

Call for Applications

The BCEAO launches the 2026 edition of the Abdoulaye FADIGA Prize for the promotion of economic research within the WAEMU, a Prize that pays tribute to the first African Governor of the BCEAO (1975-1988)

Awards

PAF WINNER



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Themes for the 2026 edition

Macroeconomic issues ; financial stability and micro and macroprudential policies ; financing economies ; regional economic integration ; challenges of rising protectionism, economic fragmentation, and trade wars ; climate change and its associated risks ; financial inclusion and innovations, digitalization ; impacts of exogenous shocks and any other topic of scientific or political interest to the economies of the BCEAO and WAEMU.

Languages for submission

Studies to be submitted to the PAF may be written in **English, French** or **Portuguese**.

A **500-word abstract** is required in the language in which the study was written. In addition, when the study is written in French or Portuguese, it must include an English version of the abstract.

Application File

The complete application file, to be sent to the following address prixabdoulayefadiga@bceao.int must include:

- **duly completed and signed application form** ;
- **complete, non-revisable version of the study (+ a 500 word summary)** ;
- **original study, not published as an article, working paper, etc.** ;
- **databases and codes/programs used in econometric analysis** ;
- **candidate's up-to-date resume and copy(ies) of his(their) valid passport(s) or national identification card(s)** ;
- **anti-plagiarism charter duly signed by the candidate(s).**

Eligibility

Any researcher or team of researchers in economics fulfilling jointly the following requirements, is eligible for the 2026 edition of the Abdoulaye FADIGA Prize:

- Nationals of **Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Niger, Senegal, or Togo**, regardless of their country of residence ;
- Aged **forty-five (45) years old or younger** on Dec. 31, 2026 ;
- Holders of at least a **Master's degree in Economics** or in related fields, including applied statistics for economics, econometrics and finance.

For more information, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code



Submission deadline
August 31, 2026