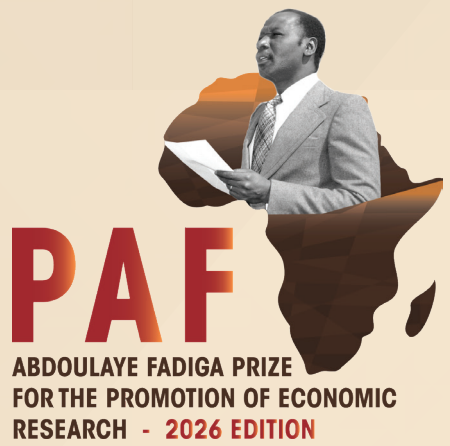




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ABDOULAYE FADIGA PRIZE
FOR THE PROMOTION OF ECONOMIC
RESEARCH - 2026 EDITION

Call for Applications

The BCEAO launched 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).

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Themes

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Languages

*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 submitted via the dedicated IT platform on the BCEAO or COFEB website or sent to the following email address prixabdoulayefadiga@bceao.int must include:

- **duly completed and signed application form;**
- **complete, non-revisable version of the study + 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 pledge form, duly signed by the candidate(s).**

Eligibility

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- Aged **forty-five (45) years old or younger** on december 31, 2026;
- Holders of at least a **Master's degree in Economics** or in related fields, including applied statistics for economics, econometrics and finance.

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