

CURRICULUM VITAE

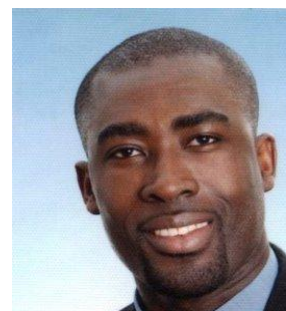
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SPECIALIZATION: RESEARCH & TEACHING

- Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (Efficiency and Productivity Measurement)
- Agribusiness and Agricultural marketing systems (Value Chain Improvement and Analysis)
- Analysis of Development Policies on Rural Welfare (Poverty, Equality and Empowerment)
- Production Economics and Farm Management (Farm-level Risk in Agricultural Production)
- Water Scarcity and Global Climate Change (Diminishing Returns in Agricultural Production)
- Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods (Survey Design, Monitoring and Evaluation)

PUBLICATIONS (Peer Reviewed Journals)

- Ph.D. Thesis “Performance of the Fruit Crop Industry in Ghana: Empirical Results and Policy Implications” at SUB-Göttingen-*e*Diss and in GAUSS. This research focuses on the estimation of technical inefficiency and technology gaps effects in the Ghanaian fruit crop industry. The methodological framework is based on the stochastic production frontier analysis approach with extension to multiple outputs. Special attention is directed at the impact of policy changes on farm households in rural areas. The linkage between the areas of productivity growth and policy reform in an export market-oriented industry is at the core of the research agenda. <http://ediss.uni-goettingen.de/handle/11858/00-1735-0000-0023-995C-0>
- Drivers of Technical Efficiency and Technology gaps in Ghana’s Mango Production Sector: a Stochastic Metafrontier Approach. Paper published by the African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AfJARE). Vol. 11, No 2, June 2016.
http://www.afjare.org/resources/issues/vol_11_no2/2%20Mensah%20%20Brunner.pdf

- A Multi-Output Production Efficiency Analysis of Commercial Banana Farms in the Volta Region of Ghana: A Stochastic Distance Function Approach. Paper published by the African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AfJARE). Vol. 11, No 4, December 2016. www.afjare.org/resources/issues/vol_11_no4/5.%20Mensah%20%26%20Brummer.pdf

WORKING PAPERS

- Measuring Peasant Productivity: the case of Ghana Maize Sector
- Rice Production In Ghana: Bottlenecks and Scope for Improvements
- Roadside Agribusinesses, Household Income, and Poverty: Insights from Ghana
- Farmers Participation in Micro-credit Schemes, Production Technology, and Efficiency
- Economic Analysis of Small-scale Agribusinesses in Tanzania: Challenges and Scope for Improvements
- Farmers Access to Credit and its Impact on Agricultural Technology Adoption in Indonesia.

Other Publications (Published online – articles)

- Rice Production in Ghana: Bottlenecks and Scope for Improvements (Wednesday, 18 May 2016 07:57, Ghana Talks Business)
<http://ghanatalksbusiness.com/news/ghana/item/3313-rice-production-in-ghana-bottlenecks-and-scope-for-improvements>
- Resuscitating Ghana Economy: The Role of Enhancing Agricultural Productivity (Monday, 08 February 2016 12:18, Ghana Talks Business)
<http://ghanatalksbusiness.com/research-analysis/economic-issues/item/3000-resuscitating-ghana-economy-the-role-of-enhancing-agricultural-productivity>
- Turning waste to Gold: a Sustainable Green Growth Approach to Tackle Ghana's Waste Problems (July 15, 2016. Editor's Pick the LEAD Special)
<http://www.thelead.com.gh/turning-waste-to-gold-a-sustainable-green-growth-approach-to-tackle-ghanas-waste-problems/>

Blog-links

- <https://gh.linkedin.com/in/dramosmensah>
- <https://branded.me/dr-amos-mensah>
- <https://plus.google.com/116141209236591932741>
- <https://dramosmensah.wordpress.com/about/>
- <https://dramosmensah.blogspot.com/>

