

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

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The authors want to, based on a literature review, show how the policies implemented in Benin to influence the agricultural sector have evolved. This is a very good and ingenious research idea. The outcome of such an analysis will provide important lessons for other developing countries. In the sense that we will know what worked and what did not work so that the agricultural sector is in its current state.

However, the authors must make more efforts to succeed in this mission.

Tips for getting there are offered below.

Abstract: National sovereignty is a vague expression. At the beginning of the text it is not interesting

Introduction: in the five problems that you have identified, none relate to questions of education and training of farmers?

Section 2.1 What is the difference between national sovereignty and international sovereignty?

The information sources cited in this section are not important, so remove them.

the analysis methods must be modified. for a given policy, we need to know what problem it wants to solve, what techniques are used and what the results were. To what extent do we need a new policy and in which direction the government has taken its policy. This must be your method of analysis.

Section 3.1. is not necessary

## Results

You should not read and write what you read in literature. You need to analyze this information and say whether it is true or false. Are you sure that the CFDT improves the situation of cotton producers in Benin?

you must start by presenting the situation of the Beninese agricultural sector at the beginning. So what was the first policy and its objective. After its implementation, what was the agricultural situation now (what are the results and what types of problems arise). Which policy is now implemented with which objectives and so on.

There is a severe lack of analysis in the text. the story must be analytical and not descriptive. If the authors want to



achieve this, they must also distinguish between policies, programs and projects and/or actions.

It is interesting to highlight the respective effects of policies implemented in developing countries like Benin so that we can learn from successes and failures. We need to know what went wrong and where things went well in order to guide future policies. But the way you're doing it, we might not get there.

So I suggest you resume the analyzes in the simplest way possible by doing this:

(i) during colonization, these, are what the colonist did and these are the objectives of such behavior. (ii) with independence, local governments will reorient agricultural policies to meet the needs of the country (as opposed to the needs of the settler). For this purpose, such a policy was put in place, its objective was this. After its implementation, some problems were resolved, but others were not. To correct this, another policy was implemented... until today.