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NEWS

FORTHCOMING TRAINING COURSES

AGRODEP is pleased to announce the following list of eight (8) training courses that will be offered in 2012. These eight courses are the most preferred by AGRODEP members out of eighteen (18) that were proposed to them in a survey conducted in September 2011. The exact dates of the last four courses listed below will be determined later.

- March 13-15: <u>Building and Updating a Social Accounting Matrix</u>: three days/Ismael Fofana, IFPRI, Senegal.
- April 23-26: <u>Poverty Measurement and Analysis</u>: four days/Philippe Van Kerm and Anne-Claire Thomas, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium.
- May 14-25: GAMS-based Computable General Equilibrium
 Modeling (basic): nine days/Véronique Robichaud, Université Laval, Canada.
- **September 24-28:** <u>Panel Data Econometrics</u>: five days/Rembert de Blander, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium.
- September: <u>Household Surveys Data: Sampling and Processing</u>: three days/Carlo Azzari & Melanie Bacou, IFPRI, USA.
- October: Impact Evaluation & Analysis of Development Interventions: five days/Bernard Tanguy, IFPRI, Senegal.
- November: <u>GAMS-based Computable General Equilibrium</u> <u>Modeling</u>(*advanced*): three days/Véronique Robichaud, Université Laval, Canada.
- **December:** <u>Multicountry and Multisector General Equilibrium</u>
 <u>Analysis (MIRAGRODEP)</u>: three days/David Laborde & Antoine Bouet, IFPRI, USA.

2011 MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

In order to better respond to AGRODEP members' needs, AGRODEP pays close attention to members' active involvement in various consortium activities and generates periodic reports. Since its launch in October 2010, most AGRODEP members have been actively using various communications and networking tools to exchange information and ideas with each other, including Members' Open Atrium and the new tools in the AGRODEP website launched in October 2011.

DEVELOPMENTS

AGRODEP IN SOCIAL MEDIA

AGRODEP is now available in popular social media. These will allow you to expand your professional network in AGRODEP inked in. Let your friends know that you belong to the AGRODEP facebook group, and like () the AGRODEP Facebook page. Tweet over any issue @AGRODEP and share your presentations in AGODEP webspece. You can find all links to social media at the bottom of AGRODEP web portal (www.agrodep.org).

THE UCAD-FASEG WORKSHOP

On December 15-16, 2011, Antoine Bouet and David Laborde from IFPRI Washington D.C. were invited to represent AGRODEP at a workshop organized jointly by the Université Cheikh Anta Diop (UCAD) and IFPRI in Dakar, Senegal.

The conference brought together university students and experts from public and research institutions to exchange ideas on emerging global economic changes and their implications for and economic growth and food security strategies in African countries.

FEATURED MEMBERS



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