received little or no attention. The theme of this year's grant is "Barriers to the extension of agriculture and agroindustry in Africa." Priority will be given to proposals utilizing "outside-the-box" modeling and research. All researchers or research organizations within and outside of Africa are eligible to apply for this grant. Proposals must be submitted electronically to grants@agrodep.org. Selected proposals will be notified by September 30, 2013.

The [AGRODEP Steering Committee](#) provides advice to the AGRODEP Management Team regarding the Consortium's strategic activities.

Upcoming AGRODEP Training Courses

The next AGRODEP training course on [Applied Panel Data Econometrics](#) will be held from September 9-13 in Dakar, Senegal. The course will be instructed by Christopher Parmeter of the University of Miami. The schedule for the remaining 2013 training courses is available [here](#).

FEATURED MEMBERS



Dr. Olagunju Iyabo Funke is a citizen of Nigeria. She has been an AGRODEP member since November 2012. At present, Funke is a Lecturer at LAUTECH University. In this position, Funke lectures and conducts research on agribusiness and poverty measurement. She holds a B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso, Nigeria, an M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile - Ife, Nigeria, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile - Ife, Nigeria. She specializes in agribusiness.



Dr. Samba Mbaye is a citizen of Senegal. He has been an AGRODEP member since November 2012. At present, Samba is an Associate Assistant Professor at the Universite Gaston Berger de Saint Louis, Senegal. He holds a DEA in Applied Macroeconomics in from the Universite Gaston Berger de Saint Louis, an M.A. in Economics and Management from the Universite Gaston Berger de Saint Louis, and a Ph.D. from Clermont Ferrand University (CERDI), France. He specializes in applied econometrics.



Dr. Chahir R. Zaki is a citizen of Egypt. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2012. At present, Chahir is an Assistant Professor at the Cairo University. In this position, Chahir teaches and conducts research on trade policy. He holds a B.A. in Economics from Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, an M.A. in Economics from Université Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne, and a Ph.D. in Economics from Université Paris 1 Pantheon Sorbonne. His area of specialization is development economics.

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