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EDUCATION

- 2021–2025 : **PhD, Development Economics**, *University of Cape Town, School of Economics*, Cape Town, South Africa, Thesis: Three essays on resource and development Economics in Sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Senegal.
- 2018–2022 : **PhD, International Economics**, *Gaston Berger University, Faculty of Economics*, Saint Louis, Senegal, Thesis: Essays on the determinants and macroeconomic effects of FDI in Developing countries.
- 2015–2016 : **Advanced Master in International and Development Economics**, *University of Namur & Catholic University of Louvain*, Belgium.
- 2009–2013 : **Master in Applied Macroeconomics**, *University of Abomey-Calavi, Faculty of Economics and Management*, Benin.
- 2006–2009 : **Bachelor in Economics**, *University of Abomey-Calavi, Faculty of Economics and Management*, Benin.

TRAININGS

- 2026–2026 : **Methodology of Development**, *JPAL-Europe, Benin*, Cotonou, 6th to 10th July 2026.
- 2026–2026 : **Chicago School in Experimental Economics (CSEE)**, *University of Chicago, Japan*, Online, 22th to 26th June 2026.
- 2026–2026 : **2026 Africa Summer School in Econometrics (AFSS 2026)**, *Africa Econometric Society, Egypte*, Cairo, 5th to 9th June 2026.
- 2026–2026 : **Designing and Running Randomized evaluation**, *MIT, USA*, Online from 12th May to 30th August 2026.
- 2025–2025 : **QGIS and spatial analysis**, *Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Switzerland*, Basle, 21st to 25th November 2025.
- 2025–2025 : **Development Economics**, *African Econometric Society*, online, 21st to 25th November 2025.
- 2024–2024 : **Methodology of Development**, *JPAL-Europe, Morocco*, Rabbat from 1st to 4th July 2024.
- 2024–2024 : **Development Economics**, *IZA*, 15th January to 18th March 2024.
- 2023–2023 : **Time series**, *Economic Research Southern Africa (ERSA)*, South Africa, online, 15th January to 18th March.
- 2021–2021 : **Summer school in econometrics and causal inference**, *Africa Econometric Society, Côte d'Ivoire*, Abidjan, May 26th to June 2nd, 2021..
- 2020–2020 : **Macroeconomic Modelling for policy analysis and forecasting**, *African Development Bank, Côte d'Ivoire*, Online, 5th to 8th August, 2020.

AWARDS

- 2025–2026 : **Swiss Government Excellence fellowship**, *for foreign students at Swiss Higher Education Institutions*, University of Fribourg.
- 2025–2026 : **DAAD fellowship**, *for foreign students at Germany Higher Education Institution*, University of Passau, declined.

2025–2026 : **Research grand**, *J-PAL Africa*, University of Cape Town.

2025–2026 : **CEGA Fellowship**, *Center for Effective Global Action*, UC Berkely, USA.

2023–2024 : **Research Grant**, *German Institute of Development and Sustainability*, IDOS, Germany.

2022–2024 : **STAARS Fellowship**, *Cornell University*, USA.

2021–2024 : **Research grant**, *International Development Research Centre (IDRC)*, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

2019–2020 : **Research grant**, *Swiss- African Migration Network (SAM)*, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland.

2021–2024 : **Research grant**, *International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)*, Ibadan, Nigeria.

2015–2016 : **ARES Scholarship**, *Académie de Recherche d' Enseignement Supérieur*, University of Namur, Belgium.

2011–2013 : **Partial scholarship** , *Doctoral school of Economics*, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin.

2006–2010 : **DBSU scholarship** , *Direction des Bourses et Secours Universitaire (DBSU)* , University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin.

ACADEMICS AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025–2026 : **Postdoctoral researcher**, *Chair of Development Economics and Economic history*, University of Fribourg.

2025–2026 : **Senior researcher**, *Water and Production Economics (WPE)*, University of Cape Town.

2025–2025 : **Postdoctoral researcher**, *Water and Production Economics (WPE)*, University of Cape Town.

2025–2025 : **Research fellow**, *German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS)*, Germany.

2023–2026 : **Researcher**, *Centre d'Etudes Economiques et Statistiques, et d'Evaluation des Politiques publiques (CEESEP)*, Benin.

2024–2024 : **Lecturer**, *African school of Economics, Benin*, Course taught: Development Economics to Master students.

2023–2024 : **Data collection coordinator for the Development of Consumer code**, Benin.

2022–2023 : **Research Fellow**, *University of Sussex (England) & Cornell University (USA)*.

2020–2021 : **Research Fellow**, *Forum for Migration and Population Studies & University of Fribourg*.

2020–2021 : **Research Fellow**, *International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)*, , Remote.

2018–2018 : **Short term consultant**, *World Bank*, Benin.

2013–2017 : **Research assistant**, *Faculty of Economic Sciences and Management, University of Abomey-Calavi*, Benin, Courses taught: Statistics, History of Economic Thought, Development economics, Environment economics, and Macroeconomics.

2015–2015 : **Lecturer**, *Université Polytechnique Internationale, Benin*, Courses taught : Descriptive Statistics and Introduction to Economics.

2012–2015 : **Lecturer**, *Institut Supérieur d'Expertise et de Gestion (ISEG)*, Benin, Courses taught : Banking Economics and Microfinance.

