

## **Abel-Gautier Kouakou**

### **Short bio:**

I am a Ph.D. Candidate at the Institute for Environmental Systems Research (IUSF). My student and professional background covers two continents: Africa (Ivory Coast and Senegal) and Europe (France and Germany). Graduated from University of Montpellier with a master degree in Economics, I have got a first position as a Research Assistant at the Montpellier Laboratory of Theoretical and Applied Economics (LAMETA). Now, winner of a doctoral fellowship, I have joined the Alexander-von-Humboldt professorship of Environmental Economics as a Scientific Collaborator.

### **Research interest:**

My research focuses on Environment and Development Economics. I seek to solve some pollution problems, especially non-point-source pollution, and others related to payments for environmental services (PES) by using methods from experimental economics. I am interested in the opportunity offered by laboratory and field experiments to study incentive mechanisms and agents' preferences, and assess development projects' impacts.

### **Work in progress:**

Auctions for purchasing environmental services. Supervised by Sophie Thoyer.

### **Theses:**

- Experimental assessment of a new instrument for regulating non-point-source pollution. School of Economics, University of Montpellier, France.
- People's contribution of funding environmental protection: A contingent valuation approach applied to the Ebrié lagoon (Ivory Coast). School of Economics, Félix Houphouët Boigny University, Ivory Coast.