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CURRENT AFFILIATION

- **February 2013-present:** Visiting Fellow (Postdoc), Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University; Providence RI, USA.
- **September 2011-present:** Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Economics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU); Uppsala, Sweden.
- **July 2011-present (on leave):** Lecturer of Economics & Rural Development, Suez Canal University (SCU); Al-Arish, Egypt.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

- **June 2011:** Ph.D. in Economics & Management, NWAUFU, China.
- **February 2007:** Master degree in Agricultural Economics, SCU.
- **August 2004:** Diploma in Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, SCU.
- **July 2003:** Bachelor degree in Agricultural Sciences (Excellent grade with high honors), SCU.

MAJOR FIELDS OF INTEREST

- International food and agricultural trade and trade policy.
- Food consumption and production and their linkage with food security.
- Political economy of food and agriculture.
- Development economics (Income distribution, poverty analysis and Agricultural and rural development in developing countries with focus on China).

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- **September 2008-June 2011:** Assistant Researcher, Unit for Chinese Economics & Rural Development Studies, College of Economics & Management, Northwest Agricultural and Forestry University (NWAUFU); Yangling, China.
- **January-June, 2010:** Vesting Researcher, School of Economics and Business, Norwegian University of Life Sciences of Economics; Aas, Norway.
- **September-December, 2009:** Assistant Researcher, China Center for Agricultural Policy, China Academy of Sciences; Beijing, China.
- **June-September, 2009:** Vesting Researcher, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Corvinus University of Budapest; Budapest, Hungary.
- **February-September, 2007:** Assistant Lecturer, Department of Economics and Rural

Development, SCU; Al-Arish, Egypt.

- **September, 2003-February, 2007:** Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics and Rural Development, SCU; Al-Arish, Egypt.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **June- December, 2013:** Researcher; project of "Tertiary Agricultural Education in Africa". A research project funded by World Bank, TEAM Africa, and SLU Global.
- **September, 2011-present:** Researcher; Agriculture & Food Policy Group, SLU.
- **December, 2010-June, 2011:** Marketing expert; project of "New Approaches for the Sustainable Development of Olive and Palm Trees in Egypt". A project funded by the Science and Technology Experts' Association in Egypt.
- **2007-2008:** Research-team member; project of "The Arab Region's Unemployment Problem Revisited: Case of Egypt", A project funded by the Arab Planning Institute.
- **2006-2007:** Assistant researcher; Misr (Egypt) National Program for Village Development. A program funded by UNDP.
- **2003-2007:** Assistant researcher; the Scientific Center for Agricultural Extension & Rural Development, SCU.
- **2003-2007:** Assistant researcher; Agricultural Economics Studies Center, SCU.
- **2005-2006:** Research-team member; Project of "Preparation of Human Development Index for North Sinai Governorate". A project funded by the Egyptian Ministry of Local Development.
- **2005-2006:** Research-team member; Project of "Poverty Mapping Toolkit for Egypt". A 10-month project funded by the Egypt's Social Fund for Development.
- **2005-2006:** Research-team member; Project of "Poverty & Urban Health in Sudan". An 18-month project funded by Packard Foundation.
- **2004-2006:** Assistant researcher; Project of "Policies of Settlement in Newly Reclaimed Areas of Al-Salam Canal". A project funded by the Academy of Scientific Research & Technology in Egypt.
- **2004-2006:** Research-team member; Program for "Integrated Rural Development (SHUROK) in North Sinai Governorate". A project funded by Egyptian Ministry of Local Development.
- **2004-2006:** Assistant researcher; Project of "East Delta Agricultural Services for Community Development in Graduate villages". A project funded by Financed by the World Bank.
- **2003-2004:** Research-team member; project of "Population & Poverty in Egypt". A one year project funded by UNFP.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- **Assem Abu Hatab & Sebastian Hess, (2013),** *Opportunities and Constraints for Small Agricultural Exporters in Egypt*, a revised version has already been submitted to the Journal of International Food & Agribusiness Marketing.
- **Assem Abu Hatab & Eirik Romstad, (2013),** *Competitiveness Analysis of Egyptian Cotton in the Chinese Market: A Linear Approximate Almost Ideal Demand System*, under peer review at China

Agricultural Economics Review.

