

CURRICULUM VITAE

Surname : ATOUGA

Christian Names : Lapodini Marc

Date of Birth : 22-03-1952

Place of Birth : Borgou, Kpendjal province of Togo

Marital Status : Married, 4 children

PROFILES:

Dr. Lapodini Marc Atouga is an agricultural economist with decades of policy experience in the West African sub-region and beyond. He joined the ECOWAS Commission with nearly ten years of experience working on agricultural policy issues at the UEMOA Commission.

CURRENT FUNCTIONS:

Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources
(Economic Community of West African States)

EDUCATION: dates)

- **Texas Tech University – Lubbock (USA)** - Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics with emphasis on quantitative methods of analysis at the Texas Tech University at Lubbock (USA).

- **University of Maine (USA)** - Master's in Agricultural and Resources Economics
- **University of Benin in Lomé – Togo** - B.Sc. in Agronomy

WORK EXPERIENCE: (Dates)

- Agricultural Policy Expert at UNOPS and IFDC, where he conducted analysis of agricultural policy design and implementation and helped rural organizations build their capacity to participate in policy debates.
- Director of Agriculture at the UEMOA Commission, working to bring about convergence in member countries' agricultural development policies.
- Head of project which coordinated an ILO managed project for rural development in the country's Eastern Savannah Region. From 1996 to 2005. Togo.
- Technical assistant on USAID funded projects and the Regional Inspector General, managing and auditing projects in West and Central Africa and helping train trainers and practitioners in rural development.

LANGUAGE SKILLS:

- French: Read, write and speak fluently
- English: Read, write and speak fluently