



AGRODEP Membership Extension

Membership in 2010

The first round of AGRODEP membership selection in 2010 drew mostly from a large pool of African researchers belonging to the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) and the Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) research networks. Individual African researchers were identified and invited to apply for AGRODEP membership using an extensive questionnaire.

A two-step selection process was employed. First, the applicants were screened based on two essential criteria:

- Applicant must be based in Africa
- Applicant must have obtained a Ph.D. within the last 15 years, is a Ph.D. candidate, or has a Masters degree with technical skills and experience.

Following the initial screening, the second set of criteria included the level and nature of applicants' technical skills and publications. And finally, in order to ensure a gender balance and appropriate geographical representation from various regions of Africa, a gender and geographic criterion was applied.

This selection process led to 29 applicants that were accepted as members of the AGRODEP research consortium in 2010 (Annex 1). In terms of gender breakdown, this pool includes 19 men and 10 women. In addition, in terms of geographic representation, the team includes the following: 9 researchers from West Africa, 8 from East Africa, 6 from North Africa, 4 from Southern Africa, and 2 from Central Africa. The majority of members belong to national research institutions (10) and universities (10). Members from Africa-based international institutions (7) as well as working with government institutions (2) are also represented. Slightly less than one-third of the 53 African countries are represented in the current AGRODEP membership; in other words out of 16 countries represented, 5 are located in West, 5 in East, 3 in North, 2 in Southern Africa and 1 in Central Africa. Two-thirds of the selected members have CGE modeling background and all members except three have expressed an interest in trade issues.

Objectives of the Extension

AGRODEP aims to extend its membership in order to reach a critical mass of economic modeling experts within Africa's policy research and analysis community, and to allow for greater diversity in its membership profile and improved geographical distribution within Africa. The extension of the membership is scheduled in three phases in order to reach the following number of members:

- 50 members in 2011
- 75 members in 2012
- 100 members in 2013

Extension Agenda

- A message will be prepared and disseminated through an outreach list for information about the second round of selection by **March 1**. The list includes African research centers and universities (Annex 3), the members and the representatives of the SAB, the SC and the Network Advisory Committee of AGRODEP (Annex 2), and a list of individuals and institutions that have expressed interest in AGRODEP –the partners and friends of AGRODEP (Annex 4).
- AGRODEP will accept applications over two weeks following the dissemination of the message, i.e. **March 31, 2011**.
- The information will be compiled and the selection process will take place in **April 1, 2011**.
- AGRODEP will send a response letter to selected-applicants by **April 30, 2011**. The AGRODEP Letter of Agreement will also be sent to the selected members, along with the response letter. The former must be signed and returned to AGRODEP by **May 31, 2011**.
- At the end of the selection process (**May 31, 2011**), AGRODEP will also send response letters to non-selected applicants.
- The scheduled activities for 2011 will start from **May 2011, 2011** with the participation of the new members.

Selection Committee

A committee is created every year carry out the selection of the new members. The number of new members is determined after the de-selection process¹ has taken place. The selection committee is composed of:

- The Project Manager
- The Deputy Project Manager
- The Data Coordinator
- The Models Coordinator
- The Network Coordinator
- One representative from AGRODEP members

Selection Criteria

1. *Location criteria:* AGRODEP members must be African-based researchers
2. *Education and professional experience criteria:*
 - Ph.D. defended within the last 10 years, or
 - Ph.D. student for at least 3 years, or
 - Masters degree holder in economics with 3 (lower bound) to 15 (upper bound) years of professional experience;
3. *Research experience criteria,* assessed on the basis of:
 - Publications (top 5 papers submitted by the candidate),
 - Training and workshops completed.
4. *Diversity criteria;* diversity in terms of regional, gender, and scientific interest will be insured.

Selection Procedure

- First, the selection committee makes the initial selection based on the criteria of location and education.
- Then, each committee member proposes a list of their selected candidates based on the research experience and the required number of new members. Any Candidate listed by at least half of the committee members is selected as AGRODEP member in this second cut.

¹ Please note that there will be a review of AGRODEP members' contribution every two years which may result in de-selection of certain members see "Review of Members activities and De-selection Procedure" on page 3.

- Lastly, positive discrimination is applied to ensure diversity. The membership is raised by adding more representatives of under-represented groups (region, gender, scientific interests, etc.) to restore a certain balance. Candidates are selected from the lists proposed by the committee members.

Review of Member Activities and De-selection Procedure

- The activities of each member will be reviewed every two years of their membership in AGRODEP. The review will be conducted by the Project Manager and the Network Coordinator, who will then submit their findings to the selection committee in an annual report during the **fourth quarter of the year**.
- The committee will also submit to the SC the list of members to be considered for de-selection as a result of not fulfilling their responsibilities over the last two years as per agreement with AGRODEP. This is also done during the **fourth quarter of the year**.

