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**1. Summary**

I am an agricultural economist with over eight years of experience in economic analysis and policy-oriented research. My current focus is on economic modelling to explore and quantify the impact of policies in agriculture and food sectors, trade, labour markets and development issues. My research activities cover developing countries in different geographical areas, especially in Africa. I also worked on consultancies for several organizations including the World Bank and the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ). I have considerable experience in monitoring projects, managing grants and interacting with clients and other stakeholders on the policy level. I enjoy native proficiency of French language, and professional, intermediate and basic proficiency of English, German, and Spanish languages respectively.

**2. Education**

- 10/2013 – 04/2018 PhD in agricultural economics, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.  
Title of thesis: *Trade and labour market policy modelling: a CGE analysis with applications to the Palestinian economy.*
- 10/2013 – 10/2016 Doctoral Certificate Program in Agricultural Economics, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.
- 10/2011 - 09/2013 Master in agricultural economics, University of Hohenheim, Germany.  
Title of thesis: *Price transmission along the supply chain of fertilizer in Ethiopia.* Grade “very good”.
- 10/2002 -12/2007 Diplôme d’Ingénieur Agronome, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin.  
Title of thesis: *Impact socioéconomique du VIH/SIDA sur les ménages agricoles au Bénin.* Grade “very good”.

**3. Employment history**

- 04/2016 to present Research assistant, Agricultural Trade and Development Group, Department of Agricultural Economics, Humboldt-University of Berlin, Unter den Linden 6, 10099 Berlin, Germany, +49 30 209346-800, [www.hu-berlin.de](http://www.hu-berlin.de).
- Research focus Trade policy and labour markets modelling
- Duties and accomplishments I lead a research project to assess the impact of changes in trade policies and in labour mobility between Palestine and Israel on the Palestinian economy, using computable general equilibrium models with a focus on policy implications for the Palestinian National Authority. I supervise Master students and enter at least two international conferences every year.

## *Curriculum vitae*

- 09/2013 – 02/2016 Research and teaching assistant, Agricultural and Food Policy Group, Institute of Agricultural Policy and Markets, University of Hohenheim, 70593 Stuttgart, Germany, Tel: +49 711 459-23731, [www.uni-hohenheim.de](http://www.uni-hohenheim.de).
- Research focus Preparation and compilation of economic data for Palestine and analysis of the Ethiopian fertilizer supply chain
- Duties and accomplishments I constructed a social accounting matrix and an input-output table for the West Bank (Palestine). I published two papers in internationally-peer-reviewed journals on price transmission for fertilizer products in Ethiopia. I entered at least two international conferences every year, supervised Master students, and was involved in teaching and other research activities at the institute.
- 09/2010 – 07/2011 Country Program Representative, Partners for Development (PFD), 8720 Georgia Avenue, Suite 906, Silver Spring, MD 20910, USA, Tel: +1 301 608-0426, <http://www.pfd.org>.
- Duties and accomplishments I coordinated all PFD's activities in Benin and represented the interests of the organization in different meetings. I contributed to a proposal that was approved in 2011 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with a budget of about US\$ 3.8 million to improve the value chains of horticultural products, and enhance the skills and access to financial services of at least 36,000 farmers in Southern Benin. I supervised the local partner who implemented the micro-credit project. During my time at the PFD, I also developed and maintained senior-level contacts with government officials and other stakeholders. I performed a variety of administrative tasks necessary for the final delivery of PFD's work program in Benin.
- 03/2008 – 10/2010 Research analyst, LEADD Consulting Cabinet, 01 BP 7226 Cotonou, Benin, Tel: +229 213 280 32, [www.leadd.org](http://www.leadd.org).
- Duties I was involved in multidisciplinary teams to develop proposals for consultancy works, and to implement the winning contracts. I maintained extensive contacts with the clients, collected field data, contributed to the preparation and presentation of analytical reports and recommendations in written and verbal forms.
- 01/2008 – 07/2011 Consultant, Laboratory of social sciences and capacity building, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA-Benin), 08 BP 0932 Tri-Postal Cotonou, Benin, Tel: +229 64181313, [www.iita.org](http://www.iita.org).
- Research focus Impact evaluation, economic analysis with both qualitative and quantitative methods, farmers' capacity building activities.
- Duties and accomplishments I planned and implemented several research projects addressing institutional and micro-level challenges to the development of a sustainable agriculture in Benin. I conducted several surveys, managed large databases and used advanced statistical tools to analyse the data. I wrote the technical reports focussing on the policy implications of the research. I presented the results of my research in different conferences as well as during stakeholder meetings. I was also involved in several capacity building activities, whereby I elaborated training curricula, and conducted workshops to build the capacity of farmers and extension workers on biocontrol of crop pests and diseases, production of organic pineapple, and development of bioenergy value chains.

