

THE 17TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC ANALYSIS - GTAP

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GTAP network:

- GTAP Global Trade Analysis Project, based in Purdue University (US).
- Supported by a Consortium of 28 national and international agencies: in particular IFPRI, the OECD, the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, several United Nations agencies, the European Commission, and so on.
- Individual government agencies from the United States, Japan, Australia, Germany, France, The Netherlands and Denmark also participate.

- In short, this group is a virtual "Who's Who" in global trade policy analysis (also works on agriculture and development).
- The broader network of economists working with GTAP includes more than 9,700 individuals, in more than 161 countries (see: https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/network/member_list.as
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- The annual conference brings together economists and policy makers from around the world with common interest in economy-wide analysis of global trade and environmental policies.
- Recent conferences have been held in Finland (2008), Chile (2009), Malaysia (2010), Italy (2011), Switzerland (2012), and China (2013).

- IFPRI (and AGRODEP) organizes this conference on June 2014
- 2nd time the GTAP Annual Conference is hosted in Africa (Addis Ababa 2006)
- 1st time the GTAP Annual Conference is hosted in West Africa.
- A lot of expectations concerning this conference held in Dakar, Senegal
- Objective: linking the GTAP network with African economists/PhD students, in particular AGRODEP members, but also African economists from AERC, FANRPAN, CORAF, ASARECA, ECOWAS, COMESA, ... and from national institutes

- Proposed Thematic Focus
 - The proposed overall theme of the conference is:
 - "New Challenges in Food Policy, Trade, and Economic Vulnerability."

- Nine subthemes:
- International trade and food security;
- International trade and finance;
- Foreign Direct Investment in land and land markets;
- The impact of demographic transition and population ageing on the world economy;
- Trade, environment, natural resources, and sustainable development;
- The impact of the internet and new technological innovations on global trade;
- The interaction between global trade, poverty, income distribution, inequality, and development;
- The integration of Africa into the world trade system;
- The potential for Africa to "feed the world."

3 Plenary Sessions

- Session 1: Economic growth and development in Africa: lessons from the last fourty years.
- Njuguna Ndung'u (Governor of Central Bank of Kenya and Professor of Economics – University of Nairobi): Confirmed
- Jean Paul Azam Toulouse School of Economics Confirmed

Session 2: Academic session

Trade : James Anderson, Boston University, confirmed

Climate Change: James Edmonds (University of Maryland/PNNL)

 Session 3: Building modeling and analytical capacities in Africa

- Ousmane Badiane IFPRI/AGRODEP confirmed
- Joe Cockburn or Bernard Decaluwe from PEP; confirmed

Special sessions

- International Trade and Food Security
 (Maximo Torero and Antoine Bouet)
- The economics of conflicts and civil war
- Education and development
- Transportation corridors and Trade in Africa
- Land use and Foreign Direct Investment
- Close relations between the topics of plenary sessions and special sessions and topics of grants for innovative research and grants for gaps in research

- LOGISTICS
- Responsible Party: IFPRI
- Venue: the proposed venue is the King Fahd Palace Hotel (formerly Le Meridien President Hotel) in Dakar, Senegal.
 - The hotel is located about 20 km west of the city of Dakar and about 5 km west of the Dakar Airport, at La Pointe des Almadies on the Cap-Vert Peninsula.
 - It has 374 rooms and suites, 6000 m2 of conference and banqueting facilities, and an integrated large conference center.
- Address:
- King Fahd Palace Hotel
- Pointe des Almadies
- BP 8181, Dakar, Senegal
- Phone: +221 33 869 69 69 (Senegal)
- 1-800-543-4300 (United States)
- Fax: (221) (33) 8696924
- Email address: <u>conference.dakar@kingfahdpalacehotels.com</u>
- Website: http://www.kingfahdpalacehotels.com/

- We expect:
 - > 250 participants,
 - Amongst them:
 - 50 students from Doctoral programs of the Dakar University
 Université Cheick Antia Diop and from other universities in West Africa (Ouagadougou, Lome, Gambia, ...)
 - » 100 African economists.
- Sponsorship from:
 - IFPRI FSP
 - IFPRI PIM
 - the World Bank (WB)
- Funding of the participation of African Scholars/PhD students by:
 - AGRODEP
 - ASARECA ?
 - CORAF?
 - FARNPAN ?
 - UNECA ?
 - WTO ?
 - Other institutions (African Union, AfDB, ...)?

Thank you for your attention!