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

- Amos Mensah and Bernhard Brümmer. “A multi-output production efficiency analysis of commercial banana farmers in the Volta region of Ghana: A stochastic distance function approach”. The 5th AAAE conference: “TRANSFORMING SMALLHOLDER AGRICULTURE IN AFRICA: THE ROLE OF POLICY AND GOVERNANCE” 23 – 26 September 2016. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. (Oral Presentation)
- Amos Mensah and Bernhard Brümmer. “Determinants of MD2 Adoption, Production Efficiency and Technology Gaps in the Ghanaian Pineapple Production Sector”. The 29th ICAE conference: “AGRICULTURE IN AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD” 8 – 14 August 2015. Milan, Italy. (Oral Presentation)
- Panelist (Expert Discussant) “Symposium – Productivity and Efficiency of Organic Farms” at the 29th ICAE conference: “AGRICULTURE IN AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD” 8 – 14 August 2015. Milan, Italy.
- Amos Mensah and Bernhard Brümmer. “Determinants of MD2 Adoption, Production Efficiency and Technology Gaps in the Ghanaian Pineapple Production Sector”. The 14th European Workshop on Efficiency and Productivity Analysis. 15-18 June 2015. Grand Marina Congress Center, Helsinki, Finland (Oral Presentation).
- Scientific/Expert reviewer for the 29th ICAE conference: “AGRICULTURE IN AN INTERCONNECTED WORLD”, 8 – 14 August 2015. Milan, Italy.
- Amos Mensah. Regional DAAD-Alumni Conference in cooperation with WACCI and ISSER: A World without Hunger - Food Security, Agriculture and Economic Aspects. 23rd September 2015. ISSER Conference Room, Campus University of Legon. (Oral presentation, Expert discussant, Expert group moderation on the topic “A World without Hunger: The Role of Smart Agriculture”)
- Reviewer and Presenter at the Georg-August-Universität, Fakultät für Agrarwissenschaften, Department für Agrarökonomie und Rurale Entwicklung (DARE), Doktorandenseminar. 2012 – 2014. Göttingen, Germany.

ACADAMIC QUALIFICATIONS

2010-2014	PhD Agricultural Economics (Dr. Sc. Agr.). Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development. Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany
<i>Specialization:</i>	Agriculture Economics, Efficiency and Productivity Analysis, Agricultural Market Analysis and Rural Development Economics.

- Research topic:* Performance of the Fruit Crop Industry in Ghana: Empirical Results and Policy Implications
- 2001-2004 Master of Science (M.Sc.): Tropical and International Agriculture.
Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany
- Specialization:* Socioeconomics of Rural Development and Policy Analysis.
- Research topic:* Farmers' Participation in Credit Markets and its Impact on Adoption of Agricultural Technology in Central Sulawesi-Indonesia.
- 1996-2000 Bachelor of Science (B.Sc. Honours): Agricultural Science.
Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology Kumasi, Ghana.
- Specialisation:* Plant breeding and Agronomy.
- Research topic:* Evaluation of F2 and F3 Generations of an Interspecific cross of Tomato (i.e. *L. Pimpinellifolium* (CH) * NR46).
- 1991-1994 Senior Secondary School Certificate
Pope John Secondary School, Koforidua - Ghana.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Oct. 2016 - To Date Lecturer, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness & Extension
Responsibilities:
- Teaching (under graduate and graduate students)
 - Research
 - Community Service
- Nov. 2015 – 30.04.2016 Consultant (National Expert): GIZ Multi-Country Baseline Study:
Innovation Centers for Agricultural and Food Sector – Ghana Green
Innovation Center.
- Responsibilities:*
- Training and supervision of enumerators (using CAPI)
 - Steering field data collection activities (quantitative data collection)
 - Implementation of Focus Group Discussion across study regions (qualitative data collection)
 - Writing of progress report to national and international partners/donors (GIZ, GFA)
 - Writing and presentation of country report to GIZ and MoFA

