

# Tahirou Abdoulaye

Dr. Tahirou Abdoulaye is an economist with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture based in Ibadan Nigeria. His relationship with Purdue University goes far beyond that of a typical alum, even one who has earned two degrees from the College of Agriculture.



Through his work with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Nigeria, Dr. Abdoulaye has worked hand-in-hand with the first Purdue Improved Cowpea Storage (PICS) project, with responsibilities for Nigeria, Cameroon, Benin and Togo. In Nigeria alone, the PICS team has reached more than ten thousand villages, extending the reach of the technology of hermetic storage in triple-layer plastic bags.

Dr. Abdoulaye has participated in many research and development projects aimed at improving farmers' lives in Africa. He has co-authored more than 50 papers that have made significant contributions to agricultural science in Africa.

He has also retained close and mutually beneficial connections with Purdue Agriculture through collaborative partnerships that have resulted in joint research, and he has served on several graduate student committees for the College of Agriculture.

As Joan Fulton, professor of agricultural economics wrote in her nomination, "Dr. Tahirou Abdoulaye is an outstanding agricultural economist who is making important research contributions as well as serving small-holder farmers in tens of thousands of villages so they can improve their incomes."