

# 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 offers intriguing insights into the evolution of Benin's agricultural policies over time and underscores the pivotal role of policy in agricultural development. Nevertheless, there are notable areas where improvements could enhance its overall impact.

- The Agricultural Policy Reform in Benin is a fascinating topic; in the abstract and the introduction, the paper's central problem lacks clarity and requires further elucidation. Readers would appreciate if the authors would clarify the gap that they want to address and why this is important.
- The paper can also benefit from the inclusion of a theoretical or conceptual framework, adding a domain to view and interpret the data.
- While the paper presents rich data, it primarily employs a descriptive approach, lacking in-depth critical analysis of the agricultural policies.
- The introduction contains broad statements that necessitate clarification. For instance, when referencing Sub-Saharan Africa's agricultural efforts, specifying the countries under discussion would enhance precision. For instance, rather than making sweeping statements like "Since the colonial period, the governance of Benin's agricultural sector has undergone major changes to address the multiple challenges it faces (Adjovi, 2020)," it would be prudent to explicitly outline the specific changes being referenced.
- It is essential to briefly outline the colonial agricultural policies in Benin and their subsequent evolution.

Addressing these issues would significantly enhance the paper's quality and depth.

By addressing these areas, the paper can markedly improve its coherence, depth, and impact, offering a more comprehensive analysis of Benin's agricultural policies and their evolution.