- **Assem Abu Hatab**, Huo Xuexi, and Nada Shoumann (2012), *Exploring Egypt-China Bilateral Trade: Dynamics and Perspectives*, Journal of Economic Studies; 39(3):314 - 326.
- Wang Jing, Huo Xuexi, **Assem Abu Hatab**, and Shajahan Kabir (2012), *Non-neutral technology, farmer income and poverty reduction: Evidence from high value agricultural household in China*, Journal of Food, Agriculture & Environment; 10(3&4): 582-589.
- **Assem Abu Hatab**, (2011), **China-Africa Economic Partnership: A Win-Win Game?**, Ci & Tróp., 35(1):233-252
- **Assem Abu Hatab**, Eirik Romstad, and Huo Xuexi, (2010), *Determinants of Egyptian Agricultural Exports: A Gravity Model Approach*, International Journal of Modern Economy; 1(1):134-143.
- **Assem Abu Hatab**, (2009), *Egypt within the Framework of the Global Financial Crisis: Impact, Response and Way Forward*, International Journal of Euro-Mediterranean Studies; 2(1):7:25.
- **Assem Abu Hatab** and Huo Xuexi, (2009), *The Performance of Egyptian cotton Exports In the International Market*, Agricultural Economics Research Review; 22 (2): 225-237.
- Guilley Ahmed, Hefney Ragab, and **Assem Abu Hatab**, (2007), *Analysis of North-Sinai Agricultural Exports in their Major Importing Markets*, Suez Canal University Journal of Social Science Studies.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- **Assem Abu Hatab** (2013), *Made in China: The Displacement Effect of Chinese Export Growth on Egyptian Textile Exports*, paper accepted for presentation and for the proceeding of the First Biennial Conference of China Development Studies, Center for China Development Studies, Shanghai Jiao Tong University; Shanghai: China, July 6-7, 2013.
- **Assem Abu Hatab** (2012), *Have Chinese Exports Displaced Egyptian Agricultural Exports in Major Importing Markets?*, 20th conference of Egyptian Agricultural Economists, organized by the Egyptian Society for Agricultural Economics; Cairo: Egypt, October 16-17, 2012.
- **Assem Abu Hatab** and Huo Xuexi (2010), *Does the Gravity Model Explain Egypt's Direction of Trade? A Panel Data Approach?*, proceeding of 2010 Yangling International Agri-science Forum; Yangling: China, November 3-5, 2010.
- **Assem Abu Hatab** (2010), *Analysis of Agri-food trade between Egypt and China*, a poster presented at the China Economist Society Conference; Xiamen University: China, June 19-21, 2010.
- **Assem Abu Hatab** (2009), *Poverty in Egypt: A Roadmap towards A Policy for Poverty Alleviation in Egypt*, proceeding of the 2009 Yangling International Agri-science Forum; Yangling: China, November 9-12, 2009.
- **Assem Abu Hatab** (2009), *The Actual & Potential Impact of Global Financial Crisis: A Case study of Egypt*, proceeding of the 2009 International Symposium on Recent Advances in Economics & Global Financial Crisis; Xi'an: China, May 2009.
- **Assem Abu Hatab** (2008), *Perspectives of Circular Agriculture in Egypt*; proceeding of the 2008

Yangling International Agri-science Forum; Yangling: China, November 2008.

- **Assem Abu Hatab** and Huo Xuexi (2008), *Water Resources in Egypt: Challenges & Perspectives*, proceeding of the International Symposium on Ecosystem Services Evaluation & Payment; Yangling: China, April 2008.
- Ragab Hefney, and **Assem Abu Hatab** (2006), *Perspectives of Developing Egyptian Agricultural Exports in a Changeable World*, proceeding of the Agricultural Exports Developing Symposium, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Suez Canal University; Al-Arish, Egypt, March 2005. (in Arabic)
- Ragab Hefney, and **Assem Abu Hatab** (2005), *Lessons & Implications for the Rural Settlement Policies in Sinai*, proceeding of the conference of the College of Commerce of SCU on " Sinai; the Reality and Future; Ismailia: Egypt, March 18, 2005. (in Arabic)

SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS

- How Does China Partner in Africa? A seminar at the College of Economics and Management in NWSUAF; Yangling: China, November 2012.
- Competitiveness Analysis of Egyptian cotton in the Chinese Market: A Linear Approximate Almost Ideal Demand System: a presentation at 4th CAER-IFPRI Annual International Conference; Beijing: China, October 18-19, 2012.
- Opportunities and Constraints for Small Agricultural Exporters in Egypt; A research seminar at the Department of Economics in SLU, Uppsala, May 2012.
- Promoting Olive Oil Exports in the Chinese Market: a presentation at the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM); Zaragoza: Spain, November 16, 2012.
- Egypt in the Eye of Two Storms: the Arab Spring & Euro zone crises: a presentation at the Symposium on The euro: (Greek) Tragedy or Europe's destiny? Economic, Historical & Legal Perspectives on the Common Currency; University of Bayreuth (Germany), January 11-12, 2012.
- Local Marketing of Oranges in Egypt: Marketing Channels and Margins Distribution: a presentation at CIHEAM; Zaragoza: Spain, June 2011.
- Capital Control to Support Productive Investment in South Africa: a presentation at the international workshop of the African Programme on Rethinking Development Economics; Johannesburg: South Africa, May 2011
- Does the Gravity Model Explain Egypt's Direction of Trade? A Panel Data Approach: a presentation at the 2010 Yangling International Agri-science Forum, NWAUFU; Yangling, China, November 2010.
- Poverty and Inequality in Egypt: a presentation at Brown International research Institutes, Brown University; Rhode Island: USA, May 2010.
- Egypt-China Agricultural Trade: Dynamics & Perspectives: an invited talk at the Chinese Center for Agricultural Policy CCAP, China academy of sciences; Beijing, China, December 2010.
- Egyptian Agricultural Exports with Special Reference to Chinese Market: a presentation at the

