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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Aspirations and behavioural biases

Social protection and poverty

Household behaviour and labour market outcomes

Impact evaluation and applied micro-econometrics

EDUCATION

Ph.D. -Agricultural Economics - University of Bonn (Expected 2021)

MSc. - Agricultural and Food Economics - University of Bonn (2017)

BSc. - Agricultural Economics - University of Buea (2014)

EXPERIENCE

Consultant 01/2020-06/2020

World Bank Group (WBG)

(Activities: Research assistant in the Cote d'Ivoire Jobs pilot which centres around economic inclusion into rice value chains to improve labour market outcomes and rural employment.

Administrative data analysis and reporting, coordinate and supervise all data collection processes by working with a survey firm, sampling activities, data cleaning and management, pilot baseline data analysis and drafting project reports and manuscripts).

Survey Coordinator 07/2019-09/2019

Aspirations Household Survey in Kenya

(Activities: Coordinate and supervise all data collection processes, sampling activities, drafting questionnaires on Survey Solutions, Data scoping and reshaping, Real time data checks).

Survey Supervisor 05/2019-07/2019

Future Rural Africa Baseline Survey in Kenya

(Activities: Supervise all baseline data collection processes, sampling activities, drafting questionnaires on SurveyCTO, Data scoping and reshaping, Real time data checks).

Research Assistant**since 04/2018****Institute for Food and Resource Economics, Bonn, Germany**

(CAPI programming and questionnaire formulation, Data analysis and scientific publications, MSc term paper supervision, conference attendance).

Researcher**01.2018-04.2018****Centre for Independent Development Research, Buea, Cameroon**

(Activities: Data collection on issues of Agricultural Production Economics, Rural Development and Agricultural Policy, Training Assistant for workshops on Agricultural Policy and Political Economy Analysis.

Research Fellow**04.2017 - 10.2017****International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) Nairobi Kenya**

(Activities: CAPI programming, Panel data econometric analysis, Data cleaning, Impact evaluation, Data collection).

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020: World Bank Group Africa Fellowship in Washington D.C. USA and Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire (January – June 2020).

2019: Hans H. Ruthenberg Graduate Award for an excellent thesis with a significant contribution to the improvement of farming and reduction of hunger in the world.

2019: World Bank/GIZ/AERC fellowship on Land Economics and Governance at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in South Africa (Jan 7- Feb 8, 2019).

2018: IAAE young research scholar travel grants for participation at the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, Vancouver Canada.

2017: Scholarship of the GIZ (BEAF Program, Advisory Group for Development-Oriented Agricultural Research) for a research internship at ICRISAT, Nairobi, Kenya.

2014: Most Disciplined undergraduate student at the University of Buea, Cameroon.

2014: Best graduating student in the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Buea, Cameroon.

2014: Best graduating student in the Faculty of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, University of Buea, Cameroon.

TRAININGS

2019: PhD Specialization Course on Land Economics and Governance at the University of Cape Town, South Africa organized by AERC/GIZ/WORLD BANK.

2019: World Bank online course on STATA and GIS.

2016: Seminar on 'Field experimentation in Development Economics', organised by the AFEPA consortium at the Catholic university of Louvain, Belgium.

2013: Workshop on Statistical and Econometric Analysis, organised by SOWEDA, SWR, Cameroon.

2012: Trainee at farmer business school organized by GIZ and Ministry of Agriculture in Cameroon.

RESEARCH OUTPUT

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Boakye, A.J., Muliro, M. (2020), "Mitigating the impacts of floods using adaptive and resilient coping strategies: The role of the Emergency Livelihood Empowerment Against Poverty Programme (LEAP) in Ghana", *Journal of Environmental Management*, forthcoming.

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Molua, E.L., Minkoua, J.R., Fuh, L.G. (2020), "Production and supply of tomato in Cameroon: Examination of the comparative effect of price and non-price factors", *Scientific African*, forthcoming.

Molua, E.L., **Tabe-Ojong, M. P.**, Meliko, M.O., Fotabong, M.N., Akamin, A. (2020), "[Efficiency Differentials in Resource-use Among Smallholder Cassava Farmers in Southwestern Cameroon](#)", *Development in practice*, forthcoming.

