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NEWS

2012 AGRODEP Special Call for Membership

The fourth round of AGRODEP membership extension was launched on October 1, 2012 and has already attracted a large number of high quality applicants from throughout Africa. New members will be selected based on a combination of factors, including their level of education, experience, and technical skills. Increasing membership will contribute to the Consortium's objective of mobilizing a critical mass of modeling experts within Africa's policy research and analysis community. **This special round of membership extension strongly encourages applications from researchers who are engaged in or are strongly interested in learning more about impact evaluation.**

AGRODEP membership is offered exclusively to African researchers living in Africa. Members gain free access to cutting-edge economic research tools, data, and training as well as opportunities to apply for competitive research grants.

Competitive grant proposals to address gaps in research

On May 22, 2012, AGRODEP launched its first call for grant proposals to cover [gaps in research](#). This series of grants supports research regarding emerging issues in Africa that have previously received little or no attention. The selected topic for this year was "**Foreign Direct Investment in Land (FDI), Land Markets and Land Institutions, and Development of the Agricultural Sector in Africa**". AGRODEP received a total of 75 proposals in this call. Due to the high number of applicants and the high caliber of each proposal, the selection process took longer than initially anticipated. Each proposal was read and evaluated thoroughly with conformity to the requirements of the call and progressed to quality of the

DEVELOPMENTS

2012 SAB and SC Meetings

The [Scientific Advisory Board](#) (SAB) and [The Steering Committee](#) (SC) will hold their annual meeting on November 12, 2012 at the IFPRI WCA Office in Dakar, Senegal. This year's meetings will provide the opportunity for one AGRODEP member to act as guest speaker and present his or her research before the committees.

The role of the SAB is to offer expert advice to the Consortium on scientific topics and approaches, as well as institutions within and outside Africa that contribute to AGRODEP's objectives. The SC guides AGRODEP on key matters of policy, operational issues, and resource mobilization.

2012 Members' Workshop

The 2012 Members' Workshop will be held on November 13, 2012, following the SAB and SC Meetings. The workshop

project team, level of innovation in the project, and reliability of methodology. At the end of the selection process, three proposals were selected to receive a grant to fill a gap in the research topic:

- Smallholders and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Land: A case study of Zambia (Project team: Jann Lay and Kacana Sipangule)
- Globalisation of Production, Agro-Food Supply Chains and Agribusiness Models: Exploring the structural effects of Large Scale Land acquisitions in Southern Africa (Project team: Tinashe Kapuya, Ward Anseeuw, Ferdi Meyer and Johann Kirsten)
- Water grabbing in Africa (Project team: Paolo D'Odorico and Maria Cristina Rulli)

will bring together AGRODEP members and other participants, including guest reviewers and members of the AGRODEP [Network Advisory Committee](#) (NAC). The workshop will include sessions on Trade and Climate Change and will provide members with an opportunity to discuss their ongoing research, exchange ideas, and attend expert sessions. This year's meeting will also provide the winners of last year's [Grants for Innovative Research](#) an opportunity to present their findings and progress thus far.

FEATURED MEMBERS



Joseph François Cabral is a citizen of Senegal. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2011. At present, Cabral is Lecturer and Researcher at the University Of Cheikh Anta Diop Of Dakar and the Consortium Pour La Recherche Economique et Sociale (CRES). In this position, Cabral is a scientific



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Emily Awuor Ouma is a citizen of Kenya. She has been an AGRODEP member since April, 2011. At present, Emily is a Scientist at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) where she conducts economic research with the CIALCA Project. Before joining IITA, she worked for

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