Ph.D. students' seminar at the College of Economics & Management, NWAUFU, China; Yangling, China, June 2009.

- The Impact of Global Financial Crisis on the Egyptian Economy: a presentation at 2009 International symposium on recent advances in economics and global financial crisis; Xi'an: China, May 2009.
- Perspectives of Circular Agriculture in Egypt: a presentation at 2008 Yangling International Agri-science Forum, NWAUFU; Yangling, China, November 2008.
- A country report: Protected Agriculture in Egypt: a presentation at International Training Workshop on Protected Agriculture, organized by ministry of science & technology; Yangling: China, October 2008.
- Water Resources in Egypt: Challenges & Perspectives: a presentation at the International Symposium on Ecosystem Services Evaluation & Payment, NWSUAF; Yangling: China, April 2008.
- The Present & Future Situation of Egyptian Agricultural Exports: Implementations under North Sinai Conditions: a presentation at Center for Agricultural Economics and Rural Development Studies, SCU; AL-Arish, Egypt, February 2007.

ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

- The Role of Rising Food Prices for the Emergence of Political Unrest: An Econometric Analysis of Market-Media Interaction during the Arab Spring 2011 (with Sebastian Hess and Yves Surry)
- How does China Partner in Africa? Evidence from Outbound Direct Investment Flow. (with Huo Xuexi)
- Analysis of Intra-Industry Trade in Horizontally and Vertically Differentiated Agri-Food Products between Egypt and the MENA Region (with Imre Ferto)

COURSES AND ADVISING

- **Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (2011-2013):** Analysis of Global Food System; Agricultural Policy and International trade)
- **Northwest A&F University (2008-2011):** shared lecture responsibilities with Prof. Huo Xuexi in the courses on: Chinese Agricultural Foreign Trade Policy; and, Introduction to International Trade in Agricultural Products)
- **Suez Canal University (2003-present):** International Trade Theories; Foreign Trade Policy Analysis; Agricultural Economics; Fundamentals of Statistics; Farm Management; Fundamentals of Economics; Agricultural Marketing)
- **Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture (2005-2007):** Trainer in Programs of Feasibility Studies & Project Management; and, Program of Project Management & Product Marketing.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COURSES

- **21 May–1 June, 2012:** The Fifth South-South Summer Institute on Rethinking Development:

Global and Regional Alternatives for the Development in the South; organized by the Asian Political and International Studies Association (APISA), the Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO), and the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA): Recife (Brazil).

- **2012:** Course on Trade and Poverty; United Nations Conference on trade and Development (UNCTAD) Virtual Institute: Geneva (Switzerland).
- **2012:** Advanced Course on New Opportunities to Export and Promote Agro-Food Products; CIHEAM: Zaragoza (Spain).
- **February to June 2012:** Course on Econometrics 1 and 2; Uppsala University (Sweden).
- **January-March, 2012:** The Common Agricultural Policy; The Groupe de Bruges, and funded by European Commission. (online course)
- **October- November, 2011:** Introduction to CGE Models; an online course led by Prof. Mary Burfisher, United States Naval Academy in MD.
- **September-October, 2011:** Tools and methods for trade and trade policy analysis; UNCTAD Virtual Institute: Geneva (Switzerland).
- **May 2011:** Advanced course on marketing Strategies for Local Food Producers; CIHEAM: Zaragoza (Spain).
- **June 2010:** The African Program for Rethinking Development Economics; French Institute of South Africa & Department of Trade & Industry of South Africa: Johannesburg (South Africa).
- **May 2010:** Institute on Development and Inequality in the Global South; Brown University: Providence (USA).
- **October 2008:** Advanced course on marketing of fresh fruits and vegetables; CIHEAM: Zaragoza (Spain).
- **August 2007:** Modern Agricultural Educational Training Program; China Agricultural University: Beijing (China)
- **May 2004:** A course on export essentials; Japanese International Trade Research Organization JITRO: Cairo (Egypt).

