



2015 BHEARD Scholar
Ayoub Coulibaly

Profile

Country of Study:	Kenya
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Research Area: *Enhanced Agricultural Technologies*

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UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Agronomy, Polytechnic Rural Institute for Applied Research and Training, Mali

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Ayoub is interested in this field because the agriculture sector is the engine of the Malian economy. It constitutes the principle source of income for around 75% of the population, mainly in rural areas. In spite of this contribution of the agricultural sector to the country's economy, the sector is faced with a myriad of challenges such as unpredictable weather, resources degradation, low productivity and post-harvest losses. In addition, inadequate rainwater conservation poses one of the greatest threats to agricultural productivity and production leading to low yields. Ayoub believes the findings from his study will generate information that will enhance the understanding of effects of local agricultural technologies practices particularly its efficiency on farmer's income. It will further help rural development planners and policy makers in setting priorities in terms of reducing land degradation, extreme poverty and improve agricultural productivity which in the long run will assist in improvement of the livelihood of farmers in Mali.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: After completion of his study, Ayouba will be able to develop recommendations in order to improve farmers' food security in Mali through the practice of local agricultural technologies. He will also the right skills set, attitude and attributes which will lead to better international consultation.

WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY: Ayouba enjoys reading books, playing sports and watching TV.