

AAAE & NAAE SIGN MOU

The African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) President, Dr. Ed Mabaya, and his Nigerian Association of Agricultural Economists (NAAE) counterpart, Prof. Job Nmadu, have, on April 25, 2018, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) towards a joint 6th AAAE, & 20th NAAE Conference. The Conference will be held in Abuja, Nigeria from 23–26 September 2019. The agreement describes their understandings and commitments to this collaborative effort that AAAE and NAAE will work together towards attainment of the following goals:

- i) To jointly co-host the conference
- ii) To work with the federal government in Abuja to make the conference successful
- iii) To create awareness and publish the conference in Nigeria, and especially to state and private institutions that will benefit from the event
- iv) To jointly support the work of the established local organizing committee to mobilize local and other resources geared towards the attainment of the conference objectives
- v) To assist in any way that may be determined as necessary towards raising sufficient funds towards the success of the conference.

AAAE AND AfDB



AAAE President with Leandre Gbeli and Olagoke Oladopo of the AfDB.

During December 2017 the President of the AAAE met senior officials of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and *inter alia* discussed sponsorship of the next conference as well as exploring ways to increase the association's activities through occasional seminar series. The idea with the latter is that an opportunity will be provided for members of AAAE to share their work at different universities while they are travelling to different countries. More details will follow in due course.

AfJARE ACCEPTED FOR INCLUSION IN SCOPUS

The African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AfJARE), the journal of the AAAE, has been evaluated for inclusion in Scopus by its Content Selection & Advisory Board (CSAB). The review of this title is now complete and the CSAB has advised that the title will be accepted for inclusion in Scopus.

Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature (scientific journals, books and conference proceedings). It delivers a comprehensive overview of the world's research output in the fields of science, technology, medicine, social sciences, and arts and humanities, Scopus features smart tools to track, analyse and visualize research. Including AfJARE in this database will significantly increase the global exposure of the journal as well as of authors using it to publish their research results.

In the review report it was commented that AfJARE has scholarly relevance as evidenced by citations in other journals currently covered by Scopus. In general, the content of the articles is consistent with the scope and aims of the journal. Although the scope of this journal is narrow, it addresses the need of an important niche audience. However, the report also indicated that the journal needs to strengthen the editorial team and provide clear guidelines for authors regarding the abstract style and content. The abstracts should be clear and provide an excellent summary of each article's content. In addition, each article should include the date on which the manuscript was received, date of receipt for revised manuscript (if applicable), and date of acceptance.

SUMMER SCHOOL IN ECONOMETRICS

The Summer School "Intro and Advanced Econometrics for Applied Economics in Agriculture" will take place in Foggia (Italy) from 16 to 20 July 2018. Participants will learn theories concerning applied econometrics analysis in the agri-food sector and will develop proficiency with software to facilitate the initiation of their own research in topics related to the agri-food sector. The course deals with both conceptual and methodological issues.

After successful completion of this course students are expected to be able to:

- Understand basic econometric
- Model economic problems related to the agri-food sector
- Critically assess econometric analyses related to the agri-food sector
- Understand advanced topics in applied econometrics for the agri-food sector

Topics to be addressed are:

- Linear Regression Models
- Generalized Regression Models, Endogeneity Issues
- Time Series Econometrics
- Limited dependent variable models and Panel Data Models
- Score matching, Regression discontinuity models, Quantile regressions

Application forms should be send via email to Fabio Santeramo (fabio.santeramo@unifg.it) and to Roberta Spinelli (roberta.spinelli@unifg.it) no later than 15th June 2018. More info and application forms are available at: http://www.fabiosanteramo.net/?page_id=383

AEASA 2018

The 56th Conference of the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa (AEASA) will take place from 25 – 27 September 2017 at the Lord Charles Hotel near Cape Town, South Africa. The theme of the Conference is "Practising agricultural economics in an uncertain neighbourhood. The Simon Brand Memorial Address will be delivered by Dr Karen Brooks, Director of the CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC. Furthermore, various prominent local role players in agriculture will partake in panel discussions on the role and contributions of Agricultural Economists in, amongst other, growth and investment in the agricultural sector, agribusinesses, the wine and horticultural industries, policy making and government. Papers must be submitted by 15 June 2018. Feel free to visit the conference website at <https://centeqevents.wixsite.com/aeasa2018> for more information.

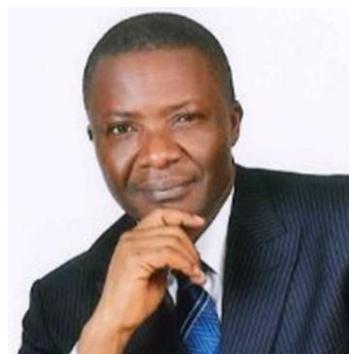
CONGRATULATIONS



Dr. Augustine Langyintuo

Dr. Langyintuo, past President of the AAEE, was elected as the Chair Elect of the Africa Chapter of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) while Dr. Ellen McCullough will be the new section Secretary/Treasurer. Dr Langyintuo will serve as Chair-Elect for 2018/2019 and move on to the Chair position for 2019/2020 while Dr McCullough will serve as Secretary/Treasurer for 3 years starting in 2018/19

CONGRATULATIONS



Dr Guy Blaise Nkamleu

Congratulations to Dr Guy Blaise Nkamleu who has been appointed as senior advisor to the Vice-President: Agriculture and social development of the AfDB.

ECOWAS

Prof Egnonto Koffi-Tessio, an honorary fellow of the AAEE, is currently the Regional Coordinator of the Regional Food Security Reserve Project in West Africa based at the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food of ECOWAS, Lomé, Togo. For more information visit: www.araa.org