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

- 2012: *Teaching in Higher Education* (Basic Course), SLU (Sweden).
- 2012: *How to coordinate and international application?*, SLU (Sweden).
- 2012: *How to write a competitive proposal to FP7*. SLU (Sweden).
- 2011: *Skills of writing research projects*, Zagazig University (Egypt).
- 2011: *Leadership and behavioral skills development*, Zagazig University (Egypt).
- 2011: *How to publish an academic paper internationally?*, Zagazig University (Egypt).
- 2011: *Team Management: Faculty & Leadership Development Center: Faculty & Leadership Development Center FLDC (FLDC), SCU (Egypt).*
- 2011: *Stress Management in the workplace*: FLDC, SCU (Egypt).
- 2010: *Effective presentations*, Norwegian University of Life Sciences (Norway).
- 2010: *Decision making & problem solving*: FLDC, SCU (Egypt).

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- French Institute Scholarship for Egyptian Postdoctoral Researchers (2013, declined).
- Brown Residency Program, Brown University (2013)
- UNCTAD; two fellowships for course and training program participation (2011 and 2012).
- Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (2012)
- Swedish Institute Fellowship for Guest Researchers (2011).
- CIHEAM: three fellowships for course participation (2008, 2011 and 2012)
- Norwegian Scholarship Council Fellowship for PhD students (2010).
- Fully funded internship at the Chinese Center for Agricultural Policy CCAP, China (2009).
- Hungarian Scholarship Board Fellowship for PhD studies (2009)
- Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education, full fellowship for PhD overseas studies (2008-2011).
- China Scholarship Council, fellowship for PhD students in Northwest A&F University. (2007-2011).
- Egyptian Bulgarian Student Exchange Program, Fully funded internship at the D.Tsenov Academy of Economics, Svishtov, Bulgaria (2002)

DISTINCTION AWARDS & HONORS

- The Distinguished Scholar Award, Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development (2013)
- Award of excellence, Egypt's Science Day, Suez Canal University (2013)
- Department Teaching Award, Department of Economics at SLU (2012)
- Most Innovative Policy Proposal Award of APORDE 2011: French Institute of South Africa & Department of Trade & Industry of South Africa (2011)
- Best PhD dissertation: International School, Northwest A&F University (2011)
- Best Student Publication Award: Northwest A&F University (2010)
- First place in Chinese Language Learning Award for Overseas Students: Northwest A&F University (2010)
- Award of excellence for young researchers: Egypt's Science Day, Suez Canal University (2008)
- Outstanding prize for undergraduates: Suez Canal University (2001 and 2003)
- Outstanding Prize for Undergraduates: North Sinai Province (2002 and 2003)
- First-Place prize in the Arabian universities competition of Poetry: Arabia Universities (2001)
- Honors certificate for active participation in the summer program of leader preparation: Leader preparation Institute, Egypt (2000)

MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC SOCIETIES

- Member, International Association of Agricultural Economics (IAAE).
- Member, International Food & Agribusiness Management Association
- Member, Agricultural Economics Society (AES, UK).
- Member, the Chinese Economists Society (CES).
- Member, Middle East Economic Association.
- Member, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa.

- Member, the Egyptian Society for Agricultural Economists.

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Summer School committee at the Department of Economics in the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. (August 2012)
- Volunteer trainer, Program for Better Business Environment for SMEs, Egyptian Ministry of Trade & Industry. (June-September, 2011)
- Parliament Election Monitor in the e-Volunteering Unit. (2011)
- Member of the international cooperation Board of the Faculty of Economics & Management at Northwest A&F University (2008-2011)
- Member of the organizing committee of Yangling International Agri-science Forum (2008-2011).
- Member of the founding board of Science Era Reunion (2010-present)
- Earth Day Organizing Assistant/Tree Planter, Aas, Norway (2010).
- Civil Society Action in Sichuan Province in China after the earthquake (June- August 2008)
- President of Millennium Youth Association for Community Development (2005-2007)
- Development Founder of Millennium Youth Association for Community Development (2005).
- Provincial committee member, Movement for Egyptian Literacy. (2004-2006)
- Student Representative, Faculty of Environmental Agricultural Sciences at Suez Canal University in Egypt (2001-2003).

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Arabic (Native)
- English (TOEFL CBT 550, in 2007; and, IELTS 7.5 in October 13, 2012, Advanced)
- Chinese (Advanced, Chinese Proficiency Certificate HSK)
- French (Fair)
- Swedish (Beginner).

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Holder of International Computer Driving License "ICDL".
- Excellent at Win XP, Win 7.
- Excellent at Microsoft Office; Word, Power Point, Excel and Access.
- Good at; SPSS, Eviews and STATA, and runGTAP.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Nationality: Egyptian.
- Date of Birth: December, 13th, 1982.
- Marital Status: Married.
