

AGRODEP: Overview of 2011 Activities

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- AGRODEP:
 - promote access to state-of-the-art economic modeling tools;
 - facilitate access to existing datasets and improve the quality of such datasets;
 - and support collaboration among African researchers and their peers outside Africa.

- AGRODEP: one year and half of activity
- Significant progress has been made
- A lot remains to be done

- Significant progress was made since October 2010:
 - Organization of the management team and governance bodies;
 - Selection of 55 African researchers as members and setting up of membership guidelines;
 - Inception workshop (October 2010) and Members' Meeting and Workshop (June 2011);
 - Recruitment of additional research and communications support staff;
 - Launch of the official AGRODEP website (www.agrodep.org) in October 2011;
 - Launch of the AGRODEP Newsletter and the Quarterly Update series;
 - Launch of the AGRODEP Grants Program;
 - Launch of the AGRODEP Discussion Paper series...
 - *This list is not exhaustive !*

AGRODEP GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

○ **Steering Committee:**

- **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Co- Chair, *IFPRI, Washington D.C., U.S.A.*
- **Dr. Lindiwe Sibanda**, Co-Chair, Steering Committee, *FANRPAN*,

○ **Scientific Advisory Board**

- **Dr. Maximo Torero**, Co- Chair, *IFPRI, Washington D.C., U.S.A.*
- **Prof. Bernard Decaluwé**, Co-Chair, *Université Laval, Québec, Canada*

○ **Network Advisory Committee:**

- **Dr. Michael Waithaka** (Co-Chair), *ASARECA, Entebbe, Uganda*
- **Mbène Dièye Faye** (Co-Chair), *CORAF-WECARD, Dakar, Sénégal*

○ **Project Manager**

- **Prof. Antoine Bouët**, *IFPRI, Washington D.C., U.S.A. and University of Montesquieu Bordeaux IV, Bordeaux, France*

○ **Project Manager**

- **Dr. Betina Dimaranan**, *IFPRI, Washington D.C., U.S.A.*

AGRODEP GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Components management structure:

- **The AGRODEP Data Component**
 - **Dr. Betina Dimaranan**, Project Manager and Data Coordinator
*International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI),
Washington D.C., U.S.A.*

- **The AGRODEP Modeling Component**
 - **Dr. David Laborde Debucquet**, Models Coordinator
*International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI),
Washington D.C., U.S.A.*

- **The AGRODEP Network Component**
 - **Dr. Ismaël Fofana**, Network Coordinator
International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Dakar

OVERALL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT TEAM
 - *Staffing*
 - *AGRODEP Website*
 - *Committee and Management Team Guidelines*
 - *Cross-Component Collaboration*

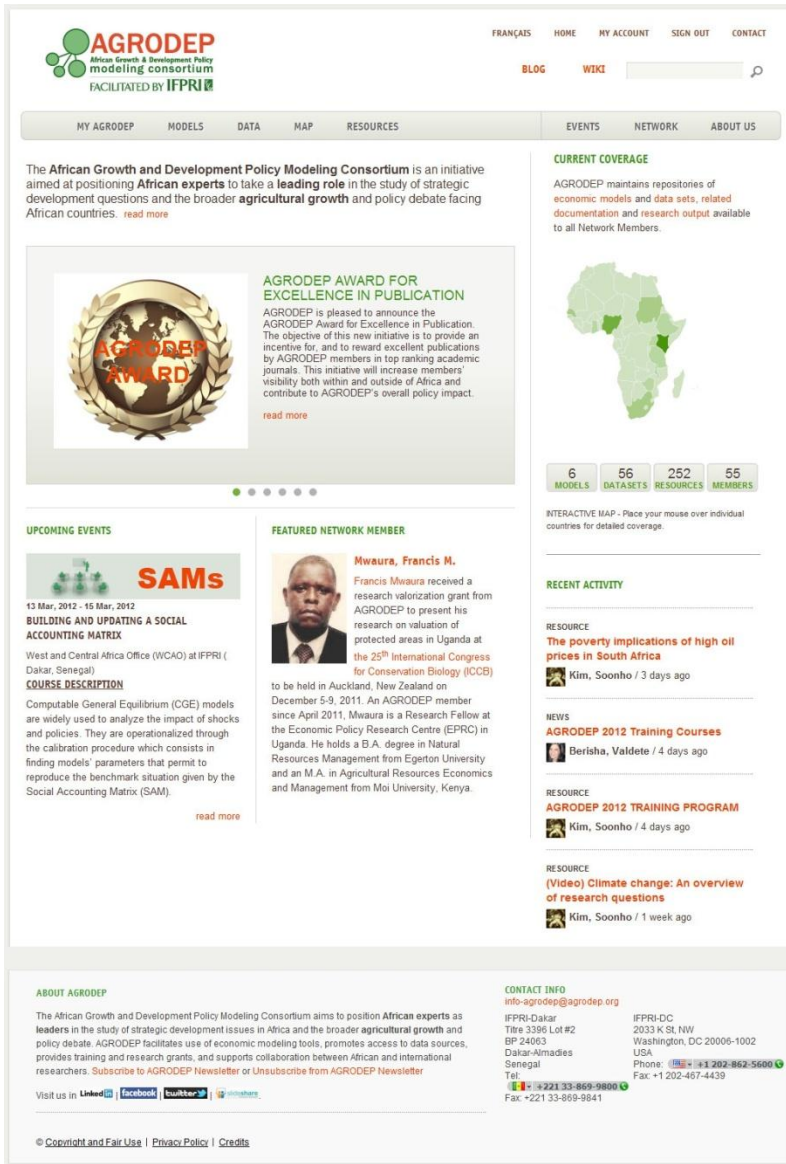
OVERALL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