ANNEX 1. List of AGRODEP members on January 24, 2011

Title	FirstName	MiddleName	LastName
Mr.	Damien	Akoété Ega	Agbodji
Mr.	Akka		Ait El Mekki
Mr.	Olusegun	Joshua	Ajetomobi
Mr.	Vinaye	Dey	Ancharaz
Mr.	Musibau	Adetunji	Babatunde
Mr.	Mounir		Balloumi
Mr.	Lacina		Balma
Ms.	Shaymaa	Mahmoud	Bayoumi
Mr.	Dawit		Birhanu
Mr.	Nnaemeka	Andegbe	Chukwuone
Mr.	Souleymane	Sadio	Diallo
Ms.	Azharia	Abdelbagi	Elbushra
Ms.	Raga	Mohamed	Elzaki
Mr.	Christian	Arnault	Emini
Mr.	Cheickh	Sadibou	Fall
Ms.	Wachira	Rhoda	Gakuru
Ms.	Nadia	Belhaj	Hassine
Mr.	Olayinka	Idowu	Kareem
Mr.	Ramos	Emmanuel	Mabugu
Ms.	Margaret	Raviro	Mabugu
Mr.	Albert		Makochekanwa
Mr.	Festo	Ezekiel	Maro
Ms.	Lulit		Mitik
Mr.	Johnny		Mugisha
Ms.	Miriam	Walo Oiro	Omolo
Mr.	Nassim		Oulmane
Ms.	Noleen	Miriam	Sithole
Ms.	Fatimata	Dia	Sow
Mr.	Johannes	Atemnkeng	Tabi

ANNEX 2: List of SAB, SC and Network Advisory Committee

	NAME	INSTITUTION
Steering Committee		
1	Soamiely Andriamananjara	World Bank Institute (WBI)
2	Ousmane Badiane (Co-Chair)	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI),
3	John Cockburn	Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network, University of Laval, Québec, Canada
4	Mbène Dièye Faye	West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF-WECARD), Senegal
5	Pietro Gennari	Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
6	Hakeem Ben Hamouda	World Trade Organization (WTO)
7	Jeff Hill	U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
8	Abdul Kamara	African Development Bank Group, Tunisia
9	Yamar Mbodj	The Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS), Nigeria
10	Cristina Mitaritonna	Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Informations Internationales (CEPII)
11	Cris Muyunda	The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
12	Lindiwe Sibanda (Co-Chair)	Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)
13	Sarah Ssewanyana	Uganda Economic Policy Research Center
14	Greg Traxler	The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
15	Marinos Tsigas	US International Trade Commission (USITC)
16	Michael Waithaka	Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA)
17	Terrie Walmsley	Center for Global Trade Analysis (GTAP)
18	-	United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia
Scientific Advisory Board		
1	David Olusanya Ajakaiye	African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Kenya
2	Bernard Decaluwe (Co-Chair)	Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network, University of Laval, Québec, Canada
3	Esther Duflo	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
4	Hubert Escaith	World Trade Organization (WTO)
5	Erica Field	Harvard University, United States
6	Augustin Kwasi Fosu	UN University-WIDER
7	Johann Kirsten	University of Pretoria, South Africa
8	Jane Kabubo-Mariara	University of Nairobi, Kenya
9	Will Martin	World Bank
10	Maximo Torero (Co-Chair)	International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI),
11	David Zilberman	U.C. Berkeley
Network Advisory Committee		
1	Michael Waithaka (Co-Chair)	ASARECA, Kampala, Uganda
2	Mbène Dièye Faye (Co-Chair)	CORAF/WECARD, Dakar, Senegal
3	Mbaye Yade	ReSAKSS West Africa, <i>Ibadan, Nigeria</i>
4	Joseph Karugia	ReSAKSS East and Central Africa, <i>Nairobi, Kenya</i>
5	Pius Chilonda	ReSAKSS Southern Africa, <i>Pretoria, South Africa</i>
6	Kimseyinga Savadogo	Programme de Troisième Cycle Interuniversitaire, <i>Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso</i>
7	Ahmed Galal	Economic Research Forum, <i>Cairo, Egypt</i>
8	Willis Oluoch-Kosura	Collective Masters Program, <i>Pretoria, South Africa</i>
9	(to be determined)	Two AGRODEP members, <i>Africa</i>

