

John M. Staatz Honored by Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita

Bamako, November 23, 2013 - Malian President Ibrahim Boubacar Keita bestowed on Dr. John Staatz the title of “Officier de l’ordre national du Mali” for his longstanding contribution to food policy analysis and capacity building in Mali.

John M. Staatz is a Professor Emeritus of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, and of African studies, at Michigan State University. Over a period of 28 years, Professor Staatz helped strengthened scientific cooperation between MSU and agricultural research and training institutions, and market organization and information systems in Mali

The ceremony was attended by Mary Beth Leonard, US Ambassador, Gary Juste, USAID Director, Cheick Diarra, the Minister of National reconciliation and the Development of the North and former visiting scholar at MSU and Dr. Nango Dembele, Vice Minister of Livestock, Fisheries & Food Security, and coordinator of the MSU Project to Mobilize Food Security Initiatives in Mali until his recent appointment.



A timeline of Staatz’s contributions to Malian agricultural, marketing, food security and human capital development, and related involvements in other West African countries follows:

- [MSU-CESA Food Security Project](#) - 1985/92
- [Mali Market Information Study \(SIM\)](#) - 1987/94
- [Mali Maize Subsector Study](#) - 1992/94
- [Mali Agricultural Growth/Nutrition Linkages Project](#) - 1998/2002
- [Mali Marketing Information Project](#) - 1998/2003
- Mali Food Security Initiatives: ([Phase II.2](#)), ([Phase II.1](#)), ([Phase I](#)) - 2004/2013
- [West Africa Market Information Projects \(WAMIP\)](#) - 2007/2011
- [Strengthening Regional Agricultural Integration in West Africa \(SRAI Programme\)](#) - 2009/2015
- [Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Markets in Africa : GISAMA](#) - 2008/1012
- [Mali Agricultural Sector Assessment](#). 2011. by MSU/AFRE Food Security Team
- [Staatz MS/PhD advisees and respective theses/dissertations topics](#)
- [Staatz professional profile on AFRE’s website](#)