

Guidelines for Friends of AGRODEP

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1. Background

AGRODEP aims to create a critical mass of economic experts within Africa's policy research and analysis community and to equip this community with cutting-edge modeling tools to enable high-quality and locally-based studies. Over the last three years, AGRODEP has successfully promoted access to state-of-the-art economic tools, facilitated increased access to datasets, and supported and encouraged collaboration among African researchers and their peers outside of Africa. Significant progress has been made in the establishment of the Consortium: membership has consistently increased and reached one hundred and fifty (150) Africa-based researchers during the fifth round of selection in April 2013. The successful continuation of AGRODEP activities relies on the help and participation of individuals and institutions outside the AGRODEP network (for example, the participation of international experts as instructors of AGRODEP training courses). In order to more formally recognize the support and contributions of these individuals and institutions, this document lays out the protocol for becoming a Friend of AGRODEP. Friends of AGRODEP is a group of non-AGRODEP members (either individuals or institutions) who provide valuable contributions to the Consortium by sharing data and economic models, engaging in high-quality training and mentoring of AGRODEP members, and reviewing members' publications.

2. Who Is a *Friend of AGRODEP*?

A Friend of AGRODEP is an individual or institution that contributes to the network's activities but that is not currently an AGRODEP member or Affiliate member. Friends of AGRODEP commit themselves to actively participate in Consortium activities and must ensure that their contributions to AGRODEP do not violate the rights of any third party. Such contributions take several forms, including but not limited to:

- Documented databases and models;
- Proposed training courses;
- Instruction and participation in capacity-strengthening activities;



- Mentorship of AGRODEP members;
- Review of members' proposals, reports, and publications;
- Collaboration with members in various research or publication activities.

Status as a Friend of AGRODEP does not imply monetary contributions of AGRODEP's funding, nor does it imply funding of individuals or institutions by AGRODEP.

3. Selection and Invitation

A selection committee primarily composed of the AGRODEP Management Team will identify and select individuals or institutions that have made significant contributions to AGRODEP within the past year. The committee will extend an invitation to the individual or institution to be named as a Friend of AGRODEP. Friends of AGRODEP will be highlighted on the AGRODEP web portal and may receive access to non-public AGRODEP materials upon request and on a case-by-case basis.