

# Fact Sheet • AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION WORKSHOP: ABIDJAN, SEPT. 26-29, 1995

• FOOD SECURITY II COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS, MSU •  
• ACTIVITY TIME PERIOD: OCTOBER, 1994 - JANUARY 31, 1996<sup>1</sup> •

## 1. Cooperating Institutions

African Development Bank  
Agency for International Development, Africa Bureau, Office of Sustainable Development  
(AFR/SD/PSGE/FSP)  
Institut du Sahel (INSAH)/Programme Régional de Renforcement Institutionnel en Matière de  
Recherche sur la Sécurité Alimentaire au Sahel (PRISAS)  
Department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University (MSU)

## 2. Participants Involved

<b>AFR/SD/PSGE/TDT:</b>	Tom Olson, George Gardner, Brian D'Silva, Mildred Morton
<b>USAID/REDSO/WCA:</b>	Coffi Prudencio, Sanath K. Reddy
<b>G/EG/AFS:</b>	Ralph Cummings
<b>Coordinators:</b>	Lual Deng (ADB), Moussa Batchily Ba (INSAH), John Staatz (MSU)
<b>ADB:</b>	A. Aklilu, Oumar Aw, Lual Deng, Charles Lufumba, Charles Mbwanda, Nadir Mohammed, Brave Ndisale
<b>Burkina Faso:</b>	Kimseyinga Savadogo
<b>CILSS:</b>	Yamar M'Bodj (Executive Secretariat)
<b>Club du Sahel:</b>	Serge Snrech
<b>Côte d'Ivoire:</b>	Pity Balle, Louis Ban-Koffi, Kama Berté, Aisata Camara
<b>Ethiopia:</b>	George Abalu, Hagos Gebre (paper contributor but could not attend), Daniel Molla
<b>Ghana:</b>	Sam Dapaah, Yerfi Fosu
<b>IFPRI:</b>	Ousmane Badiane
<b>INSAH:</b>	Moussa Batchily Ba, Touba Bedingar, Josué Dioné, Fatoumata Sanogo, Hamdou Rabby Wane
<b>Christian Michelsen Institute (Norway):</b>	Johan Helland
<b>MSU:</b>	John Staatz, Youssouf Camara, Laura Farrelly
<b>Nigeria:</b>	Anthony Ikpi
<b>Sierra Leone:</b>	Dunstan Spencer, Kandeh Yumkella
<b>South Africa:</b>	Luther Sibisi, Johan van Rooyen

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<b>Swaziland:</b>	Glenn Magagula
<b>Winrock International:</b>	Pierre Antoine, Henk Knipscheer
<b>Zambia:</b>	Benedict Kapita, Guy Scott (paper contributor but could not attend)
<b>Zimbabwe:</b>	Gordon Sithole

### 3. Objectives

The workshop, held in Abidjan on Sept. 26-29, 1995, brought together 40 senior African researchers and policymakers, along with a few participants from Europe and North America. The Africans came from 19 different Subsaharan nations, and represented 22 distinct African and international organizations. The aim of the workshop was to identify *strategic investments and policy actions* that African governments, firms, and organizations and donors can undertake to foster agricultural and economic transformation. The challenge was to identify ways of fostering agricultural transformation that will stimulate broader economic growth while increasing food security, reducing poverty, and protecting the environment.

### 4. Approach

The structure of the workshop involved three modules. The module laid out the challenges and key issues of agricultural transformation. These issues were introduced by three presentations, followed by discussion and debate. The second module involved case studies of experiences with agricultural transformation in different geographical regions of Africa. The third module consisted of smaller working groups focussing on three distinct aspects of agricultural transformation: Group 1) technology issues, in particular the criteria for defining agro-ecological zones and the production, diffusion, and use of technologies; Group 2) investment issues, with an emphasis on problems of financing and access to credit; and Group 3) institutional and policy dimensions, focussing on macroeconomic and sectoral policies, land tenure, and integration/regional cooperation. A workshop report synthesized the key recommendations of the working groups.