Habiyaremye, N., **Tabe-Ojong, M. P.**, Ochieng, J., Chagomoka, Takemore. (2019), "[New insights on efficiency and productivity analysis: Evidence from vegetable-poultry integration in rural Tanzania](#)", *Scientific African* 6(1): e00190.

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Habiyaremye, N. (2017), "[Economic Evaluation of Bioenergy Production from Bio-Based plants in Germany: Implications for the bioeconomy?](#)", *Journal of Sustainable development*, 10 (6): 262-273.

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Molua, E.L (2017), "[Technical Efficiency of Smallholder Tomato Production in Semi-Urban Farms in Cameroon: A Stochastic Frontier Production Approach](#)", *Journal of Management and Sustainability*, 7(4): 27-35.

Working Papers

Aspiration formation and ecological shocks in rural Kenya (with [Thomas Heckeleej](#) and [Kathy Baylis](#)).

Collective action and smallholder rural households: Implications for income and asset aspirations (with [Thomas Heckeleei](#) and [Kathy Baylis](#)).

Commercializing smallholders through improved chickpeas? Panel evidence from Ethiopia (with [Kai Mausch](#), [Tefaye Woldeyohanes](#) and [Thomas Heckeleei](#)).
[2019 Hans H. Ruthenberg Graduate Award](#).

Does agricultural commercialization increase asset and livestock accumulation on smallholder farms in Ethiopia? (with [Michael Hauser](#) and [Kai Mausch](#)).

Work in Progress

Aspiration failure framework: Testing the inverted U-shaped relationship between aspirations and household investments.

Religiosity and parental educational and occupational aspirations for children: Evidence from Kenya and Namibia (with [Emmanuel N. Rukundo](#)).

Awareness and participation in staple food value chains: Evidence from Cote d'Ivoire (with [Joachim Vandecasteele](#) and [Luc Christiaensen](#)).

Conference Contributions

Tabe-Ojong, M.P., Heckeleei, T., Baylis, K. (2020), "Aspiration formation and ecological shocks in rural Kenya", contributed paper to be presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, 26-28 July 2020, Kansas (USA).

Tabe-Ojong, M.P., Heckeleei, T., Baylis, K. (2020), "Collective action and smallholder rural households: Implications for income and asset aspirations", contributed paper to be presented at the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, 26-28 July 2020, Kansas (USA).

Tabe-Ojong, M.P. (2020), "Agricultural commercialization and smallholder farm households: Implications for asset ownership and rural wealth," contributed paper to be presented at the World Bank Land and Poverty Conference, 16-20 March 2020, Washington D.C. (USA).

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Mausch, K. (2019), "Impacts of improved chickpea adoption on smallholder production and commercialization in Ethiopia" [Hans H. Ruthenberg Graduate Award](#) presentation at the Tropentag, 18-20 September 2019, Kassel (Germany).

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Mausch, K., Woldeyohanes, T., Heckeleei, T. (2018), "A triple hurdle model of the impacts of improved chickpea adoption on smallholder production and commercialization in Ethiopia," contributed paper presented at the International Conference of Agricultural Economists, 28-02 August 2018, Vancouver (Canada).

Tabe-Ojong, M. P., Mausch, K., Woldeyohanes, T., Heckeleei, T.(2018), "A triple hurdle model of the impacts of improved chickpea adoption on smallholder production and commercialization in Ethiopia," contributed paper presented at the 92nd AES Conference, 16-18 April 2018, Warwick (United Kingdom).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **Reviewer** for Development in practice
- **Member**, International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE), American Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA), African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE), Agricultural Economics Society (AES), German Association of Agricultural Economists (GAEE)

SKILLS

- **Language:** Native: English and French. Advanced: German
- **Econometric Software:** Stata, R, SPSS, FRONTIER, E views
- **Programming:** CAPI (Survey Solutions and Survey CTO), GAMS
- **Microsoft office:** Excel, Powerpoint, Word.
- **Maps:** QGIS

REFERENCES

Prof. Dr. Thomas Heckeleei

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