- Nov. 2014 – Oct. 2016 Post-Doc Research Fellow. Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development. Georg-August Universität Göttingen, Germany
- Responsibilities:* Conduct Research. Teaching Assistance. Supervision of thesis and seminar work of Bachelor and Master students
- 2010-2014 Doctoral research fellow (Ph.D. research). Student research assistant. Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development. Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Germany.
- Responsibilities:* Conduct PhD Research. Teaching Assistance. Supervision of thesis and seminar work of Bachelor and Master students
- 2004 - 2010 Strategy Analyst
Puk-Mini-Car Gmbh. Göttingen, Germany
- Responsibilities:* Build spreadsheets (internal data collection) and models to provide analysis of company performance trends and analysis of strategies and policies for long-term development of the company
- 2001 – 2002 Assistant Administrative Manager
Prince Boateng Memorial School, Nsawam-Ghana
- Responsibilities:* Assisting the General manager in the day to day running of the school, and specifically responsible for the welfare of student, teaching and non-teaching staff
- 2000-2001 National Service. Brentu Secondary & Technical School (B.S.T.S) Enchi-Ghana.
- Responsibilities:* 1) Tutor for Biology, Agricultural Science and General Science.
2) Head, Agric Project Committee
3) Head, Environment and Sanitation Committee
4) Chairman of the school electoral commission
- Founded an HIV-AIDS awareness and education club; responsible for educating the student population and the surrounding villages about the facts of aids and prevention methods. This club is still active up to date.

1998-1990 Internship - Agronomy, Bonsu Cocoa Research Institute. Bonsu-Ghana

POSITIONS HELD

- Oct. 2016 – To date: Member of the Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness and Extension Research & Development Committee
- Nov. 2016 – To date: Hall Fellowship, Independence Hall
- Nov. 2016 – To date: Academic Tutor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Agribusiness and Extension
- Jan.2017 – To date: Coordinator for the Graduate Programme - Sustainable Integrated Rural Development in Africa (SIRDA)

LANGUAGES

- Excellent reading and writing skills of English (official working language in Ghana)
- Excellent reading and writing skills of German
- Four other Ghanaian languages (Ga, Ashanti, Krobo and Fanti)

COMPUTER SKILL & KNOWLEDGE

- Excellent working knowledge of all Microsoft office applications (Word, Excel, Power Point, etc.)
- Statistical softwares (Stata, Spss, OxMetrics and R)
- Internet, Cloud service, Email and Social network applications

AWARDS RECIEVED

1997-1998 Outstanding Editorial Board Member
Ghana Association of Agricultural Students (GAAS), University of Science and Technology (UST) Kumasi–Ghana.

1996-1997 Active Member (GAAS-UST)
Ghana Association of Agricultural Students (GAAS), University of Science and Technology (UST) Kumasi–Ghana.

2000-2001 Devoted Member. Transport and Evangelism Committee. Pentecost Students and Associates (PENSA-UST).

SOFT SKILLS

- Able to work with culturally diverse group of people and working in a team.
- Able to organise and plan effectively with good communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work long hours and under intense pressure to meet deadlines.
- Flexibility and Willingness to travel extensively
- Practical experience (expert knowledge) in designing and administering field survey questionnaires to capture all the relevant variables needed for a comprehensive baseline survey (study/analysis).

MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC BODIES

- International Association of Agricultural Economist (**IAAE**)
- European Association of Agricultural Economist (**EAAE**)
- African Association of Agricultural Economist (**AAAE**)
- University Teachers Association of Ghana (**UTAG**)

VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Contact person for Ghanaian and African students who wish to study at Georg-August-University of Göttingen, Germany. I provide such prospective students with information and advisory service concerning living and studying in Göttingen from an African point of view and helping them to integrate quickly in the German university system when they arrive.

HOBBIES

Listening to music, playing football, swimming, jogging and working out at the gym

REFEREES

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