I am involved in the program "Policy innovation systems and impact assessment" of AfricaRice. This program aims at i) generating evidence-based knowledge and information that support the development of demand-driven rice technologies, policies and institutions to improve livelihoods, nutrition and economic development and; ii) increasing the effectiveness of processes shaping the development and dissemination of sustainable technologies. This will help to i) enhance income and food security in Africa through sustainable rice sector development engendered by the widespread adoption of rice technologies, improved farming practices, favorable policies, effective institutions and programs; ii) improve the livelihoods of rural and urban populations through strengthened partnerships, effective learning mechanisms and better functioning rice innovation systems.