

Review of: "A Socio-Historical Look at Agricultural Policy Reform in Benin (West Africa) since 1960: A Literature Review"

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In this review, the authors attempted to critically analyze the agricultural reforms of Benin from 1960 to the present by reviewing the available literature.

Abstract:

This section should be rewritten in order to give a concise summary of this review paper.

The keywords should be found throughout the full paper itself not like some words in the title.

Introduction:

First paragraph: rewrite this part in order to have recent literature review.

In the introduction section we miss the African context to this review. Authors should start this section by presenting some African indicator.....

In Benin, the performance of the agricultural sector has remained relatively weak for decades despite its potential and the various reforms implemented in the sector : explain the reasons.

In the Last paragraph, authors should explain to the readers study objective and the detail the points to be discussed in this review.

Material and methods

Data collection

How the authors could guarantee the reliability of internal documents such as policy documents related to agricultural policies.

The criteria for inclusion and exclusion of documents should be presented on a flowchart following PRISMA (Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses) guidelines and guidance.

2.2. Data analysis: should be separated to the table 1

3.1. Scientific interest in public policies and reforms in the agricultural sector: This sub-section should be on the methodology section.

1960 - 1972: A “forced” quest for economic growth

The reported public actions in the agricultural sector should be more detailed and discussed.

What about the cooperativization during this period: success or failure, justify your response.

These failures in the agricultural sector, as well as in other vital sectors of the country, led to a new ideology: Marxist-Leninism: I think not or due to the agriculture, please check your references and add some literature review to confirm this.

From 1972 to 1990 and from 1990 to 2006:

What are the contributions of international development agencies to this revolutionary period?

From 1990 to 2006: Agricultural policies with visions

What are the drivers of the gradual opening of Benin's economy?

What is the success degree of the agricultural policies implemented since 2001?