

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

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The article entitled "A Socio-Historical Look at Agricultural Policy Reform in Benin (West Africa) since 1960: A Literature Review" is very interesting from a historical point of view to understand the main agrarian policies implemented in Benin from 1960 to 2016. However, the article lacks scientific relevance. The authors state in the abstract that the article critically analyzes Benin's agricultural reforms since 1960, but when reading the article, one only sees the history of agricultural policies formulated and implemented over time. It is important to review the abstract and clearly present the objective of the article, the methodology used, and the results obtained.

Pay attention to scientific writing. The scientific writing standard requires that the text be written in the third person singular or plural. Therefore, a revision is necessary to bring the full text into this structure. Eliminate the use of first-person plural phrases.

The first paragraph of the results must be removed for methodological procedures.

The authors criticized the inefficiency of Benin's agrarian system and highlighted the need for reforms, but the points of inefficiency do not appear in the search expressions. It seems that the scientific productions analyzed in this literature review do not provide sufficient information to justify the criticisms made by the authors. It is necessary to certify whether the inefficiency factors presented by the authors have support in the research field. How did the authors reach these conclusions, considering that they did not carry out field research with actors in agrarian policy?

Make sure that all cited authors appear in the list of references.

Finally, it is unequivocal that the article addresses a relevant topic for understanding the dimension of the problem of agricultural reform necessary for the territorial development of Benin, given the importance of agriculture for the local economy. However, it is not possible to state that the local government's successive attempts to institutionalize land use are due to "external" influences; at least the authors did not present information that supports this statement. In this context, it is important to be careful in your statements and conclusions.

It is also necessary to cite the sources of information used in the introduction of the article.

I consider the article acceptable after the revisions noted.

