

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

**Names & current position:** Prof. ADANDEDJAN C. Claude, Former President of CST / CORAF, Honorary Dean FSA / UAC, Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi, R. Benin, admitted to retirement 1 October 2015.

**Major objective:** To contribute to the implementation of modern agriculture and to the assessment of damages resulting from conflicts between farmers, herders, and foresters; and more generally, directly, or indirectly of all problems related to the sustainable use of agricultural land.

**Overall competence:** A professional in agriculture in the broadest sense with more than 28 years of post-doctoral experience in the fields of research, training, and sustainable agricultural development at national and regional levels in West and Central Africa.

**Specific areas of expertise:** Capacity building in Agroforestry & Natural Resource Management - Development of approaches for rapid transformation of research results into impact, for partnership development, for implementation of innovation systems - Qualitative management of research systems and integrated approaches to curriculum improvement and solutions to sustainable agricultural land use.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & POSITIONS

### 2001 - 2008:

Coordinator of the ANAFE-West and Central Africa Network, (African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resource Management Education).

I am responsible for providing leadership in the design and implementation of ICRAF's education and training strategies in the West and Central Africa region. I provide leadership, technical and logistical support for ICRAF's capacity building activities in the sub-region including Reviewing and implementing ICRAF's education and training strategy; ensuring strategic partnerships between ICRAF and national NARS institutions particularly through the ANAFE Network; facilitating inter-institutional collaborations in the research, education and

development sectors with the aim of improving the dissemination of agroforestry activities; Develop mechanisms to capture training needs in the sub-region and work with partners to design and implement relevant education and training programs in agroforestry and natural resource management; put in place monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to measure the effectiveness and impact of ICRAF's education and training program; coordinate and participate in resource mobilization for capacity building in the sub-region.

**1997 - 2001:**

Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (FSA) of the National University of Benin  
University of Benin (UNB), Abomey - Calavi, R. Benin

I have primary responsibility for planning, implementing, monitoring, and coordinating the academic and research and development activities of the FSA. I also have administrative responsibility for the supervision of 45 scientist-teachers and 30 support staff. Tasks performed include: Initial training of students recruited through competitive examinations for the Diploma of Agricultural Engineer; on-the-job training for rural development managers and others in related fields; planning and execution of research programs in support of rural development; supervision and organization of thesis defenses for the Diploma of Agricultural Engineer; publication of FSA's research results; participation in the elaboration, execution and evaluation of national agricultural research programs; development, funding research and management of inter-university cooperation projects in support of FSA.

**2008 – 2009:**

Consultant for AfricaRice (Ex WARDA): Impact study of improved varieties developed by AfricaRice (West Africa).

**1994 – 2001:**

Consultant for the PDPA/BAD-Benin Project: Member of the Research and Development team.

**1994:**

Consultant for the PPEZ/FAC-Benin Project: study on domestic animal transhumance; study on pastoral resources.

**1993 - 1996:**

Consultant for ISNAR (International Service for National Agricultural Research: Strengthening the Role of Universities in National Agricultural Research Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa.

**1990:**

Consultant for the BEN/87/017/FAO-Benin Project: study of cereal conservation systems.

**1987 - 2001:**

Teacher - Researcher at the FSA/UNB, Abomey - Calavi, R. Benin

**1991 - 1996:**

Permanent Secretary of the Sectorial Scientific Council of Agronomic Sciences at the University of Abomey-Calavi, R. Benin.

**1986 - 1987:**

Researcher at the National Institute of Agricultural Research of Benin (INRAB), Benin

**1982 - 1985:**

Graduate Research Assistant at West Virginia University, USA

**1974 - 1976:**

Rural Development Officer at the Regional Action Center for Rural Development (CARDER) of Zou, Save and Dassa districts, Benin

**EDUCATION (degrees, year obtained, institution)**

- PhD, West Virginia University, Agricultural & forestry College, USA, 1985
  
- Master of Science, West Virginia University, Agricultural & forestry College, USA, 1982

- Diploma of Higher Technical Studies (DHTS), Polytechnic school, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin, 1977
  
- Diploma of Tropical Agricultural Studies (DEAT), agricultural high school Médji, Sékou, R. Benin, 1973
  
- Certificate of Tropical Agricultural Studies (CTAS), Rural Training Center (RTC), Porto-Novo, Benin, 1969
  
- Certificate of Primary and Elementary Studies (CEPE) at the Catholic Mission School, Ouidah, Benin, 1964