From Modeling Skill Development to Policy Analysis Support: A Future Roadmap for AGRODEP

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Abstract:
Since its inception in 2011, AGRODEP has increasingly gained recognition as a major network of economic researchers in Africa. Led by IFPRI, in collaboration with several partners, AGRODEP aims to position African experts as leaders in the study of strategic development issues in Africa and the broader agricultural growth and policy debate. AGRODEP facilitates the use of economic modeling tools and data, provides trainings and grants, and supports collaboration among researchers. Over the last four years, AGRODEP has provided 25 training courses on economic tools and techniques to 275 participants, awarded 40 research grants and 40 travel grants, hosted 4 members’ workshops and one global economic conference, and released 30 AGRODEP publications as working papers, technical notes, or data reports. The online library of resources holds 21 economic models and toolboxes and 280 datasets. With over 175 members from 27 African countries to date, AGRODEP is poised for a larger role as a network of experts who can provide advisory services and support for policy analysis in Africa.

This side event features presentations about AGRODEP’s capacity development activities, the economic modeling needs in Africa and how AGRODEP addresses them, and AGRODEP’s plans for advisory services and support for policy analysis.
Objectives:

The objectives of the side event include:

1. Discuss AGRODEP’s current capacity-strengthening activities
2. Discuss the economic modeling needs in Africa and AGRODEP’s approach thus far
3. Explore the opportunities and set out a roadmap for AGRODEP’s future plans for provision of advisory services and policy analysis support