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## NEWS

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### New AGRODEP Members Announced

AGRODEP is pleased to announce its [35 new members](#), who joined the Consortium in March 2013 as part of AGRODEP's fifth call for membership. This brings total AGRODEP membership to 153 researchers from 27 countries. The newest members represent 14 countries and a wide range of experience, research interests, and skills. As with previous rounds of membership extension, the new members were selected based on the level and nature of their technical skills, as well as their publications and work experience.

### 2014 GTAP Conference

In June 2014, IFPRI will host the 17th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis in Dakar, Senegal. The theme of the 2014 Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) Conference will be "New Challenges in Food Policy, Trade, and Economic Vulnerability." This will mark the first time that the GTAP Annual Conference is held in West Africa and will

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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### 2013 Training Courses

The first two 2013 AGRODEP training courses were held in Dakar, Senegal in May: [Impact Evaluation and Analysis of Development Interventions \(Part 1\)](#) and [Economic Impact of High Food Prices Using Micro Data](#). Fourteen AGRODEP members participated in the course on impact evaluation, while 11 members participated in the course on the economic impact of high food prices. Both courses were well received, with participants providing very positive feedback about both the instructors and the

provide an important opportunity for African researchers to meet and network with high-level academics and economists from around the world.

### Ongoing AGRODEP Activities

Throughout the year, AGRODEP conducts a number of [ongoing activities](#) for its members. The bilingual [Working Paper Series](#) gives members the opportunity to enhance the visibility of their work and contribute to the policy dialogue surrounding African growth and development. The [Research Valorization Grant](#) program provides financial assistance for AGRODEP members to present their research at international conferences and to submit papers for publication. Finally, all AGRODEP members with recent journal publications linked to AGRODEP activities are eligible to apply for the [Award for Excellence in Publications](#), which rewards members' highly ranked publications and provides an incentive for further publications throughout the year.

materials. (View [feedback](#) from the course on Impact Evaluation.) Pictures from both courses can be found in the [AGRODEP photo gallery](#).

The next AGRODEP training course will be held on July 1-3 in Burkina Faso. It will be on [Evaluation of Public Policies](#) and will be taught by Guy Lacroix of Laval University. The course will cover recent methodological developments in the evaluation of public policies, with an emphasis on techniques that can address issues of endogeneity and selectivity. View the [full 2013 training course schedule](#).

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## FEATURED MEMBERS

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**Dr. Fanwell Kenala Bokosi** is a citizen of Malawi. He has been an AGRODEP member since April, 2012. At present, Fanwell is a Policy Advisor at the AFRODAD (African Forum and Network on Debt and Development). In this position, Fanwell conducts Policy Research and Analysis on Economic Governance and Development Aid. Before joining AFRODAD, Fanwell worked for Save the Children UK. He holds a B.Sc. in Applied Economics from University of Malawi, an M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Malawi, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Kent (UK). His area of specialization is Applied Econometrics. His research interests include economic



**Dr. Oluwakemi Adeola Obayelu** is a citizen of Nigeria. She has been an AGRODEP member since April, 2012. At present, Oluwakemi is a Lecturer at the University of Ibadan. In this position, Oluwakemi teaches and conducts research and works on community development. She holds a B.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ibadan, an M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ibadan, and a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ibadan. Her areas of specialization are development economics, health, education and welfare economics and poverty measurement and analysis. Her research interests include welfare economics.



**Dr. Geoffrey Okoboi** is a citizen of Uganda. He has been an AGRODEP member since April, 2012. At present, Geoffrey is a Research Fellow at the Economic Policy Research Centre. In this position, Geoffrey undertakes research on agricultural policies and evaluation of their outcomes. Before joining Economic Policy Research Centre, Geoffrey worked for the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) Uganda. He holds a B.A. at the Faculty of Science from Makerere University, an M.A. at the Faculty of Economics and Management from Makerere University, and a Ph.D. in College of Business and Management from Makerere University. His areas of specialization are agricultural

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