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## NEWS

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### [Analyzing Trade Integration in North African Markets: A Border Effect Approach](#)

AGRODEP released a new [working paper](#) this month. [“Analyzing Trade Integration in North African Markets: A Border Effect Approach”](#) looks at the level of trade integration among Algeria, Egypt, Mauritania, Morocco, and Tunisia from 2005-2012. The authors, Houssein Eddine Chebbi, Abdessalem Abbassi, and Lota D. Tamini, analyze total trade as well as trade in agricultural and industrial goods and conclude that crossing a national border within these countries induces a trade-reduction effect. This border effect is found to be stable over time. These results suggest that North African countries should pursue structural policies to improve trade efficiency.

### [WEAI at AGRODEP Training Course](#)

AGRODEP has recently released the training videos on the [Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index](#). They were recorded during the AGRODEP training course on [“Tools for Value Chain Analysis”](#), held from March 29-April 1, 2016.

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## DEVELOPMENTS

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### [AGRODEP Members Attend Fertilizer Meeting](#)

On August 8-9, four AGRODEP members met with researchers from IFPRI in Dakar, Senegal to study the fertilizer supply chain in Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, and Uganda. The workshop discussed specific guidelines for providing a comprehensive overview of the fertilizer supply chain in each country. The planned study will study the main fertilizer(s) used in each country (ex. Urea, superphosphates, and compound fertilizers, or NPK) and will gather and analyze primary and secondary data, including field visits, interviews, and surveys of different market actors.

Participants in the meeting included Bernard Kiplimo Langat (Kenya), Charles B.L. Jumbe (Malawi), Adetola Adeoti (Nigeria), and Annet Adong (Uganda), as well as Manuel Hernandez and Mariana Garcia of IFPRI.

## FEATURED MEMBERS



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