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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis. December 1998.

M.S., Resource Economics, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. September 1993.

B.S. (Hons), Agricultural Economics, University of Ghana, Legon. December 1988.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

International Food Policy Research Institute

Development Strategy and Governance Unit

- **Senior Research Fellow** (April 2017 to August 2017, January 2023 to present): leading and conducting research on [national strategies and public investment](#) for accelerating [agrifood systems transformation](#) in Africa and providing technical support to the African Union's Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme ([CAADP](#)) and Biennial Review ([BR](#)).
- **Research Fellow** (February 2004 to March 2017): conducted research on [impact of public investment in agriculture and rural areas](#) and provided technical support to [CAADP](#) and [BR](#).
- **Database manager**: Statistics on Public Expenditures for Economic Development ([SPEED](#)), March 2015 to September 2017; and Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System ([ReSAKSS](#)), September 2010 to June 2020.
- **Program leader**: [ReSAKSS](#), September 2010 to August 2012; [Pro-Poor Public Investment](#), February 2006 to September 2010; and [Uganda Strategy Support Program](#), February 2004 to February 2006.

Africa Region Office

- **Acting Director** (March to October 2020, March 2022 to December 2024): managed the [Africa region program](#) and provided overall intellectual leadership and guidance for the strategic research areas of the office and capacity building related activities; participated in IFPRI's senior management team (SMT) meetings; managed the transition and localization of programs ([ReSAKSS](#), [AGRODEP](#), and [MaMo](#)) and associated staff and resources to an African institution, [Akademiya2063](#).
- **Deputy Director** (September 2017 to December 2022): assisted the director in managing the Africa region research portfolio and provided overall intellectual leadership and guidance for the strategic research areas of the office and capacity building related activities; led [research on national strategies and public investment for accelerating food systems transformation in Africa](#); and provided analytical support to [CAADP](#) and [BR](#).

Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda (Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness)

- Guest Lecturer in M.S. Econometrics, March to July 2005 (Spring Semester).

International Livestock Research Institute, Addis Ababa (Livestock Policy Analysis Program)

- Agricultural Economist, September 2001 to December 2003.
- Editor, Socioeconomics and Policy Research working paper series, September 2001 to December 2003.
- Post-Doctoral Scientist, March 1999 to August 2001.

University of California, Davis (Agricultural and Resource Economics Department)

- Research Assistant, September 1993 to June 1995.
- Graduate Reader, October 1995 to June 1996.

University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Resource Economics Department)

- ✦ Teaching Assistant, September 1991 to May 1992.

Comtran Engineering & Planning Associates, Accra, Ghana

- ✦ Consultant, June 1989 to August 1991.

University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana (Department of Agricultural Economics)

- ✦ Research/Teaching Assistant, June 1989 to August 1991.

PUBLICATIONS (peer-reviewed books, book chapters, research reports)

- Becquey, E., **Benin, S.**, Marivoet, W., and Gelli, A. 2024. "[Regional developments: Africa](#)," in International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2024 Global Food Policy Report: Food Systems for Healthy Diets and Nutrition. Washington, DC: IFPRI. <https://hdl.handle.net/10568/141760>
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- Benin, S.**, Andam, K. and Ulimwengu, J. 2021. "[Regional developments: Africa](#)," in International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), 2020 Global Food Policy Report: Building Inclusive Food Systems. Washington, DC: IFPRI. <https://doi.org/10.2499/9780896293670>
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- Member of the African Union's Task Team that developed the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan, 2026-2035.
- Leader of the African Union's CAADP BR Technical Working Group on agricultural finance (Theme 2), from September 2016.
- Member of the [Technical Advisory Group for the 50x2030 initiative](#) to close the agricultural data gap, from March 2020.
- Co-leader of the working group on ending hunger of the [UN Food System Summit Action Track 1](#) to ensure access to safe and nutritious food for all, November 2020 to September 2021.
- Member of the development partners coordination group (DPCG) in support of CAADP, September 2017 to June 2020.
- Led development of online tool for [tracking implementation of the National Agricultural Investment Plans](#) (NAIPs).
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- Led development of indicators and data compilation for [Statistics on Public Expenditures for Economic Development \(SPEED\)](#), from March 2015 to September 2017.
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- Leading development of indicators and data compilation and analysis for [ReSAKSS data portal](#) to monitor progress in implementation of CAADP, from September 2010 to June 2020.
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