

GUEST LECTURE



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THEME: Promoting Agricultural Insurance as Climate Change Adaptation Strategy: Addressing the Institutional and Socio-economic Barriers to Insurance Demand and Supply

Agricultural insurance remains a key enabling condition for accelerating and sustaining climate change adaptation. Consequently, there is a persistent call to mainstream agricultural insurance in the national climate change adaptation frameworks. Despite the national institutional frameworks and programs promoting supply and demand for agricultural insurance, its adoption remains low in many Sub-Saharan African countries. I attempt to explain the low adoption of agricultural insurance using survey data on farmers and interviews with key stakeholders in promoting agricultural insurance in the farming community of Uganda. I provide a more holistic view of the linkages between the demand and supply side barriers to adoption of agricultural insurance. Specifically, my analysis identifies the weak links in the institutional framework and establishes critical linkages between socio-economic dynamics and demand for agricultural insurance. Finally, I propose a more holistic conceptual model for promoting agricultural insurance as a climate change adaptation strategy in the context of small holder farming more vulnerable to climate risks.

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