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## NEWS

### Two New Books Edited by AGRODEP Members

*Developing Sustainable Food Systems, Policies, and Securities*, edited by AGRODEP members Elijah Adiodun Obayelu and Oluwakemi Adeola Obayelu and published by IGI International, aims to provide information on proven options for enhancing sustainable food security and identifying opportunities and actions for exploiting cross-sectoral synergies. The book consists of a collection of research studies that guide the development of sustainable food systems in practice through an integrated food policy. It also investigates the impacts of natural and environmental resources, capacity building, gender, migration, and remittances on sustainable food systems.

The findings suggest the need to move beyond silos by fostering cross-sectoral collaboration and integration among food and agricultural policymakers, those involved in agro-food sustainability, and food security researchers. Addressing the problems of the food system through policy change demands the full recognition of the interrelationships among diet, food production, ecosystems, public health, and human rights. Key messages and recommendations from the book are summarized [here](#).

*The Palgrave Handbook of Agricultural and Rural Development in Africa*, edited by AGRODEP member Evans Osabuohien, offers an in-depth exploration of agricultural and rural development in Africa from theoretical, empirical, and policy standpoints. It gives a robust treatise on the developmental issues that need to be tackled in rural areas' agricultural transformation processes and accentuates the importance of Africa's agricultural sector for the region's food sustainability, poverty reduction, employment creation, and value chain development. The book, written by 63 authors from academia, industry, and policy spaces, also examines the interconnectedness of the different issues impacting agricultural and rural development in Africa.

As summarized [here](#), the book provides several key messages and policy suggestions for harnessing the potential of agricultural and rural development in Africa including in the areas of employment creation and development; agricultural finance, technology, and development; agro-industrialisation and development; land access and household livelihood; and food security and agricultural value chain development.

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