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NEWS

2014 Innovative Research Grant Launched

AGRODEP has launched its annual competitive grant call for proposals on "[Innovative Research](#)." Proposals for this grant are only accepted from current AGRODEP members. The theme of this call is "Linking Country Policies to Agricultural Development Outcomes."

Under this theme, research projects may focus on any topic and policy that is at a stage of implementation where it can be evaluated. Some suggested topics include trade policies, agricultural policies, and climate change. Specific policies chosen for analysis should fall under the general topic. Analyses can be conducted on any African countries or regions, but AGRODEP strongly encourages research on policies in one or more of the following countries: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Malawi, Mozambique, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Benin, Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Togo.

AGRODEP encourages members to submit joint proposals, particularly with members from other countries.

Proposals must be submitted by December 1, 2014.

More information on this call along with guidelines and application instructions are available on the [AGRODEP website](#).

DEVELOPMENTS

Remaining 2014 Training Courses

Due to the ongoing Ebola situation in West Africa, AGRODEP is rescheduling the remaining 2014 training courses.

The [Productivity and Efficiency Analysis](#) course, to be taught by Christopher Parmeter of the University of Miami, has been rescheduled for December 15-19, 2014 at the University of Pretoria in South Africa.

The course on the [Evaluation of Public Policies](#) is still scheduled for December 8-10, 2014 at the University of Pretoria. AGRODEP is currently accepting applications from members through October 31, 2014.

[Applied Microeconometrics](#) and [Applied Panel Data Econometrics](#) are still in the process of being rescheduled.

FEATURED MEMBERS



Dr. Tendai Gwatidzo is a citizen of Zimbabwe. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2012. At present, Tendai is a Senior Lecturer at Witwatersrand University's School of Economic and Business Sciences. In this position, Tendai teaches and researches in different sub-disciplines of economics. Before joining Witwatersrand University, Tendai worked for the International Labour Organization. He holds a B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe, an M.A. degree in Economics from Oslo University, Norway, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. His research interests include applied microeconomics, economy-wide modeling, social protection, financial economics and development economics.



Dr. Prudence Kwenda is a citizen of Zimbabwe. She has been an AGRODEP member since November 2012. At present, Prudence is a Lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand in Zimbabwe. She holds a B.Sc. in Economics from the University of Zimbabwe, an M.A. in Economics from University College Dublin, and a Ph.D. in Economics from University College Dublin. She specializes in development economics. Her research interests include development and labor economics.



Dr. Olawale Olayide is a citizen of Nigeria. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2013. Olawale is a Research Fellow and Coordinator of the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Program at the University of Ibadan, Centre for Sustainable Development. Before joining the University of Ibadan, Olawale worked for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (Research Fellow) and at the International Food Policy Research Institute as a Consultant. He holds a B.Sc., an M.Sc., and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. He specializes in agricultural production and technology. His research interests include agricultural production, welfare analysis, impact analysis, and sustainable development analysis.