### 5. Papers Presented at Workshop

Dapaah, S. K. "Empirical Analysis of the Likely Future Evolution of Agriculture in Ghana and How it Will Affect the Prospects for Longer Term Growth of Agriculture, the Food System and the Broader Economy." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

Deng, Lual A., Charles Mbwanda, Nadir Mohammed, and Charles L. Lufumpa. "Agricultural Transformation in Africa: The Missing Links." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

Dioné, Josué. "Adjustment, Policy Reform, and Agricultural Transformation in the Sahel." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

Gebre, Hagos, Daniel Molla, T.S. Jayne, and James Shaffer. "Designing Strategies to Support a Transformation of Agriculture in Ethiopia." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

Ngirwa, Wilfred. "Agriculture Transformation Issues in Tanzania." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

Ng'ong'ola, D. H. "Analysis of Policy Reforms and Structural Adjustment Programs in Malawi with Emphasis on Agriculture and Trade." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

Badiane, Ousmane and Christopher L. Delgado. "A 2020 Vision for Food, Agriculture, and the Environment in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Synthesis." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

Scott, Guy. "Agricultural Transformation in Zambia: Past Experience and Future Prospects." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

Spencer, Dunstan S. C. "Past Trends and Future Prospects for Agricultural Development in Sub-Saharan Africa." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

van Rooyen, C.J., J.F. Kirsten, J. van Zyl, and N. Vink. "Structural Adjustment, Policy Reform and Agricultural Performance in South Africa." Paper presented at the Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa. Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 1995.

## **5.1. Outputs to Date**

Comité de redaction. "Draft Report: Workshop on Agricultural Transformation in Africa." Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. September 26-29, 1995.

Staatz, John M. 1996. *Fostering Agricultural and Food System Transformation in Africa*. MSU Policy Synthesis No. 13. East Lansing: Michigan State University

Staatz, John M. 1996. "The Use of Subsector Analysis as a Diagnostic Tool for Linking Industry and Agriculture." Presentation to UNIDO Expert Group Meeting on the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

## **6. Ongoing Research and Outreach Activities and Impacts**

Short synthetic reports and policy bulletins on key issues identified by the workshop.

A report describing how strategies for fostering agricultural transformation can be incorporated into overall Bank Group lending operations.

A workshop proceedings volume to be made available to key research and policy centers in Africa.

Partly in response to the Abidjan meeting, CILSS (Comité Permanent Inter-état de Lutte Contre la Sécheresse au Sahel), a West African regional organization with nine member states, launched a special initiative on Agricultural Transformation in the Sahel in December 1995. The initiative is headed by Yamar M'Bodj, a participant in the Abidjan workshop. Several other participants, including Josué Dioné, Kimseyinga Savadogo, Touba Bedingar, and H. Rabby Wane, have contributed analyses to this Sahel-wide initiative. John Staatz and Thomas Reardon of MSU also participated in the December 1995 meeting in Bamako that launched this initiative:

- December 1995. Mali. Presentation by Josué Dioné to the CILSS meeting on Agricultural Transformation in the Sahel. Presentation entitled “Cadre conceptuel pour une reflexion sur la transformation del’agriculture au Sahel.”
- December 1995. Mali. Presentation by John Staatz to the CILSS meeting on Agricultural Transformation in the Sahel. Presentation entitled “Role stratégique des systèmes agricoles et alimentaires dans la lutte contre la faim par la promotion d’use croissance économique durable.”

Concepts developed at the workshop have been instrumental in the design of UNIDO’s new Alliance for Africa’s Industrialization. This is UNIDO’s contribution to the United Nations System-Wide Special Initiative on Africa. The Alliance aims to re-orient UNIDO’s efforts towards strengthening agriculture-industry linkages in order to foster agricultural transformation. Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, a key participant in the Abidjan workshop, was named in 1996 to lead this UNIDO initiative.