○ STAFFING

- *Fousseini Traore* – Post Doctoral Fellow – DC Office
- *Lacina Balma* – Senior Research Assistant - Dakar office
- *Yuan Gao* – Senior Research Assistant – DC Office
- *Alimatou Diop* - Network Research Assistant - Dakar office
- *Soonho Kim* – Web Portal Specialist – DC Office

OVERALL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- AGRODEP WEBSITE
- Developed with the help of Soonho Kim



The screenshot shows the AGRODEP website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'FRANÇAIS', 'HOME', 'MY ACCOUNT', 'SIGN OUT', and 'CONTACT'. Below this is a search bar with 'BLOG' and 'WIKI' buttons. A secondary navigation bar contains 'MY AGRODEP', 'MODELS', 'DATA', 'MAP', 'RESOURCES', 'EVENTS', 'NETWORK', and 'ABOUT US'. The main content area features a central article titled 'AGRODEP AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLICATION' with a gold award icon. To the right, there is a 'CURRENT COVERAGE' section with a map of Africa and statistics: 6 MODELS, 56 DATASETS, 252 RESOURCES, and 55 MEMBERS. Below this are sections for 'UPCOMING EVENTS' (featuring 'SAMs' on 13 Mar, 2012 - 15 Mar, 2012) and 'FEATURED NETWORK MEMBER' (featuring Francis M. Mwaura). The bottom of the page includes an 'ABOUT AGRODEP' section, a 'CONTACT INFO' section with address and phone numbers, and social media links for LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter.

- **AGRODEP WEBSITE**

Visits

Jan 1, 2012 - Jan 31, 2012



Dec 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2011



Unique Visitors

Jan 1, 2012 - Jan 31, 2012



Dec 1, 2011 - Dec 31, 2011



- **COMMITTEE AND MANAGEMENT TEAM
GUIDELINES**

- Defining guidelines and rules of functioning of
 - The Scientific Advisory Board
 - The Steering Committee
 - The Network Advisory Committee

Defining matrix of responsibilities and rules of functioning for the AGRODEP Management Team

Betina Dimaranan, Project Manager, responsible for the operational aspects of the project

Antoine Bouet, Project Manager, responsible for the scientific aspects of the project

OVERALL PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- **CROSS-COMPONENT COLLABORATION**
 - Elaboration of a detailed agenda of training
 - Design the contracts and rules for the grant mechanisms during and launch of the three grant windows
 - Design and launch the AGRODEP Bulletin
 - Proposal to host the 2014 GTAP conference
 - Implementation of the AGRODEP Award for Excellence in Publication
 - Outreach and Communication plan

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- **Component 1: A Shared Modeling Infrastructure**
 - *To be presented by Dr. David Laborde Debucquet*
- **Component 2: A Common Database Platform**
 - *To be presented by Dr. Betina Dimaranan*
- **Component 3: A Network of Members/Experts**
 - *To be presented by Dr. Ismael Fofana*
- **Concluding remarks**
 - *To be presented by Dr. Betina Dimaranan*