

AGRODEP Modeling Component



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- 5 large family of models actively maintained (multi and single country General Equilibriums and Partial Equilibriums, 2 GAMS and 1 Excel and 1 MATLAB) implementable for all countries or group of countries included in the data component (and more).
- 4 extended toolboxes available (e.g. econometrics of trade, scenario builders, microsimulations...)
- Very dynamic process and significant flexibility to try to adapt the supply to the demand

Activity\Period	2013	Q1 2014	Q2 2014	Q3 2014	Q4 2014
Multi-country, multi-sector CGE model: MIRAGRODEP	*				Updated dataset and baseline
Spatial Partial Equilibrium Model	*	*			Upload
Endogenous Saving behavior in CGE	*	*		new documentation under revision	Upload
A GLOBIOM model for AGRODEP	Activity dropped due to technical and IP challenges. New approach developed and pilot study (toolbox first) in 2014 for allowing AGRODEP members to generate/update spatial data.				
Regional Computable General Equilibrium Model: MIRAGRODEP-RI	*		First implementation of MIRAGRODEP RI	documentation	MIRAGRODEP-RI uploaded
Macroeconometric model in the context of African economies		*	*	Final review of documentation and code	Upload
Infra-annual stochastic PE model based on the RECS toolbox		*	*	*	* (will continue in 2015)
Working paper on single country CGE (uses, implementation)		*			Simultaneous release of French and English versions

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Econometrics of price transmission	Activity dropped.				
Impact Assessment Tool Box	*		Included in the training activities and materials (june 2014)		
Toolbox on Demand Elasticity Estimation			*	* Uploaded	
Toolbox: SAM manipulation and database management		*	*		*
Toolbox: consistent policy aggregators & measurements		*	*		
Toolbox on FNS indicators for CGE and PE models		*	Illustration of the toolbox		Upload
Toolbox on GAMS modeling		New activity, Not initially planned			Upload (French and English)

- Developing, adapting and documenting tools is great → They are ready if the members need them.

- But this year, we have focused on improving the appetite for the tools
 - increasing their visibility / notoriety
 - increasing the capacity of AGRODEP members to use them

- Need to adapt the partially the strategy

INCREASING THE VISIBILITY OF THE AGRODEP TOOLS

- **Example 1:** Academic recognition, validation.
 - The **ERATO** multi country/multi products partial equilibrium model designed to analyze policy distortions along the value chains
 - Published on March 15th 2014 in American Journal of Agricultural Economics, top field journal.
- **Example 2: MIRAGRODEP** global CGE and the nutrition tool box used for the ATOR report (official release next month), in coordination with RESSAKS.
- **Example 3: MIRAGRODEP-RI** global CGE applied to analyze the cost of Non-Maghreb in North Africa. Results used by the World Bank, presented in a large scale (involving several ministers and the IMF DG)

INCREASING THE CAPACITY OF AGRODEP MEMBERS

- Highest number of model download: models in Excel.
- More advanced models in GAMS (language/software): is it a barrier to entry?
- In addition, need for more documentation in French and English
- Need to do a specific training but very flexible (difficult to gather 10 or 15 people at a given point in time)
- Development of a unique online training in GAMS
 - 10 lessons from the very basic to most advanced functions.
 - Complete set of exercises and examples
 - Random Multiple Choice testing engine
 - Video in French and English
- Full set online by the end of the year