#### 4. Consultancies

- 2017 Team leader for preparing the working paper “*Trade policies in Sub-Saharan Africa: Consistency with domestic policies and implications for sustainable and inclusive agricultural development*” for the Centre for Rural Development (SLE/Germany).
- 2015 Expert in a team for the study “*Economy-wide costs and benefits of flood protection programs: case of the River Bank Investment Project in Bangladesh*” for the World Bank Group.
- 2015 Reviewer of the study “*Benefits of smallholder farming in GIZ projects implemented with private sector cooperation*” for the GIZ.
- 2011 Expert in a team for the project “*Building the capacity of farmers towards the development of bio-energy value chains based on Jatropha curcas in Benin*” financed by the Netherlands Development Cooperation.
- 2010 Implementation of the study “*Assessment of consumers and producers’ perceptions on organic pineapple and local certification programs*” for Helvetas-Benin.
- 2010 Team member for monitoring and updating the list of AIDS orphans across Benin for the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria.
- 2010 Team member for the study “*Satisfaction assessment of NSIA-insurance group’s customers and partners*” for NSIA insurance group.
- 2009 Consultant on the study “*Mainstreaming the linkage between HIV/AIDS and rural poverty reduction in West and Central Africa*” for AfricaRice.
- 2009 Consultant in a team for building the capacity of extension workers in eight regions across Benin on the Farmer Field School approach for *Projet de Sécurité Alimentaire par l’Intensification Agricole (PSAIA)* / Ministry of Agriculture.
- 2009 Consultant in a team for building the capacity of pineapple farmers on environmentally friendly production techniques for Helvetas/Benin.

#### 5. Teaching Experience

- 2014 - 2016 Tutorials of microeconomics, agricultural and food policy, and advanced policy modelling for Master students (University of Hohenheim, Germany)
- 2010 - 2011 Introduction to market and value chain analysis for Bachelor students (University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin)

#### 6. Honours and Grants

- 2017 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) competitive funds for the implementation of a summer school on economic modelling and CGE-based analysis in Benin
- 2015 DAAD competitive teaching and research assistantship for international students (STIBET)
- 2013 DAAD prize of the best international student at the University of Hohenheim

## Curriculum vitae

2013	Competitive <i>fiat panis</i> / Dr. Eiselen Research Grant to undertake a research on price transmission between world and domestic markets in Ethiopia
2011	Prize of the best project idea submitted to the 6 <sup>th</sup> DAAD Workshop
2011	DAAD scholarship to pursue a Master study program in agricultural economics at the University of Hohenheim
2008	Benin National Centre for Scientific and Technical Research (CBRST) distinction of best theses of Benin National Universities
2007	Faculty of Agriculture distinction of best graduate student
2007	Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA) competitive research grant program for thesis writing
2002	Benin national scholarship to pursue undergraduate and graduate studies in agricultural sciences at the University of Abomey-Calavi

### 7. Skills

Computer skills	GAMS (advanced), R (advanced) STATA (good), JMulTi (good), SAS (basic), MS-Access (basic)
Language skills	French (native language), English (fluent), German (advanced B2), Spanish (basic), Fon (mother tongue/Benin), Mina (mother tongue/Benin)
Social skills	Team player, intercultural skills

### 8. Membership in professional organizations

- Member of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC)
- Member of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE)
- Member of the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) Network
- Member of the Economic Modelling (EcoMod) Network

### 9. Community service

- Author of the first mobile App to learn Benin local languages <http://allinone-benin.com/fongbe/>
- Founding member of the Initiative for the promotion of entrepreneurial culture in Africa [www.iapi-ong.org](http://www.iapi-ong.org)
- Student representative 2005-2007 and 2009-2010

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