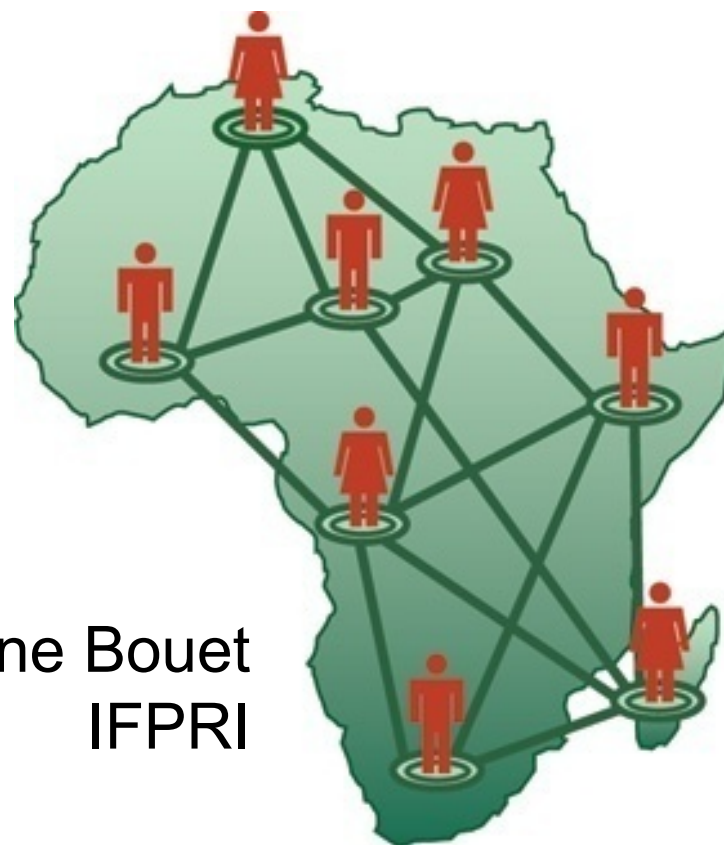


Grants Program

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- **The AGRODEP initiative supports three types of grants (seed-funds grants excluded):**
 - Competitive call for *innovative research - only for the benefit of AGRODEP members*;
 - Competitive call to address *gaps in research - open to AGRODEP members and researchers outside AGRODEP*;
 - Financial assistance for research valorization – *only for the benefit of AGRODEP members*.

- 1. Competitive call for *innovative research*
- Only for AGRODEP members
- Competitive call launched by the AGRODEP management team and sent to AGRODEP members.
- Special consideration given to projects that are in the line with the CAADP Agenda.

- **1. Competitive call for *innovative research***
- Size of a grant under this channel: US\$ 10,000-15,000 / yr for each proposal.
- Maximum size of all grants financed by AGRODEP / yr under this initiative: US\$ 250,000.
- The management team selects the proposals that will be financed by AGRODEP
- AGRODEP may satisfy fully or partially the demand for funds.
- Joint proposals are accepted.
- The “normal” duration of a research project is one year.

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH: PROCEDURE

- 1. Competitive call for *innovative research*
- Process of interim Report/Final Report
- Evaluation by an expert (either from the AGRODEP management team or from outside)
- Mentorship
- System of preliminary/intermediate/final payment
- If unsatisfactory, revisions asked before final payment

- 1. Competitive call for *innovative research*
- Two Calls for grants: 2011 and 2013.
- 2011 Call:
 - July 15th: competitive call / August 31st: proposals drafted and sent by AGRODEP members / September 21st: AGRODEP management team announces selected proposals.
 - 12 grants given:
 - Final drafts from 8 of the 12 research grants awarded in 2011 have been submitted and accepted as final;
 - 2 are still under review and 2 final drafts are overdue

- 1. Competitive call for *innovative research*
- 2013 Call:
 - Launched on August 7, 2013. Deadline for application September 30
 - Topic: “*Economic Growth and Development in Africa: lessons from the last 40 years and implications for sustainability*”, with subthemes related to CAADP
 - One year duration.
 - 18 proposals received.
 - 7 proposals are funded.

- **1. Competitive call for *innovative research***
- 2013 Call:
- Chahir Zaki and Fida Karam: "Wars and Institutions: The Political Economy of International Trade in the MENA Region"
- Francois Joseph Cabral: "Artificial Insemination, Livestock Productivity, and Economic Growth in Senegal"
- Joshua Ajetomobi, Olusanya Ajakaiye, and Adeniyi Gbadegesin: "The Potential Impact of Climate Change on Nigerian Agriculture"
- Mercyline Kamande and Nancy Nafula: "Impact of ICT Projects on Price Disparities in Agricultural Markets: A Case of Selected Countries in East Africa"
- Abdoulaye Seck: "Fertilizer Subsidy and Agricultural Productivity in Senegal"
- Richard Mulwa: "Explaining Natural Resource Curse in Africa: The Role of Dutch Disease and Institutions"
- Francis Mulangu and Eugenie Maiga: "Optimal Agro-Industry Policy: A Case Study of Ghana Cocoa Processing"

- 2. Grants to address *gaps in research*
- For AGRODEP members and non-AGRODEP members and/or research centers not located in Africa.
- It aims to address *gaps in research*; developing AGRODEP collaboration with the best research centers in the world on a specific research topic.

