



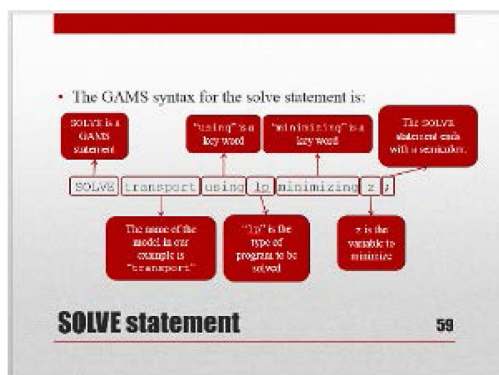
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NEWS

AGRODEP GAMS Training Toolbox

AGRODEP recently launched the new, publicly-available, [GAMS Training Toolbox](#). The Toolbox is a comprehensive, bilingual tool that enables researchers to effectively use GAMS software to program various economic models.



The training is comprised of 10 video lessons, each with English text and [English](#) or [French](#) voiceovers, and accompanying GAMS code examples. Lessons start with an introduction to GAMS and installation instructions, and then proceed to increasingly complex syntax, finishing with several simple economic models and simulations.

The videos for the GAMS Training Toolbox are available on the [AGRODEP YouTube channel](#) as well as on the [AGRODEP website](#).

DEVELOPMENTS

2015 Training Courses

Following the annual member training course survey, AGRODEP has tentatively selected the following 7 training courses that will take place over the remainder of 2015:

- Evaluation of Public Policies
- Agricultural Distortions & Value Chains
- Applied Microeconometrics
- Applied Panel Data Econometrics
- Applied Nonparametric Econometrics
- Productivity and Efficiency Analysis
- Gravity Model

The dates and locations of the courses will be announced in the coming weeks. Thank you to all members and collaborators who participated in this year's selection process.

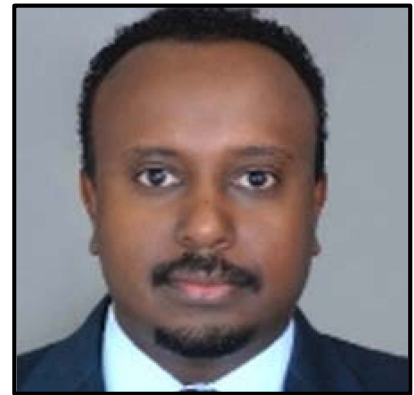
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