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##### Education

**Fall 2015 Ph.D. Student** Agricultural Economics Department

Kansas State University

**Thesis research:** Cowpea production and trade value chain analysis in SSA.

**Advisors:** Vincent Amanor-Boadu, Ph.D. (KSU)

 Ousmane Coulibaly, Ph.D. (IITA)

 Kara Ross, Ph.D. (KSU)

**2014 M.S. Applied Economics and Agricultural Policies**
 (Upper Second Class Honors)

Faculty of Economics and Research, University of Ouaga II (UFR/SEG, Université de Ouaga II), Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

**Thesis Research**: Transmission of shocks from international rice prices to domestic markets in Benin

**Advisors:** Kimseyinga SAVADOGO, Ph.D.

Senior professor at the Faculty of Economics and Research of Ouaga II, Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso)

Aliou Diagne, Ph.D. Program leader 3: Policy, Innovation Systems, and Impact Assessment, Africa Rice Center, Cotonou, Benin

**2012 BS Economics, Socio-anthropology and Communication for rural development** (First
 Honors) Faculty of Agricultural Sciences,
 University of Abomey-Calavi (FSA/UAC), Cotonou,
 Benin

**Thesis Research**: Contribution of ICT to
agricultural market integration in Benin: Case of
local rice markets

**Advisors**: Irénée Bio ABOUDOU, PhD

Specialist in agricultural product marketing and Director General of the Narional support to food security in Bénin

Aliou Diagne, PhD

Program leader 3: Policy, Innovation Systems, and Impact Assessment, Africa Rice Center, Cotonou, Benin

**2010** **BS General Agriculture(*Diplôme d’Agronomie
 générale*)** Faculty of Agricultural Sciences,
 University of Abomey-Calavi (FSA/UAC), Cotonou,
 Benin

**Work Experience and Training**

**January 2015 to August 2015 *National Food Security Support Service (ONASA)***

Assistant to Head of Monitoring and the Assessment Unit. Contributing to monitoring and assessment of ONASA activities.

Contributing to quantitative and qualitative evaluation of the impact of mainly social and economic actions of ONASA in its main sectors of food safety and food security.

**February – September 2012 *Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice), Cotonou, Benin***

Establishing a partnership between Benin telecommunication networks and AfricaRice in order to provide rice sector stakeholders with information relating to rice prices, circulation and final markets.

Evaluating quantitative and qualitative rice post-harvest losses in eight countries covered by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Rice Post-Harvest Project. Designed protocols for evaluating urban and per-urban consumer preferences for local rice and prices in Project countries.

**June – December 2011 *Africa Rice Center (AfricaRice), Cotonou, Benin***

Contribution of ICT to the integration of agricultural markets in Benin in order to improve traders’ revenues.

**August – September 2010 *BRS (Regional Solidarity Bank), Cotonou, Benin***

Review credit files and procedures to request for agricultural credit at BRS.

**August – September 2009 *ONG CEBEDEX XUDODO (Sinende, Borgou, Benin)***

Socioeconomic study of cotton producers’ revenues in the face of decreasing cotton production in the Borgou; Sinende commune, and Fô-bouko village.

**March 2009 *FSA, Aplahoue (Couffo, Benin)***

Village study carried out on the problem of non-use of organic manure as a palliative measure by farmers in Hélétoumey village despite the high price of agricultural inputs.

**September – November 2009 *ONASA (National Food security Support Service), Benin***

Study on ONASA contribution to ensure food security in Benin during the food crisis of 2008. ONASA, Cotonou.

**2008 *Women’s Association “Finangnon” (Ouidah
 Atlantic Benin)***

Sponsor of a Women’s Association called “Finangon”, specialized in the production of groundnut cakes commonly called *klouikloui* and in the production of palm oil.

**August 2008 *SONGHAI Center, (Porto Novo, Oueme, Benin)***

Survey of the organizational and technical experiences of an agricultural enterprise: Songhai agricultural Center in southern Benin: Porto-Novo.

Survey topic: Potentialities of market gardening and its contribution to improving farmers’ revenue.

**2008 *FSA (Zakpota, Zou, Benin)***

Study of facilitation and intervention methods in rural areas: the case of Za-hla village, Zakpota.

**August 2007 *SGBBE (Société générale des banques du
 Bénin) (Cotonou)***

Study of SGBBE customers’ expectations with regard to services provided by the Bank.

Feasibility study to open new branches of SGBBE around the country.

**March 2007 *FSA (Pobè, Plateau, Bénin)***

Initiation training in the rural areas: the case of Ketty village, Pobè.

**December 2006 *FSA (Ouidah, Atlantic, Benin)***

Immersion sessions: the case of Assogbénou-daho village, Ouidah.

##### Technical skills

Data analysis for monitoring and assessment to evaluate social and economic impacts

Development of village land use management plans for purposes of agricultural productions

Agricultural extension techniques and techniques for facilitation of village associations

Techniques for management of agricultural cooperatives

Diagnosis and organizational development of village associations and cooperatives

Participatory diagnosis and planning in rural areas

Development of agricultural projects for the emergence of the agricultural sector

Mastery of analytic tools for agricultural projects that are potentially fundable by a bank or a private person

Impact analysis or financial profitability of a practice or production of a given crop

Writing, implementation and publication of the findings obtained from an agricultural research proposal.

###### Computer skills

Word, Excel, PowerPoint, STATA, SPSS, EVIEWS.

**Languages**

**French**, excellent in writing, reading, listening and speaking

**English**, excellent in writing speaking, listening and reading

**Fon, Idatcha, Bariba, Nago** (spoken fluently)

**Miscellaneous**

* Active member of Junior Chamber International (JCI), local chapter named “JCI Abomey Calavi Pioneer”
* Active member of the Young Beninese Leaders Association (YBLA), especially involved in leadership in the empowerment of women and education of the youth
* Active member of Lions International Club, local chapter “Lions Abomey Calavi Colombe”.
* General Treasurer of CAFES-Benin, Nonprofit Association specialized in advisory support, professional training and farmer literacy in rural areas
* Certified paralegal in popularization of law, especially family law in rural areas
* Certified trainee in “the art of public speaking”

**Referees**

**Vincent AMANOR-BOADU, Ph.D.**

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**Irénée Bio ABOUDOU, PhD**

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**Aliou DIAGNE, PhD**

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