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## NEWS

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### 2013 Grant Recipients Announced

AGRODEP is pleased to announce the selected proposals for the 2013 [Innovative Research](#) and [Gaps in Research](#) grants.

The theme for the 2013 Innovative Research grants was Economic Growth and Development in Africa: Lessons from the Last Forty Years and Implications for Its Sustainability. AGRODEP encouraged the submission of joint and collaborative proposals in order to increase members' networking activities. Special consideration was given to proposals with a CAADP agenda; after an initial review by the AGRODEP management team, the authors of 10 top proposals were invited to present at the 2013 Members' Workshop in November. Seven were then selected as fundable by all reviewers. AGRODEP congratulates the following members for having their proposal selected for funding: [Chahir Zaki](#) and Fida Karam ("Wars and Institutions: The Political Economy of International Trade in the MENA Region"); [Francois Joseph Cabral](#) ("Artificial Insemination, Livestock Productivity, and Economic Growth in Senegal"); [Joshua Ajetomobi](#), [Olusanya Ajakaiye](#), and Adeniyi Gbadegesin ("The Potential

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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### Feedback from Impact Evaluation Training Course

Part II of the [Impact Evaluation and Analysis of Development Interventions](#) training course was held from December 16-20. The course was organized by Tanguy Bernard of IFPRI and instructed by Clara Delavallade and Susan Godlonton of IFPRI. Ten AGRODEP members participated, and the course was very well received. Read [feedback](#) and view [pictures](#) from the course.

### 2014 Research Valorization Grants

Impact of Climate Change on Nigerian Agriculture"); [Mercyline Kamande](#) and [Nancy Nafula](#) ("Impact of ICT Projects on Price Disparities in Agricultural Markets: A Case of Selected Countries in East Africa"); [Abdoulaye Seck](#) ("Fertilizer Subsidy and Agricultural Productivity in Senegal"); [Richard Mulwa](#) ("Explaining Natural Resource Curse in Africa: The Role of Dutch Disease and Institutions"); [Francis Mulangu](#) and [Eugenie Maiga](#) ("Optimal Agro-Industry Policy: A Case Study of Ghana Cocoa Processing").

The theme for the 2013 Gaps in Research grants was Barriers to the Expansion of Agriculture and Agroindustry in Africa. Submitted proposals went through two rounds of review by internal and external reviewers. In the second round, proposals were divided among reviewers based on their areas of expertise: CGE- and PE-based proposals, impact evaluation-based proposals, value chain-based proposals, and other econometric-based proposals. Two proposals were selected as fundable; one received funding from an alternate source. AGRODEP congratulates the following members for having their proposal selected: [Blessing Chiripanhura](#) and Mogos Teweldemedhin ("Barriers to the expansion of the Fishing Industry in Namibia: Prospects for Growth and Diversification").

### **New Affiliate Member Status Created**

AGRODEP has recently created a new class of membership: Affiliate Membership. While actual AGRODEP membership is open only to African researchers based in Africa, Affiliate Membership is open to qualified African researchers who live and work outside of Africa, as well as to African and non-African researchers who work in international and CG centers within Africa.

Affiliate members will be able to access all AGRODEP resources (data and models), as well as contribute to the Consortium's activities through publications, trainings, and reviews. This new membership class will allow AGRODEP members who relocate out of Africa to continue to benefit from all the Consortium has to offer; it will also provide expanded

AGRODEP continues to accept applications for its [2014 Research Valorization grant series](#). These grants are available to all AGRODEP members and are designed to provide financial assistance for members to present their research at international conferences and workshops, as well as to pay publication submission fees. Members can also use research valorization grants to attend trainings. Applications for research valorization grants will be approved on a case-by-case basis; all applications must be clearly linked to AGRODEP activities such as training courses or models.

Interested members should submit an [online application form](#).

### **2014 Award for Excellence in Publications**

AGRODEP also continues to accept applications for its [2014 Award for Excellence in Publications](#). This award was created to provide an incentive and a reward for AGRODEP members who publish in top-ranking academic journals. Members can apply for the award by sending their publication to the AGRODEP management team, who

opportunities for members to network and collaborate with colleagues and experts outside of the Consortium.

Applications for Affiliate Membership are accepted year-round. Interested researchers can apply using the [online application form](#).

then make the decision in consultation with the AGRODEP Scientific Advisory Board (SAB). Publications must be linked to research undertaken under AGRODEP activities, such as training courses or grant programs.

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## FEATURED MEMBERS

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**Dr. Tabhita Nganga** is a citizen of Kenya. She has been an AGRODEP member since November 2012. At present, Tabitha is an Associate Professor at the University of Nairobi. She holds a BED In Economics and Business Studies from the School of Economics at the University of Nairobi, an M.A.



**Dr. Henry Okodua** is a citizen of Nigeria. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2013. At present, Henry is a Lecturer at the Covenant University. He holds a B.Sc. in Economics from the University of Ilorin, Nigeria, an M.Sc. in Economics from the University of



**Dr. Nadege Desiree Yameogo** is a citizen of Burkina Faso. She has been an AGRODEP member since November 2012. At present, Nadege is a Senior Research Economist at the African Development Bank. She holds a Graduate Degree in Economics from Université of Ouagadougou,

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