ANNEX 3. List of institutions to be contacted for AGRODEP membership extension

Institutions/University		Country
Eastern Africa		
01	Addis Ababa University (Ethiopia)	Ethiopia
02	Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF)	Tanzania
03	Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC)	Uganda
04	Egerton University, (Kenya)	Kenya
05	Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA) - Kenya	Kenya
06	Kenyatta University (Kenya)	Kenya
07	Makerere University (Uganda)	Uganda
08	Moi University (Kenya)	Kenya
09	Namibian Economic Policy Research Unit (NEPRU) - Namibia	Namibia
10	National University of Burundi	Burundi
11	National University of Rwanda	Rwanda
12	University of Dar Es Salaam (Tanzania)	Tanzania
13	University of Nairobi (Kenya)	Kenya
Southern Africa		
14	Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA) - Botswana	Botswana
15	Eduardo Mondlane University (Mozambique)	Mozambique
16	Macro Economic and Financial Management Institute (MEFMI)	Zimbabwe
17	National University of Lesotho	Lesotho
18	South African Trade and Research Network (SATRN) - Botswana	Botswana
19	Trade and Industrial Policy Secretariat (TIPS)	South Africa
20	University of Botswana	Botswana
21	University of Cape Town (RSA)	South Africa
22	University of Namibia	Namibia
23	University of Malawi	Malawi
24	University of Mauritius	Mauritius
25	University of Swaziland	Swaziland
26	University of Witwatersrand (RSA)	South Africa
27	University of Zimbabwe	Zimbabwe
28	University of Zambia	Zambia
Western and Central Africa		
29	Centre for Policy Analysis - Ghana	Ghana
30	Centre Ivoirien de Recherche Economique et Sociale (CIRES) - Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire
31	Institute of Statistical , Social and Economic Research (ISSER) - Ghana	Ghana
32	Kwame Nkurumah University of Science and Technology (Kumasi, Ghana)	Ghana
33	National Centre for Economic Management and Administration (NCEMA) - Nigeria	Nigeria
34	Nigerian Institute of Social and Economic Research (NISER)- Nigeria	Nigeria
35	Programme de Troisième Cycle Inter-universitaire en Economie (PTCI) - Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso
36	University of Buea	Cameroun
37	University of Cape Coast (Ghana)	Ghana
38	Universite Cheick anta Diop de Dakar (UCAD) - Senegal	Senegal
39	University of Cocody (Cote d'Ivoire)	Cote d'Ivoire
40	University of Gambia	Gambia
41	University of Ghana	Ghana
42	University of Ibadan, Abiodun S. Bankole, Department of Economics, (Nigeria)	Nigeria
43	University of Liberia	Liberia
44	University of Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone
45	University of Yaounde II (Cameroon)	Cameroun
46	Babacar DIONE	Senegal
47	Sekou Falil DOUMBOUYA	Guinea
48	Ibrahima Sambegou GASSAMA	Guinea
49	Alban Alphonse Emmanuel AHOURE	Cote d'Ivoire

ANNEX 4: Friends of AGRODEP

NAME	INSTITUTION
1 Ramatu Al-Hassan	University of Ghana, Ghana
2 Lori Brock	Carana Corporation, United States
3 Joseph Cabral	Consortium pour la Recherche Economique et Sociale (CRES), Senegal
4 Mohamed Abdelbasset Chemingui	UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia
5 Pius Chilonda	International Water Management Institute (IWMI), South Africa
6 Fatou Cisse	Consortium pour la Recherche Economique et Sociale (CRES), Senegal
7 Adama Ekberg Coulibaly	UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), Ethiopia
8 Abdoulaye Diagne	Consortium pour la Recherche Economique et Sociale (CRES), Senegal
9 Macoumba Diouf	Institut Sénégalais De Recherches Agricoles (ISRA), Senegal
10 Amadou Diouf	The Economic Community Of West African States (ECOWAS), Nigeria
11 Rachid Doukkali	Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II (IAV) - Rabat, Morocco
12 Olivier Dupriez	World Bank, Washington D.C.
13 Ayele Gelan	International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
14 Bruno Henry de Frahan	Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
15 Petr Havlik	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria
16 Sheryl Hendriks	University of Pretoria, South Africa
17 Joseph Karugia	ReSAKSS-ECA
18 Ferdinand Meyer	University of Pretoria, South Africa
19 Aline Mosnier	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria
20 Knud Jørgen Munk	Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium
21 Manson Nwafor	International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Nigeria
22 Michael Obersteiner	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria
23 Willis Oluoch-Kosura	African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), Kenya
24 Adama Ouattara	Programme d'Appui aux Filières Agro-Sylvo-Pastorales (PAFASP), Mali
25 M. Eloi Ouedraogo	AFRISTAT, Mali
26 Kimsey Savadogo	University of Quagadougou, Burkina Faso
27 Mbaye Yade	Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Systems (RESAKSS), Nigeria