
RE: 2012/AJAEES /2417 Invitation to Review Manuscript for Asian Journal of Agricultural Extension, Economics & Sociology

I have reviewed the manuscript and my comments Part 2 of the form are as follows:

The article is suitable for publication. However , there is need for some **COMPULSORY** revision:

1. Provide current status of extension services in Nigeria , including organization, management, staffing, funding, and constraints

NIGERIA'S AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES

Nigeria probably has the most elaborate extension system in Sub-Saharan Africa, with a population of over 140 million and 71 million hectares of arable land. The agricultural research system comprises of 17 commodity-based research institutes and a special national extension institute over 45 faculties of agriculture in conventional federal, state, and private universities, three universities of agriculture, several colleges of agriculture/polytechnics. It also includes three international agricultural research centers viz: International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), a sub-station of International Crop Research Institute for Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), and a sub-station of International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) (Okwu and Ejembi, 2001). All of these institutions collectively or individually serve as the fountain of agricultural innovations for both public and private agricultural extension service providers. In Nigeria, agricultural extension services have been mainly public. Currently the major provider of public sector agricultural extension services is Agricultural

Development Programme (ADP) in each of the 36 states of Nigeria.

2. Extension service is considered in Isolation, therefore, mention the status of research , is location specific technology package , relevant to farmers field condition available.? How is the linkage between research, extension and education?

Research and Extension goes hands in glove in Nigeria, good examples abounds in the Nigerian Universities of Agriculture and several Research institutes; Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute , Cocoa Research Institute, Rubber Research Institute, and Raw material Research and Development Council amongst others.

3. What is the status of Human resources for extension and research?. Are universities producing well qualified students to meet the needs of extension services in the public and private sector?

The country lacks the professional manpower to service its ever increasing numbers of farmers. The Agricultural based universities in the country graduates thousands of graduates in different spheres of agricultural endeavor most especially in Extension, however, they are often not absorbed in to the agricultural labor force.

NO Minor Revision suggested

Optional /general comments: Topic of extension services and that of Subsidy are not related; Authors may consider writing two separate papers.
