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PROFILE

Annet ADONG is an Agricultural and Development Economist with experience teaching graduate and undergraduate economics, conducting research and community outreach.

She holds a PhD in Agriculture/Development Economics from the University of Bonn, Germany, and a Master's in Development and Natural Resource Economics from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences. Her research covers agriculture, conflict and forced displacement, with recent work on the hidden costs in coffee value chains in Eastern Africa.

She has published in leading development and agricultural economics journals, including World Development, Food Security and Food Policy, and was recently named in a LinkedIn post as one of the top emerging researchers from the Global South to watch.

EDUCATION

PhD, Agriculture/Development Economics: University of Bonn, Germany

Postdoctoral Fellowship: Tufts University, USA

MSc, Development and Natural Resource Economics: Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway

BSc, Agricultural Economics: Makerere University, Uganda

FELLOWSHIPS AND SHORT COURSES

Postdoctoral Fellowship, IMMANA. Innovations in Metrics and Methods for Agriculture and Nutrition Action, at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University, USA.

Visiting Research Fellow, EASST-CEGA. University of California, Berkeley, USA.

Teaching pedagogy at graduate school. Agriculture, Health and Nutrition.

EMPLOYMENT

2025–present: Part-time Lecturer, Kyambogo University. Production Economics, Advanced Microeconomics, Mathematics for Economists (Master's); Mathematics for Agriculturalists (undergraduate).

2021–present: Senior Research Fellow, Center for Population and Applied Statistics, College of Business and Management Sciences (CoBAMS), Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.

2017–2021: Junior Research Fellow and PhD Candidate, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Germany.

2011–2016: Research Analyst, Economic Policy Research Center.

AWARDED RESEARCH GRANTS

2026–present: Business networks and climate finance uptake in Uganda. Private Enterprise Development in Low Income Countries (PEDL).

2025–present: Contract farming and refugee livelihoods. Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley.

2022–2026: Monthly price analysis for key cereals in Eastern Africa. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

2022–2022: IMMANA postdoctoral fellowship. IMMANA.

2020–2020: Risk-free sample purchase of inorganic fertilizer in Uganda. Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA), UC Berkeley.

2018–2018: Fertilizer supply chain and market structure in Africa. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).

PUBLICATIONS AND PEER-REVIEWED WORK

- Adong, A.; Kornher, L.; Chichaibelu, B.B.; Arslan, A. (2026). The hidden costs of coffee production in the Eastern African value chains. *Sustainable Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sd.70658>
- Adong, A.; Kornher, L.; Chichaibelu, B.B.; Amondo, I.E.; Bashaasha, B. (2025). Using high frequency data to measure the resilience of households to food security and women's dietary diversity in Uganda. *Food Security*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12571-025-01619-4>
- Adong, A.; Ambler, K.; Bloem, J.; de Brauw, A.; Herskowitz, S.; Saiful, I.; Wagner, J. (2025). The unmet financial needs of intermediary firms within agri-food value chains in Uganda and Bangladesh. *Food Policy*. Volume 132, April 2025, 102838. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2025.102838>
- Adong, A.; Kornher, L.; Kirui, O.; von Braun, J. (2021). Conflict exposure and food consumption pathways during and after conflict: Evidence from Northern Uganda. *World Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2021.105636>
- Adong, A.; Tinker, J.; Levine, D.; Mbowa, S. (2020). Encouraging fertilizer adoption through a risk-free sales offer: A randomized control trial in Uganda. *World Development Perspectives*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.wdp.2020.100230>
- Adong, A. (2014). Impact of households' membership of farmer groups on the adoption of agricultural technologies in Uganda: Evidence from the Uganda Census of Agriculture 2008/09. AGREKON. Agricultural Economics Research, Policy and Practice in Southern Africa. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03031853.2014.915485>
- Adong, A. (2024). Armed conflicts and forced displacements in the Anthropocene: Incentives and consequences in the Great Lakes region of Sub-Saharan Africa, with a special focus on Northern Uganda. Book.
- Adong, A.; Kornher, L.; Chichaibelu, B.B.; Arslan, A. (2024). The hidden costs of coffee production in the Eastern Africa value chains. FAO background paper. Background paper to The State of Food and Agriculture 2024: Value-driven transformation of agrifood systems. <https://openknowledge.fao.org/items/78ec67c8-8b21-403d-86d1-462dfdab9a64>
- Adong, A.; Kornher, L.; Kirui, O. (2020). Us and them: Prosocial attitudes between refugees and host communities exposed to armed conflict. Experimental evidence from Northern Uganda. ZEF Discussion Paper 292. ZEF Discussion Papers on Development Policy No. 292, Center for Development Research, Bonn, February 2020, 47 pp.. https://www.zef.de/fileadmin/webfiles/downloads/zef_dp/ZEF_DP_292.pdf
- Hernandez, M.A.; Paz, F.; Adeoti, A.I.; Adong, A.; Jumbe, C.B.L.; Lagat, K.A.; Kaiyatsa, S. (2018). Overview of the fertilizer supply chain and market structure in Africa: A cross-country assessment. IFPRI project note. International Food Policy Research Institute, 2018.
- Adong, A.; Mbowa, S.; Barungi, M. (2018). Smallholder food crop commercialization in Uganda: Panel survey evidence. EPRC Research Series 119. Economic Policy Research Center (EPRC), Research Series 119.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2025: PEDL workshop on AI, Finance, and Entrepreneurship. 15–18 June 2025
- 2025: Africa Evidence Summit. Nairobi, 23–24 June 2025. Presented “Improving the employment prospects of university graduates through targeted internships: Experimental findings from Uganda's HEST program”.
- 2025: Agriculture, Nutrition and Health Academy conference. Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 23–28 June
- 2024: Africa Evidence Summit. Panel session on the inclusion of African scholars in the international development space
- 2023: Inclusive private sector development in forced displacement contexts. Technical knowledge-sharing event on engaging the private sector in the humanitarian-development-peace nexus. Speke Resort and Conference Center, Kampala, 17–19 October 2023. Organised by the International Labour Organization (ILO).
- 2023: Learning and co-creation session: Harnessing digital financial services for MSMEs in trade and agricultural value chains. Katonga Hall, Serena Hotel, Kampala, 9 November 2023. Organised by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Financial Sector Deepening, IFPRI and the Financial Access Initiative, NYU Wagner.
- 2023: Agriculture, Nutrition and Health (ANH) Academy Week. Bingu wa Mutharika International Convention Centre, Lilongwe, Malawi, 26–30 June 2023
- 2023: African Evidence Summit. Nairobi, Kenya. Organised by the Center for Effective Global Action, UC Berkeley.

2023: EGAP Displacement, Migration, and Integration Priority Theme Meeting. University College London, 3–4 February 2023

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE)

Network of Impact Evaluation Researchers in Africa (NIERA)

African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium

African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)

EGAP (Evidence in Governance and Politics)