

News

AGRODEP releases its first working paper authored by members

AGRODEP congratulates members, [Wachira Rhoda Gakuru](#) and [Naomi Muthoni Mathenge](#), authors of the first paper in the AGRODEP Working Paper series! The paper entitled “*Poverty, Growth and Income Inequality in Kenya: A SAM perspective*” has been peer-reviewed and accepted for publication by AGRODEP.

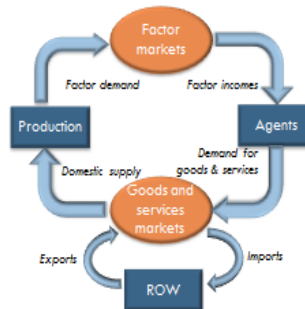


AGRODEP Working Paper series publishes national and research results. They have been peer-reviewed but have not been subject to a formal external peer review (or 2012) Publications Review Committee. They are intended as a forum for discussion and critical comments. The opinions expressed are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of AGRODEP or IFPRI.

The AGRODEP [Working Paper Series](#) a bilingual (English and French) online publication that aims at enhancing the visibility of African researchers and experts worldwide. The series was launched in September 2011. So far, eight manuscripts have been submitted and are under review for publication. AGRODEP members may submit their manuscript, either in English or French, to the Editor, [Fousseini Traore](#).

New to the AGRODEP library: PEP 1-1 and PEP 1-t Model Documentation and User Guides

The [PEP 1-1 model](#) (1 period – 1 country) is a static general equilibrium model and the [PEP 1-t](#) is recursive dynamic version model is designed for the study of an archetype national economy. It enables researchers to develop a relatively standard model, and apply it easily to their own country, whatever the particular structure of their social accounting matrix (SAM).



In collaboration with AGRODEP, and for the benefit of AGRODEP members, the PEP model developers (Bernard Decaluwe, André Lemelin, Véronique Robichaud, and Hélène Maisonnave) have written improved documentation, user guides, and a guide for debugging a CGE model.

Highlights

AGRODEP Network Advisory Committee (NAC)



The [Network Advisory Committee \(NAC\)](#) meets for the first time in June, 23, 2012 at the IFPRI-Dakar office in Senegal. The NAC is a consultative group of individuals representing key African institutions that are active in the area of economic growth and policy research and capacity building.

The Committee provides advice to the Consortium on the content and delivery of networking activities and is co-chaired by the representatives of the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa ([ASARECA](#)) and the West and Central African Council on Agricultural Research and Development ([CORAF/WECARD](#)).

Participants will discuss ongoing and future network activities ensuring that AGRODEP members are receiving the best possible services from the Consortium and making maximum contribution to its activities.

AGRODEP trainings continue to enrich the collaborative experience of members



The recent AGRODEP GAMS-based CGE model training was taught by Véronique Robichaud from Université Laval, Québec, Canada. This basic level course will be followed by an advanced course that AGRODEP will offer in November.

“The complexity of the process was made simple by the teaching method used by the trainer”

[Nnaemeka Chukwuone](#)

“This training was exceptionally very good and has given me the courage to start modeling”.

[Olusegun Joshua Ajetomobi](#)

FEATURED MEMBERS



Victor Afari-Sefa is a citizen of Ghana. An AGRODEP member since April 2011, Victor is a socio-economist at the World Vegetable Center (AVRDC) where he coordinates vegetable socio-economic research in sub-Saharan Africa. Before AVRDC, Victor worked for IITA. He holds a B.A. degree in general agriculture from University of Cape Coast, Ghana, an M.A. in agricultural socioeconomics from Georg-August University, Goettingen, Germany, and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Justus-Liebig University, Germany. His research interests include rural farming systems and livelihoods, food security, poverty analysis.



Damien Agbodji is a citizen of Togo. He has been an AGRODEP member since October 2010. At present, Damien is a professor at the University of Lomé where he teaches economic development. Before joining the University of Lomé, Damien worked for the SAOAOC Foundation. He holds a B.A. degree in economics from University of Lomé, an M.A. in economics from University of Cocody, and a Ph.D. in economics from University of Dakar. His research interests include development economics, regional integration, and modeling.



Johannes Atemnkeng Tabi is a citizen of Cameroon. He has been an AGRODEP member since October 2010. At present, Johannes is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Dschang, Cameroon where he teaches and conducts research in economics. He holds a B.A. degree in economics from University of Yaounde, Cameroon, an M.A. in economics from University of Yaounde II, Soa Cameroon, and a Ph.D. in Economics from the same University. His research interests include poverty, income inequality, labour market issues and political economics of development and finance.