2012–2015 : **Research assistant**, *Optimal consulting*, Benin.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 **Magbondé, K.G., Thiam, D.R. & Wagner, N.**, *Power outages, firm performance, and the gender-based productivity gap: Empirical evidence from Senegal*, *Environment and Development Economics*.
- 2025 **Magbondé, K.G., Thiam, D.R. & Wagner, N.**, *Impact of access to electricity on the well-being of rural households in Senegal*, *Journal of Development Effectiveness*.

- 2025 **Magbondé, K.G.**, *Institutional drivers of global value chains participation in African countries, Sustainable Global Supply Chains*, Discussion Papers, No. 7, Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains, Bonn.
- 2024 **Magbondé, K.G., Reilly, B. & Kauma, B.**, *The distributional effects of rural electrification on household welfare: Evidence from Senegal*, Utilities policy.
- 2024 **Magbondé, K.G., Thiam, D.R. & Wagner, N.**, *The Economic Impacts of Rural Water Supply Infrastructures in Developing Countries: Empirical Evidence from Senegal*, Environmental and Resource Economics.
- 2024 **Magbondé, K.G., Thiam, D.R. & Konté, M.A.**, *Foreign Direct Investment, Institutions, and Domestic Investment in Developing Countries: Is there a Crowding-Out Effect?*, Comparative Economics Studies.
- 2023 **Magbondé, K.G., Djana, M., Manyong, V. & Sossou, O.**, *Impact of informal institutions on youth agribusiness participation in Southern Benin*, Agricultural and Food Economics.
- 2022 **Magbondé, K.G. & Konté, M.A.**, *Developing countries' economic fundamentals and FDI inflows: The moderating role of institutions*, Cogent Economics & Finance.
- 2022 **Magbondé, K.G., Thiam, D.R. & Konté, M.A.**, *The crowding-out effect of FDI in developing countries: What role for institutional reforms?*, Revue d'économie du développement.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

- 2026–2026 **Junior research seminars**, Faculty of Economics and Management, University of Fribourg, Switzerland, 28st May 2026.
Presented paper: *Rural Electrification and Crop Production: Evidence from Ethiopia*
- 2026–2026 **Monthly workshop**, Water and Production Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa, 21th May 2026.
Presented paper: *Is bargaining power a route to WASH Adoption? Empirical analysis from Senegal*
- 2023–2023 **Scientific Forum**, CGAR & ISDC, Morocco, 17th to 19th October 2024.
Presented paper: *Impact of informal institutions on youth agribusiness participation in Southern Benin*
- 2023–2023 **Africa Evidence Summit**, Center for Effective Global Action, Kenya, 19th to 20th June 2023.
Participant
- 2022–2022 **2022 Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society**, Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, 1st to 4th Jun 2022.
Presented paper: *The Mean and Distributional Effects of Rural Electrification on Household Welfare: Evidence for Senegal*
- 2022–2022 **Workshop on Gender and well-being**, UCAD, UGB, IFAN & UCT, Senegal, 20th to 21st October 2022.
Presented paper: *Impact of access to electricity on the well-being of rural households in Senegal*
- 2022–2022 **STARRS workshop**, University of Sussex, Brighton, 26th to 27th September 2022.
Presented paper: *The distributional effects of rural electrification on household welfare: Evidence from Senegal*
- 2022–2022 **International Conference on Development Economics**, CERDI, Clermont-Ferrant, 30th June to 1st July, 2022.
Presented paper: *The crowding-out effect of FDI in developing countries: What role for institutional reforms?*
- 2022–2022 **100 years of Economic Development Conference**, Cornell University, United States, New York, September 15th to September 17th, 2022.
Presented paper: *The crowding-out effect of FDI in developing countries: What role for institutional reforms?*

- 2021–2021 **Workshop in research and capacity building activities, academic writing and discrete choice**, *University of Cape Town*, South Africa, Cape Town, November 30th to December 2nd, 2021.
Participant
- 2021–2021 **Workshop on Mainstreaming gender in energy interventions**, *IFAN*, Senegal, Dakar, Senegal on 30th June 2021.
Participant
- 2021–2021 **Africa Meeting of the Econometric Society (AFES)**, *ENSEA*, Cote d'Ivoire, Abidjan, 3rd to June 5th, 2021.
Participant
- 2021–2021 **Workshop in research capacity building**, *BCEAO*, Senegal, Dakar, March 29th to March 30th, 2021.
Participant
- 2019–2019 **Workshop on academic writing, academic publication and policy brief**, *International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)*, Nigeria, Ibadan, 11th to 15th November 2019.
Participant
- 2018–2018 **Workshop on the new Global Partnership for Education program**, *World Bank (Benin office)*, Benin, Lokossa, 21st to 22nd June 2018.
Participant
- 2017–2017 **Annual Conference of Administrative Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC)**, *University of Toronto*, Canada, Toronto, 27th to 29th May 2017.
Participant
- 2017–2017 **Workshop on the New National Development Plan of Benin**, *African School of Economics (ASE)*, Benin, Abomey-Calavi, November 2017.
Participant
- 2015–2015 **Workshop on Developing countries' budget support**, *European Commission*, Belgium, Bruxelles, 30th December 2015.
Participant
- 2015–2015 **Conference on Africa Business and Entrepreneurship**, *Whitman School*, USA, New York, April 16th 2015.
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