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1. Summary

I am an agricultural economist with over ten years of experience in economic analysis and policy-oriented research. I am experienced with both quantitative and qualitative analysis methods. My current focus is on using economic modelling to assess the impact of agricultural, trade and labour market policies. My research activities cover developing countries, especially in Africa and the Middle East. I also have considerable experience in teaching, developing and implementing research proposals, managing grants and interacting with stakeholders at the policy level. As part of the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), I have been involved in recent years in developing and managing projects based on identified needs and requests from partner countries. I am well experienced with the delivery of technical advisory services for the analysis, development and implementation of agricultural and trade policies, as well as for the development of agricultural value chains. I enjoy native proficiency of French language, and professional proficiency of English and German.

2. Education

- 10/2013 – 10/2018 PhD in agricultural economics, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany.
Title of thesis: *Barriers to trade and labor mobility in conflict-affected regions: an economy-wide analysis with applications to the Palestinian economy.* Grade “*magna cum laude*” Very good.
- 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

- 11/2018 to present Policy advisor, German Corporation for International Cooperation, GIZ, Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 32 + 36, 53113 Bonn, Tel. +49 228 4460 0, www.giz.de
- Focus Agricultural and trade policy
- Duties
- Conception and steering of advisory services with and for partners at regional and national levels in areas of agricultural and trade policy in Africa.
 - Development of programmatic approaches in line with GIZ's regulations on identified needs and on requests from Partners.
 - Design and implementation/management of technical analyses to guide policymaking in partner countries and decision-making by the German Government.
 - Regular briefing of partner governments and the German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development on cases under my responsibility.
 - Design and implementation of appraisal missions for new measures/projects
 - Commission and management of studies.

Curriculum vitae

- Knowledge management: organization of expert talks and trainings; preparing and reviewing reports and writing articles and policy briefs.
 - Coordination of activities under my responsibility within GIZ and between GIZ and other international institutions.
- 04/2016 – 10/2018 Researcher, Agricultural Trade and Development Group, Department of Agricultural Economics, Humboldt-University of Berlin, Unter den Linden 6, 10099 Berlin, Germany, Tel. +49 30 209346-800, www.hu-berlin.de.
- Research focus Modelling trade policy and labour markets
- Duties and accomplishments
- I formulated, prepared and led a research project to assess the impact of changes in trade policies and in labour mobility in Palestine, using computable general equilibrium models.
 - I provided technical expertise in several policy-oriented short-term missions.
 - I supervised Master theses and was involved in teaching duties.
- 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.
- Research focus Preparation and compilation of economic data for Palestine and analysis of the Ethiopian fertilizer supply chain
- Duties and accomplishments
- I was part of a research team to assess potentials for regional integration and economic development in Palestine.
 - I developed a database (social accounting matrix), which is now the basis for several simulations to inform policymaking in Palestine
 - I assessed the performance and efficiency of the supply chain of fertilizer in Ethiopia.
 - I supervised Master theses and was involved in teaching duties.
- 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, which 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 fruits and vegetables 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.
 - I 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 95 06 03 05, <https://leadd-hq.com>.
- Duties
- I was involved in multidisciplinary teams to develop proposals for short-term consultancies, 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.

Curriculum vitae

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 .
Research focus	Impact evaluation, economic analysis with both qualitative and quantitative methods, farmers' capacity building activities.
Duties and accomplishments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I planned and implemented several research projects addressing challenges for the development of a sustainable agriculture in Benin.- I conducted one of the pioneer research projects assessing the effects of HIV/AIDS in rural areas in Benin and Cameroon.- I presented the results of my research in different conferences and 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 agricultural value chains.

4. Consultancies

2017	Team leader for preparing the working paper " <i>Trade policies in Sub-Saharan Africa: Consistency with domestic policies and implications for sustainable and inclusive agricultural development</i> " for the Centre for Rural Development (SLE/Germany).
2015	Expert in a team for the study " <i>Economy-wide costs and benefits of flood protection programs: case of the River Bank Investment Project in Bangladesh</i> " for the World Bank Group.
2015	Evaluator of the study " <i>Benefits of smallholder farming in GIZ projects implemented with private sector cooperation</i> " for the GIZ.
2011	Expert in a team for the project " <i>Building the capacity of farmers towards the development of bio-energy value chains based on <u>Jatropha curcas</u> in Benin</i> " financed by the Netherlands Development Cooperation.
2010	Implementation of the study " <i>Assessment of consumers and producers' perceptions on organic pineapple and local certification programs</i> " 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 " <i>Satisfaction assessment of NSIA-insurance group's customers and partners</i> " for NSIA insurance group.
2009	Consultant on the study " <i>Mainstreaming the linkage between HIV/AIDS and rural poverty reduction in West and Central Africa</i> " 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

08. - 09.2018	Summer school on “Policy analysis of agricultural and food systems using economic modelling” (University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin)
2013 - 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

2018	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) competitive funds for conducting a summer school on economic modelling 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
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 th 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 (good), STATA (good), JMulTi (good), SAS (basic), MS-Access (basic)
Language skills	French (native language), English (fluent), German (advanced), 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. List of Publications (available on demand)

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