

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

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Abstract

Briefly mention the historical context without extensive details, focusing on key transformations in the agricultural sector post-1960.

Streamline the discussion on agricultural policies to highlight their inconclusive impact, emphasizing the alignment with external powers and national directives.

Conclude by underscoring the need for effective consideration of stakeholder aspirations to ensure ownership of agricultural policies.

Introduction

Briefly acknowledge the historical changes in Benin's agricultural governance without extensive details, focusing on their impact on strategic visions and objectives.

Emphasize the advantages of reviewing agricultural policies diachronically, providing insights into policy logic, institutional reforms, and their impact on the sector in Benin.

Material and method

While it is mentioned that data were obtained from the review of scientific work and policy documents, it would be beneficial to briefly outline the specific types of documents or studies included in the review.

Consider mentioning any inclusion or exclusion criteria applied during the initial literature search.

Specify the number of requests made for restricted publications and the success rate of obtaining them. This adds transparency to the data collection process.

While Table 1 outlines the criteria for inclusion and exclusion of documents, a brief narrative in the main text could provide additional context or justification for these criteria.

Clarify the rationale behind using a Likert-type scale for assessing the relevance of documents. Specify the criteria for

classifying documents based on the year of publication, relevance, document type, and study coverage area.

Provide a brief overview or definition of the diachronic method to aid readers who may not be familiar with the term.

Briefly explain how the synthesis of each selected document was conducted to achieve an organized and structured writing of the review.

Results

Consider condensing the information for better readability. Avoid unnecessary details and focus on key findings.

Streamline the presentation of data and statistics to enhance clarity.

Explicitly connect the results presented with the research objectives. Ensure that each piece of information contributes directly to the study's goals.

Summarize major findings at the end of each subsection to help readers grasp key takeaways without going through extensive details.

Conclusions

The language used is somewhat verbose. Streamlining sentences and improving clarity would make the conclusion more succinct.

Emphasize the key findings and their implications for future research, rather than providing a broad overview of the agricultural sector's history.

Instead of suggesting a general need for "in-depth research," provide specific recommendations for future studies, such as particular aspects to focus on, methodologies to employ, or gaps in the existing literature that require further exploration.

Link the research findings to practical implications or policy recommendations, demonstrating the real-world significance of the study.