

Different Agricultural Extension Systems Implemented in Africa: A Review

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ABSTRACT The aim of this review was to summarize some selected Agricultural Extension Systems (AES) that have been implemented in Africa. The review revealed that, many AES were implemented before assessing the existing indigenous knowledge systems, social and economic situations. Extension transformations are happening in the African continent in line with agriculture sector and industry development. Reviewing and evaluating the suitability of the planned and implemented AES were found to be crucial to identify the success and shortcomings associated to their implementations. It is important to develop an appropriate agricultural extension system suitable for Africa by considering ecological, social, economic, cultural diversification and indigenous knowledge systems. In order to fulfil the desired objective that will maximise the effectiveness of AES in terms of their productivity, sustainability and change in life standards, agricultural development projects should be based on research findings and farmers' needs.