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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Impact evaluation and applied micro-econometrics

Social protection and poverty

Household behaviour and welfare analysis

Aspirations and Economic mobility

Productivity and efficiency analysis

## EDUCATION

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**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

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**Consultant** 01/2020-06/2020

**World Bank Group (WBG)**

(Activities: Member of an inclusive value chain project meant to upscale the production of rice in Cote d'Ivoire, Administrative data analysis and reporting, Coordinate and supervise all data collection processes by working with a survey firm, sampling activities, drafting questionnaires on Survey Solutions, Survey data analysis and draft articles).

**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 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**

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**2020:** World Bang Group African 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**

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**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

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### Peer-Reviewed Publications

Molua, E.L., **Tabe-Ojong, M. P.**, Meliko, M.O., Fotabong, M.N., Akamin, A. (2019), "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.

### Working Papers

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

**Tabe-Ojong, M. P.**, Mausch, K., Woldeyohanes, T., Heckelee, T. (2019), "Commercializing smallholders through improved chickpeas? Panel evidence from Ethiopia," **R&R** in *Agricultural Economics*.

**Tabe-Ojong, M.P.** (2019), "Agricultural commercialization and smallholder farm households: Implications for asset ownership and rural wealth," **under review**

## **Work in Progress**

Aspiration formation and ecological shocks: An exploratory analysis in rural Kenya (with Thomas Heckeleei and Kathy Baylis).

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

Economics of rainfed rice in Cote d'Ivoire (with Luc Christiaensen).

How religiosity influences aspirations: Evidence from Kenya and Namibia (with Emmanuel N. Rukundo).

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

## **Conference Contributions**

**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., 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).

**Tabe-Ojong, M. P.**, Mausch, K. (2017), "Impacts of improved chickpea adoption on smallholder production and commercialization in Ethiopia," selected poster presented at Tropentag, 20-22 September 2017, Bonn (Germany).

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- **Reviewer** for Development in practice
- **Member**, International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE), Agricultural Economics Society (AES), German Association of Agricultural Economists (GAAE)

## SKILLS

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- **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

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### **Prof. Dr. Thomas Heckelei**

Chair of Economic and Agricultural Policy,

Institute for Food and Resource Economics (ILR)

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### **Prof. Kathy Baylis**

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