- **2. Grants to address *gaps in research***
- Competitive call.
 - The AGRODEP management team presents a list of topics to the SAB.
 - Once validated by SAB, competitive call.
 - Proposals examined by a selection committee
 - The size of a proposal is 10,000US\$ - 15,000US\$.
 - The maximum size for all proposals funded per year by AGRODEP under this initiative is US\$ 50,000.

- **2. Grants to address *gaps in research***
- First Call: May 23, 2012.
- Topic: **Foreign Direct Investment in Land (FDI), Land Markets and Land Institutions, and Development of the Agricultural Sector in Africa**
- **38 proposals**
- **3 selected**

○ 2. Grants to address *gaps in research*

- Tinashe Kapuya, Ward Anseeuw, Ferdi Meyer and Johann Kirsten (University of Pretoria): *Globalisation of Production, Agro-Food Supply Chains and Agribusiness Models: Exploring the structural effects of Large Scale Land acquisitions in Southern Africa* – Deadline: November 31, 2013 - *under review*
- Paolo D'Odorico and Maria Cristina Rulli (Politecnico di Milano): *Water Grabbing in Africa* – Deadline: October 31, 2013 – *reviewed and revised*
- Jann Lay and Kagana Sipangule (University of Goettingen and GIGA German Institute): *Smallholders and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Land: A case study of Zambia* – Deadline: October 31, 2013 - *reviewed and under revision*

- **2. Grants to address *gaps in research***
- Second Call: launched on July 3 2013; Proposals submitted before August 30, 2013.
- Topic: **Barriers to the expansion of agriculture and agroindustry in Africa**
- 50 proposals
- Proposals were reviewed
 - by Antoine Bouet, CGE and PE models
 - by Shahidur Rashid, Value Chain Analysis
 - by Tanguy Bernard, Impact evaluation
 - by Devesh Roy, Econometric study
- One research proposal was selected and is on-going: *“Barriers to the expansion of the fishing industry in Namibia: prospects for growth and diversification”* by Dr. Blessing Chiripanhura, Namibia

- **2. Grants to address *gaps in research***
- Third Call: launched on August 4 2014; Proposals submitted before September 15, 2014.
- Topic: **Using trade for development**
- **55 proposal submitted**
- **Will be reviewed soon and a pre-selection submitted to SAB**
 - **Evaluation Committee:** Antoine Bouet, Betina Dimaranan, Lauren Deason, Nick Minot (or Shahidur Rashid), Devesh Roy, Tanguy Bernard

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH VALORIZATION

- **3. Financial assistance for research valorization for AGRODEP members**
- Financial assistance exclusively for AGRODEP members:
 - **To present their research at international conference.**
 - **For publications submission fee.**
 - **For training** outside AGRODEP (exceptional).
- Approved on case by case basis.
- Research needs to be linked to AGRODEP.
- Members working in international organizations will be excluded.
- Rules against receiving dual funding for a conference will be clearly stated.
- Total financial assistance for research valorization may not add up to more than US\$ 50,000 per year.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH VALORIZATION

- 14 submissions in 2013, 8 received funding
 - 1 approved but received other funding
 - 4 approved did not attend conferences
 - 1 application denied (already received \$2500 for year)
- Check if
 - The scientific interest of the conference
 - The quality of the paper
 - If the applicant accepts financial conditions
 - If he accepts to submit his research to AGRODEP Discussion Papers
- 10 submissions in 2014, 8 have received funding
 - 1 approved but received alternate funding
 - 1 approved but did not attend conference

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLICATION

- Previously two publication awards.
 - Special Award for Publications
 - The year-round award for excellence in publications
- Revision of the guidelines:
 - Relaxation of the requirement about linkage to an AGRODEP activity: active member
 - Reduction of the monetary reward for each publication ranking (i.e. A*, A, B, etc.)
- 3,000 US\$ for a publication in an **A*** ranked journal
- 1,500 US\$ for a publication in an **A** ranked journal
- 500 US\$ for a publication in a **B** ranked journal
- 250 US\$ for a publication in a **C** ranked journal

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PUBLICATION

- Number of awards for excellence in publication distributed in 2014: 6
- A* journals: 0
- A journals: 3
- B journals: 2
- C journals: 1

PUBLICATIONS RELATED TO AGRODEP GRANTS

- AGRODEP grants contribute to publications:
 - Rulli, MC and P. D’Odorico, 2013 The water footprint of land grabbing, *Geophysical Research Letters*, 40(23), 6130-6135.
 - Rulli, M.C., A. Saviori, P. D’Odorico, 2013, Global land and water grabbing, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA*, 110(3): 892-897.
 - Ramlall, I., 2014, Gauging on the Impact of Climate Change on Food Crops Production in Mauritius: An Econometric Approach, *International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management*, September, 20.
 - AGRODEP working papers & data report

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Implementation of the grants program requires a lot of work
- It explains some delays
- Questions & Answers

