

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

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General.

The specific context of the problem statement is not present and there are a series of assumptions and ambiguities present in the paper.

There is an absence of specific policies and their intended outcomes.

Abstract

Suggestions for improvement:

- **Specificity:** While the timeframe (1960-present) is given, mentioning specific periods or significant events within could add context.
- **Quantitative data:** Briefly mentioning any data supporting the claim of "inconclusive results" would strengthen the argument.
- **Nuance in conclusions:** Consider acknowledging potential positive outcomes alongside ongoing challenges, rather than framing it solely as "a certain immobility."
- **Conciseness:** The abstract could be slightly tightened by removing redundancies (e.g., "essentially been summarized").

This abstract is well-written and effectively introduces the research. Providing some additional details and nuance in the conclusions would further enhance its impact.

Introduction:

- **Specificity:** While the major problems are listed, briefly mentioning their severity or potential consequences could add urgency.
- **Structure:** The introduction could be made more thematic by grouping related information (e.g., combining paragraphs about policy goals and institutional capacity).

Methods, Results and Conclusion

1. The publication years of some in-text citations were omitted.
2. Based on this statement (This literature review has provided a chronological examination of public policies and socio-institutional changes in the agricultural sector in Benin up to 201) in your conclusion, the topic can be changed to specifically read (.../Reform in Benin (West Africa) since 1960-**2016**...
3. The referencing does not seem to follow a particular style.