



# AGRODEP

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## NEWS

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### AGRODEP INTRODUCES 2012 MEMBERS

After a new round of membership extension which brought Consortium membership to 84, AGRODEP is pleased to introduce its 29 new members. Full profiles and pictures of the 2012 members, as well as existing members from 2010 and 2011, are now available on the [AGRODEP website](#).



### PARTICIPATION OF AGRODEP MEMBERS AT 2012 GTAP CONFERENCE

The eight AGRODEP Members who were selected for sponsorship from the Institute of Training and Technical Cooperation (ITTC) of the [World Trade Organization](#) (WTO) attended and presented their work at the [Global Trade Analysis Project \(GTAP\) 15th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis](#) held on June 27-29, 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland. The participation of an additional two members was partially financed through AGRODEP, bringing total

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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### STEERING COMMITTEE (SC) VIRTUAL MEETING

On July 16, a virtual meeting of the [Steering Committee](#) was held among 7 SC representatives and the AGRODEP Management Team. During the meeting, the 2012 Workplan was discussed and approved, and progress made in 2011 was reviewed. The SC guides AGRODEP on key matters of policy, operational issues, and resource mobilization, ensures that the initiative remains focused on its objectives and mission and is run effectively, and recommends strategies and actions to increase the effectiveness and impact of AGRODEP.

AGRODEP member attendance to 10. Eight members presented in two organized sessions on “Regional Integration and Free Trade Agreements in Africa”, organized by Antoine Bouet of AGRODEP and Mustapha Sadni Jallab of the WTO. The sessions were very successful, with around 15 people attending and participating in informative discussion. WTO support was the result of an agreement signed between IFPRI and the WTO in an effort to increase opportunities for AGRODEP members to participate in international events. AGRODEP will help facilitate the publication of the papers that the sponsored members presented at the GTAP conference.

**NEW CORAF-WECARD REPRESENTATIVE CHOSEN FOR AGRODEP NETWORK ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NAC) AND STEERING COMMITTEE (SC)**

AGRODEP welcomes the new representative of the [West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development's \(CORAF-WECARD\)](#), Dr. [Harold Roy-Macauley](#). Dr. Roy-Macauley will represent CORAF-WECARD on both the Steering Committee and the Network Advisory Committee, where he will also act as a Co-Chair. He is the Director of Programmes for the West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/WECARD).

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## FEATURED MEMBERS

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**Olumuyiwa Bamidele Alaba** is a citizen of Nigeria. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2011. Alaba is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Lead City University, Ibadan, Nigeria. In this position, Alaba teaches and conducts research in economics, specifically on trade, macroeconomics and development. Before joining Lead City University, Alaba worked for Trade Policy Research and Training Programme in Nigeria, the African Technology Policy Studies Network in Nairobi, and EU-ACP PMU in Brussels. He received his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. His research interests include trade, climate change, food security, and development.

**Naomi Muthoni Mathenge** is a citizen of Kenya. She has been an AGRODEP member since April 2011. Mathenge is currently a Policy Analyst at the Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis. In this position, Mathenge conducts research on poverty, inequality, gender, growth, and general macroeconomics. Before joining KIPPRA, Naomi worked for the Kenya's Ministry of Health. She holds a B.A. in Economics from Moi University, Kenya and an M.A. in Economics from the University of Malawi. Her research interests include gender, poverty, inequality, growth, and macroeconomics.

**Mathieu Ouedraogo** is a citizen of Burkina Faso. He has been an AGRODEP member since April 2011. Ouedraogo is currently a Research Assistant at the Institut de l'Environnement et de Recherches Agricoles (INERA). In this position, Ouedraogo conducts research on climate change and agriculture and natural resources. He holds a B.A. in Agricultural Economics from Institut Agronomique et Veterinaire IAV Hassan II Morocco and an M.A. in Development and Environment from the University of Liege (ULg), Belgium. He is currently completing a Ph.D. in Economics, and his thesis is on "economic dependence on non-timber forest products and the forest management in Bouton and Koflande forest in the southwestern region of Burkina Faso".

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