

Covenant Research Team Wins CODESRIA/MRI Grant

A 5-man research team from Covenant University, led by Professor Evans Osabuohien of the Department of Economics and Development Studies, has won the 2017 Meaning-making Research Initiatives (MRI) competition of the Council for the Development of Social Research in Africa (CODESRIA), with their project on Large-scale Land Investment and (Un)Employment Questions in Africa: Quantitative and Qualitative Insights from Nigeria.

The winning research project was among 16 others selected by CODESRIA out of the 248 entries received from various applicants across Africa for the 2017 edition of the competition.

In an award letter to the research team, CODESRIA Executive Secretary, Dr. Godwin Murunga, noted that the selection of the project proposal demonstrated the confidence that the Council had in the level of quality the project will bring to bear in African realities.

The award-winning proposal zeroed in on the new experiential insights on the implications of increasing LLIs (Large-scale Land Investments) activities on households in given communities, in direct comparisons with households living in communities without LLIs in Nigeria.

The study procedure include quantitative and qualitative empirical techniques, which assembled data from the Living Standards Measurement Study-Integrated Surveys on Agriculture (LSMS_ISA), complementing it with a qualitative analysis based on a fieldwork in locations with high LLIs in Nigeria. Click here <http://bit.ly/covenant-lli> for a summary of the CODESRIA/MRI Project by Evans Osabuohien *et al*

Other members of the research team are Dr. Felicia Olokoyo of the Department of Banking and Finance; Dr. Uchenna Efobi of the Department of Accounting; Mr. Alhassan Karakara, a postgraduate researcher; and Ms. Ibukun Becroft of the Department of Economics and Development Studies.



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