
Doussou Traore

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Economic, trade and commodity value chain analysis.
Excellent knowledge of English and French, and some knowledge of Spanish.
Experience in multicultural and multidisciplinary team setting.

Education

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: Finance, Minor: Economics (December, 2005) - University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Currently a Master's Candidate in Agricultural Economics: Industrial Organization - University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Expected graduation date of December 2009*

Research Interest and Experience

- Industrial Organization Economics, Policy Analysis, Economic Growth and Development, Finance
- Ms. Thesis Topic: "Analysis of Supply Contracts in the Oligopsonistic Livestock and Meat Markets of the United States"

Professional Experience

- Consultant/ Research Assistant Trade Policy Service (April 2008 - Present) – Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations; Rome, Italy. Duties include providing research assistance in preparing and participating in workshops and background studies as a contribution to the All Africa-Caribbean-Pacific Agricultural Commodities Development Programme (AAACP); assisting in identifying, describing, and analyzing the supply chains targeted for diagnosis and strategy formulation under the project, using literature search, economic and trade data analysis, analysis of existing reports and communication with stakeholders including governmental institutions and other international organizations.

Paper in Progress: "Cocoa-Coffee Value Chains in West and Central Africa - Constraints and Options for Revenue-Raising Diversification"

- Balance Clerk (2006-2007) - Union Bank and Trust; Nebraska, USA. Duties involve reconciling any out-of-balance transactions, checking runs for quality assurance, making and correcting entries with accuracy, run and balance items, and report any transactions that do not fit into standard procedures. The position builds strong computer skills, accuracy and attention to detail, and effectiveness in handling complex problems.

- Business Service Specialist (2006) - Pacific Life Insurance Company; Nebraska, USA. Performing administrative functions involving annuity products and registered representatives. Functions include processing new applications, applying payment, and contacting other financial services companies and registered representatives; ensuring that good order requirements are met for contracts prior to issuing; and handling multiple tasks in order to keep the company's commitment of the same-day turnaround with an emphasis on quality. The position provides excellent training in a dynamic environment for a team player with strong self-motivation.
- Caterer / Lead Caterer (1999-2005) – UNL Housing; Nebraska, USA. As a lead caterer at the Nebraska Unions Food Services, perform all the basic duties of a caterer which include set up, serving, and clean up for banquets and other food deliveries. The position is very customer service oriented. Also, training of new employees and supervision of the catering process whenever required to do so.

Awards and Leadership

- Teaching Assistant - Quantitative Tools in Agricultural Economics: Concepts and Applications (Spring Semester 2008); University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Vice President of Graduate Students in Agricultural Economics (2007-2008) - University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Recipient of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Needs Fellowship - Center for Agriculture and Food Industrial Organization (2006-2008) - University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Most Active Member of the Year Award - African Students Association (2002-2003) – University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Treasurer and Event Coordinator - African Students Association (2001-2004); University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Computer Skills

- Windows XP
- Modeling and Regression Software: Eviews, Shazam, General Algebraic Modeling System (GAMS), Mapple, Lindo, World Integrated Trade Solution (WITS)

Language Skills:

- English and French (fluent)
- Bambara (speaking)
- Spanish and Italian (some)