

## NEWS

### LAUNCH OF THE NEW AGRODEP WEBSITE

We are pleased to announce the release of the new AGRODEP website, [www.agrodep.org](http://www.agrodep.org). The Website includes new features that will serve the current and future needs of the AGRODEP Modeling Consortium. It serves as the portal for the economic [MODELS](#) that will be developed for AGRODEP members, as well as for the library of [DATA](#) and related resources that AGRODEP is bringing together from various sources.

It provides data visualization tools ([MAP](#)), a [WIKI](#) space for scientific exchange and collaborative documentation, and a [RESOURCES](#) library that provides access to AGRODEP publications, presentations, training materials, and much more. The website has a French interface and provides information on upcoming and past [EVENTS](#) and announcements, and facilitates [NETWORK](#) activities among AGRODEP members, staff, partners, and governance groups.

Also, all previous issues of the [AGRODEP Newsletter](#) are archived in the AGRODEP Publications and Resources Library.



## DEVELOPMENTS

### TRAINING PROGRAMS

AGRODEP has designed training programs for members for the period from October 2011 to June 2012. The initiative seeks to give [AGRODEP Members](#) access to a set of high quality tools that can be used to address research needs in response to demand emanating from country and regional level priorities. The Consortium's goal is to support young scientists, upgrade skills of Consortium members, and promote technical and methodological innovations to ensure that the Consortium remains a world class entity. To do this, AGRODEP conducted a survey among its members to prioritize their training needs from a list of eighteen different types of training courses. The survey results indicate the members' strong preference for six of the 18 training courses.

### NEW STAFF

AGRODEP welcomes new staff member Fousseini TRAORE who is a Post-Doctoral Fellow based in [IFPRI](#), Washington DC.

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## FEATURED MEMBERS

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**Godwin Anjeinu ABU** is a citizen of Nigeria. An AGRODEP member since April 2011, Godwin is a Researcher at the University of Agriculture, Makurdi, Nigeria where he teaches and conducts research on extension services. He holds a B.A. and M.A. degree in Agriculture Economics from Ahmadu Belle University, Nigeria and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the same University.



**Cheikh Sadibou Fall** is a citizen of Senegal. An AGRODEP member since October 2010, Sadibou is a Research Engineer at ISRA. In this position, Sadibou conducts research on agricultural trade and biofuels. He holds a B.A. degree in Economics from Universite de Reims Champagne Ardenne, France and an M.A. in Economics and statistics from Universite Libre de Bruxelles, Belgium.



**Patience Mlongo Mshenga** is a citizen of Kenya. She has been an AGRODEP member since April 2011. Patience is a Senior Lecturer at the Egerton University where she teaches undergraduate and postgraduate students, and conducts research. She holds a B.A. Degree in Agribusiness Management from Egerton University of Nairobi, as well as a Ph.D. in Agribusiness Management from Egerton University.