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NEWS

New Working Papers Released

The AGRODEP has released three new [working papers](#) in October. [“The Potential Impact of Climate Change on Nigerian Agriculture”](#), written by Joshua Ajetomobi, Olusanya Ajakaiye, and Adeniyi Gbadegesin, examines how extreme weather conditions impact the yield mean and variance of 18 major food crops in Nigeria across a 42-year period. In [“How Did Wars Dampen Trade in the MENA Region”](#), Chahir Zaki finds that in general, armed conflicts have a negative impact on exports and imports and that civil conflicts in particular hinder overall trade. [“Rising Global Food Prices and Price Variability: A Blessing or a Curse for Global Food Supply”](#) by Mekbib Haile looks at the response of global aggregate acreage of selected major crops (rice, corn, soybeans, and wheat) to international prices and price variability.

New Technical Note and Toolbox

The [Consistent Policy Aggregator Toolbox](#), available in the [Model Library](#), can help users perform their own aggregation and tariff reduction simulations to examine trade reform policies. A [new technical note](#) provides the user guide for this tool.

DEVELOPMENTS

2015 Training Course Dates

Two training courses remain in 2015. The first, [“Evaluation of Public Policies”](#), will be held from October 28-30 and instructed by Guy Lacroix of Laval University. This course will introduce participants to the latest methodological developments in the evaluation of public policies and will provide hands-on experience with Stata or R software, as well as with survey data.

The second course, [“Applied Microeconometrics”](#), has been rescheduled to December 7-10. This course will be instructed by Manuel Hernandez of IFPRI and will provide participants with a wide range of up-to-date statistical and econometric techniques for use in analyzing microeconomic data. The course will focus on microeconomic methods available in Stata and will emphasize the rationale behind the various methods, as well as their implementation and the interpretation of their results.

FEATURED MEMBERS



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