

Grants Program

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GRANTS PROGRAM

- **The AGRODEP initiative supports three types of grants.**
 - Competitive call for *innovative research* - ***only for the benefit of AGRODEP members***;
 - Competitive call to address *gaps in research* - ***open to AGRODEP members and researchers outside AGRODEP***;
 - Financial assistance for research valorization – ***only for the benefit of AGRODEP members***.

- **1. Competitive call for *innovative research***
- **Only for AGRODEP members**
- Competitive call launched by the AGRODEP management team and sent to AGRODEP members.
- Special consideration will be given to projects that are in the line with the CAADP Agenda.

- **1. Competitive call for *innovative research***
- Size of a grant under this channel: US\$ 10,000-15,000 / yr for each proposal.
- Maximum size of all grants financed by AGRODEP / yr under this initiative: US\$ 250,000.
- The management team selects the proposals that will be financed by AGRODEP
- AGRODEP may satisfy fully or partially the demand for funds.
- Joint proposals are accepted.
- The maximum duration of a research project is one year.

- **1. Competitive call for *innovative research***
- Special consideration given to policy assessment for African economies
- Four priority topics for CAADP agenda:
 - **(a) climate change and water resource management;**
 - **(b) government marketing policies;**
 - **(c) trade policies and competitiveness;**
 - **(d) market access**
- Directly linked with the tools and data to be provided by AGRODEP

PRIORITY TOPICS

Priority topics	Data collection	Existing tools on AGRODEP
a) Climate change and Water management	Water availability, irrigation techniques, existing policies of water management, agro-ecological characteristics of land, etc.	Water models, Mirage and Miragrodep, IFPRI and PEP single-country CGEs, multi-market
b) Government marketing policies	Inventory of input policies, price policies and inventory policies implemented by the countries.	IFPRI and PEP single-country CGE's, multi-market and partial equilibrium models
c) Trade policies and competitiveness	Statistics on national, regional, and international trade, tariffs by sector and by type of instruments, Social Accounting Matrixes, Households Survey, information on trade policy regimes (multilateral membership, regional agreements, preferential schemes), etc.	Mirage, Miragrodep, Mirage_HH, IFPRI and PEP single-country CGE's, multi-market and partial equilibrium models, Spatial Models, etc.
d) Market access	Quality and importance of local and international transportation infrastructure (road, rail, air, maritime ports), telecommunication infrastructure (fixed and mobile telephone penetration, access to computer, internet coverage), storage facilities, or sanitary and phytosanitary facilities.	Gravity models, transportation cost models, Mirage, Miragrodep, Mirage_HH, IFPRI and PEP single-country CGE's, Spatial Models, etc.

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH: PROCEDURE

- **1. Competitive call for *innovative research***
- Process of interim Report/Final Report
- Evaluation by an expert (either from the AGRODEP management team or from outside)
- System of preliminary/intermediate/final payment
- If unsatisfactory, revisions asked before final payment



INNOVATIVE RESEARCH: TIMING

- **1. Competitive call for *innovative research***
- Call for grants is once a year.
- Agenda:
 - July 15th: competitive call for innovative research launched by the AGRODEP management team.
 - August 31st: proposals drafted and sent by AGRODEP members
 - September 21st: AGRODEP management team announces selected proposals that will be financed by AGRODEP

INNOVATIVE RESEARCH: FIRST YEAR PROCEDURE

- **1. Competitive call for *innovative research***
- For projects supporting the implementation of systematic policy impact assessment concerning four priority topics of CAADP agenda.
- **Stage 1** – Research from October 2011- March 2012: *Identification of existing bottlenecks in research (models and data) to assess policies already implemented and being implemented (CAADP priorities);*
- **Stage 2** – Research from April 2012 to September 2012: *Collection of statistical data and identification of key tools needed to assess the costs and benefits of policies and the effects of reducing the bottlenecks identified;*
- **Stage 3**- Research from October 2012 to September 2013: *Simulation of the cost and benefits of removing the bottlenecks identified and proposed policy recommendations to remove them to enable and improve the effectiveness of policies.*

- **2. Grants to address *gaps in research***
- For AGRODEP members and non-AGRODEP members and/or research centers not located in Africa.
- It aims to address *gaps in research*; developing AGRODEP collaboration with the best research centers in the world on a specific research topic.

- **2. Grants to address *gaps in research***
- Competitive call launched once a year.
 - The AGRODEP management team presents a list of topics to the SAB on March of each year.
 - Once validated by SAB, competitive call.
 - Proposals examined by a selection committee composed of the management team, the chairs of the SAB and of the SC
 - The size of a proposal is 10,000US\$ - 15,000US\$.
 - The maximum size for all proposals funded per year by AGRODEP under this initiative is US\$ 50,000.

- **2. Grants to address *gaps in research***
- Timing:
- Call for grants is once a year.
- Agenda:
 - March: list of topics by the AGRODEP management team; validation by SAB.
 - April 15th: competitive call for “gap in research”.
 - June 30th: proposals sent to AGRODEP
 - July 15th: selections of proposals by the AGRODEP
- The maximum duration of a research project is one year. It starts on August 1st.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH VALORIZATION

- **3. Financial assistance for research valorization for AGRODEP members**
- Financial assistance exclusively for AGRODEP members:
 - **To present their research at international conference.**
 - **For publications submission fee.**
 - For **training** outside AGRODEP (exceptional).
- Approved on case by case basis.
- Research needs to be linked to AGRODEP.
- Members working in international organizations will be excluded.
- Rules against receiving dual funding for a conference will be clearly stated.
- Total financial assistance for research valorization may not add up to more than US\$ 50,000 per year.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Grants program has to be validated by the SC
- Research topics and selected grants proposals have to be validated by the SAB
- Grants for Innovative Research start in one month
- A Grant Program Manual soon available on AGRODEP website
- Includes Ethic Rules, Section on Conflicts of Interest and Property Rights
- Questions & Answers

