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Events

The [second annual workshop of AGRODEP members](#) will be held from June 6-8, 2011 at the Novotel Hotel in Dakar, Senegal. In this three-day workshop, AGRODEP members will give brief presentations on their research. In addition, there will be sessions focusing on three current and emerging research topics: [Climate Change](#), [Food Prices and Price Volatility](#), and Foreign Direct Investment in Land. The sessions will include presentations by leading researchers on these topics, focusing on the state of the art methodologies and tools used to quantitatively address issues in these broad areas. The following speakers have been invited to present at the workshop:

Climate Change

- [Syud Amer Ahmed](#), World Bank, Washington D.C.
- [Alessandro de Pinto](#), IFPRI, Washington D.C.
- [Ismael Fofana](#), IFPRI-Dakar, Senegal
- [David Laborde](#), IFPRI, Washington D.C.
- [Aline Mosnier](#), International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria
- [Erwin Schmid](#), International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg, Austria
- [David Zilberman](#), University of California, Berkley

Food Prices and Price Volatility

- [Maros Ivanic](#), World Bank, Washington D.C.
- [Carlos Martins-Filho](#), IFPRI, Washington D.C.
- [Nicholas Minot](#), IFPRI, Uganda
- [Miguel Robles](#), IFPRI, Washington D.C.
- [Maximo Torero](#), IFPRI, Washington D.C.

Foreign Direct Investment in Land

- [Ousmane Badiane](#), IFPRI, Washington D.C.
- [Bernard Decaluwe](#), Université Laval, Québec, Canada
- [Jo Swinnen](#), Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
- [David Zilberman](#), University of California, Berkley

News

In April 2011, AGRODEP extended its membership from twenty seven to fifty six members coming from twenty one different countries of Africa. The membership enables African researchers to enjoy free access to cutting-edge economic research tools, data, and training as well as contribute to the consortium's further development. In addition, members become part of a large network of researchers and experts from Africa and beyond.

AGRODEP members come from various research institutions and universities in Africa. Their research interests and experience are quite diverse and include among others natural resource management, climate change, energy efficiency, food security and nutrition, livestock economics, labor economics, tourism economics, micro-econometrics, international trade, economic modeling, regional integration, agricultural policy and agribusiness development, gender, poverty, inequality, impact evaluation, credit risk modeling, public spending, and health care financing.

Featured Members



Nnaemeka Chukwuone is a citizen of Nigeria and has been an AGRODEP member since October 2010. He is a Senior Research Fellow/Senior Lecturer at the Centre for Entrepreneurship and Development Research and Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nigeria, Nsukka where he conducts research in economic development and environmental and natural resources conservation and teaches undergraduate courses in Agricultural Economics. Previously, he worked at the Bioresources Development and Conservation Programme. He holds a BA degree in Crop Science from University of Nigeria and an MA and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the same university. His research interests include food policy, economic development, environmental and resource economics and rural finance.



Nadia Belhaj Hassine is a citizen of Tunisia. An AGRODEP member since October 2010, Nadia is a Senior Economist at the Economic Research Forum. In this position, she leads a project on inequality and poverty in the Arab region and conducts research on rural and agricultural development. Before her current position, Nadia worked at the University of Economics and Management of Nabeul in Tunisia (FSEGN). She holds a BA degree in Finance from Institut des Hautes Etudes de Carthage (IHEC), Carthage, Tunisia, an MA in Quantitative Methods from the University of Economics and Management of Tunis (FSEGT), and a Ph.D. Economics from the University of Social Science of Toulouse in France UT1. Her research interests include Agricultural economics, poverty and inequality, environment, Micro and Macro modeling.



Wachira Rhoda Gakuru is a citizen of Kenya and has been an AGRODEP member since October 2010. At present, Rhoda is a Policy Analyst at the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA). In this position, she conducts research on macroeconomic issues, poverty, growth and Income inequality. Before joining Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis, Rhoda worked for the United Kingdom Department for Transport. She holds a BSC degree in Economics from University of Leicester, United Kingdom and an MSC in Economics from University of Warwick, UK. Her research interests include fiscal policy, poverty, growth, and income inequality.