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NEWS

Annual Training Course and Member Satisfaction Survey

AGRODEP recently conducted its annual training course and member satisfaction survey. This survey is designed to gather feedback regarding AGRODEP's activities, as well as to evaluate members' interest in potential training courses for the coming year. A total of 67 AGRODEP participants have filled out the survey, and the results are currently under review. The survey will be used to make improvements to AGRODEP's website and networking activities, as well as to select additional 2014 training courses based on their usefulness to members' professional development. The remaining 2014 training courses will be announced soon.

2014 GTAP Conference Reminder

Registration for the [2014 GTAP Conference](#), to be held in Dakar from June 18-20, is open until April 15; participants who register after that date will incur an additional late registration fee. The cost for full-time students and current residents of Africa is \$150. Participants will need to create a

DEVELOPMENTS

Feedback from Poverty Measurement and Analysis Course

The [Poverty Measurement and Analysis](#) training course was held from January 8-10 in Dakar. The course was instructed by John Gibson of the Waikato Management School. Thirteen AGRODEP members participated, and the course was very well received. Read [feedback](#) and view [pictures](#) from the course.

Upcoming 2014 Training Course

The next 2014 AGRODEP training course will be held from April 7-11

free account on the GTAP website in order to register; this can be done [here](#). Further information regarding visa requirements, conference venue, and lodging and transportation can be found on the [conference webpage](#).

The 2014 GTAP Conference is co-organized by AGRODEP and Center for Global Trade Analysis. Conference sponsors and partners include the CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions and Markets (PIM), IFPRI's Food Security Portal, The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, The World Bank, and The World Trade Organization. The theme of this year's conference is "New Challenges in Food Policy, Trade, and Economic Vulnerability."

Updated Member Profiles

The AGRODEP management team has recently asked members to include their CVs on their AGRODEP web profiles, as well as links to their Google Scholar and Research Gate accounts. These updates will allow members to more easily network and collaborate with their colleagues both within and outside of AGRODEP. Additionally, they will provide important metrics regarding members' publications and citations. Profiles are currently being updated by the AGRODEP web team.

in Dakar. The [Assessing Crop Production, Nutrient Management, Climatic Risk, and Environmental Sustainability with Simulation Models](#) training course will be instructed by Gerrit Hoogenboom of AgWeather Net and Washington State University and Jawoo Koo of IFPRI. The course will familiarize participants with the simulation of crop growth and yield, soil and plant water, nutrient, and carbon dynamics, and their application to real-world climatic challenges. Specifically, the course will utilize the DSSAT Cropping System Model (CSM), a general cropping system model for simulating crop growth and development and soil and plant water, nitrogen, and carbon dynamics.

FEATURED MEMBERS



Dr. Miracle Benhura is a citizen of Zimbabwe. She has been an AGRODEP member since November 2012. At present, Miracle is a Senior Lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, where she teaches and conducts research. She holds a B.Sc. in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe, an M.Sc. in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Cape Town. She specializes in health, education, and welfare economics. Her research interests include labor, the economics of gender inequalities, education, migration, and poverty analysis.



Dr. Francis Mulangu is a citizen of the Democratic Republic of Congo. He has been an AGRODEP member since November 2012. At present, Francis is an Agricultural Economist at the African Center for Economic Transformation where he conducts research on agricultural transformation and trade. Before joining the ACET, Francis worked for the Center for Farmland Policy Innovation at The Ohio State University. He holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of North Texas, an M.A. in Economics from The Ohio State University, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics from The Ohio State University. He specializes in agribusiness.



Dr. Philip Olasupo Alege is a citizen of Nigeria. He has been an AGRODEP member since April, 2013. At the present, Philip is an Associate Professor and currently Head of the Department of Economics and Development Studies at Covenant University. In this position, Philip teaches economics and conducts research. Before joining Covenant University, Philip was appointed Special Adviser/Chief of Staff to the Senator of Oyo. He holds a B.Sc. from Universite Libre de Bruxelles, an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Econometrics from Universite Libre de Bruxelles. He is specialized in development economics.

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