



A program in support of CAADP implementation

EVENTS

Second Annual AGRODEP Workshop

The [second annual workshop of AGRODEP members](#) will be held from June 6-8, 2011 in Dakar, Senegal. The workshop provides an opportunity for scientific exchange and collaboration among [members](#) and explores state of the art methodologies and tools used to address key research topics such as [Climate Change](#) and [Food Prices and Price Volatility](#). In addition to AGRODEP members' presentation of their research projects, the workshop will bring together leading experts to discuss selected research topics and the wide range of methodological approaches and tools that can be used to study them. Among others, a session on Climate Change will focus on methodologies used to study mitigation and adaptation issues, and a parallel session on Food Prices and Price Volatility will provide an overview of the [international food prices](#) and focus on tools used to measure price volatility, [price transmission](#) from international to local markets, and impacts of changes in international prices on households. The members' workshop will be followed by meetings of the AGRODEP [Steering Committee \(SC\)](#), [Scientific Advisory Board \(SAB\)](#), and [Network Advisory Committee \(NAC\)](#).

NEWS

Open Atrium for Members

At the beginning of 2011, AGRODEP created Open Atrium accounts for its members in order to facilitate interaction among them and with AGRODEP management through the blog space and document sharing.

Capacity Building Questionnaire

In January 2011, AGRODEP designed and implemented a capacity building needs questionnaire which will help in planning future training activities for its members.

Membership Extension

In March 2011, AGRODEP launched the second round of [membership applications](#), which will double AGRODEP's membership from 30 existing members to 60 members by May 2011.

AGRODEP Website

AGRODEP recently hired Mapping Worlds – a data visualization and interface design company – to build a new AGRODEP website which will fully support the data warehouse, model library, and network activities of the project, as well as serve a broader audience interested in African growth and development activities. The website is expected to launch in July 2011 and will replace the existing temporary [website](#).

The Network Advisory Committee (NAC)

AGRODEP established the [Network Advisory Committee \(NAC\)](#), the role of which is to provide advice to the consortium on the content and delivery of networking activities.

FEATURED MEMBERS



[Dr. MOUNIR BALLOUMI, University of Sousse, Tunisia](#)

Dr. Mounir Balloumi is an Associate Professor of Economics and Director of the Institute of High Commercial Studies of Sousse at the University of Sousse, Tunisia. Prior to his current position, Dr. Balloumi was an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Law, Economics and Politics of Sousse. He obtained a doctorate of economics at the University of Tunis in 2001. His areas of specialization include environmental economics, water resources management, agricultural productivity, economic growth, energy economics, climate change and econometric analysis. Currently, he is working on a project entitled "Entrepreneurship and International Development" in North African countries.



[Dr. RAGA M. ELZAKI, University of Gezira, Sudan](#)

Dr. Raga M. Elzaki is an Agricultural Economist. She has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development at the University of Gezira, Sudan since 1994. She obtained her Ph.D. from the University of Khartoum and Giessen Germany. She is the main author and team leader of several research projects and has presented at various international workshops and conferences. Dr. Elzaki has published several papers on poverty issues in Sudan and has made important contribution to ILRI's work on Livestock-Water Interactions and Productivity in Sudan and Investment Options for Integrated Water-Livestock-Crop production in sub-Saharan Africa.



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