



ReSAKSS
Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System
by AKADEMIYA2063



2021 ReSAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*Building Resilient African Food Systems **After COVID-19***



MEDIA ADVISORY

 **15-17 November**

 Virtual Event

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ORGANIZERS: AKADEMIYA2063, in partnership with the African Union Commission(AUC).

About ReSAKSS

Established in 2006 under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) supports efforts to promote evidence and outcome-based policy planning and implementation. In particular, ReSAKSS provides data and related analytical and knowledge products to facilitate CAADP benchmarking, review, and mutual accountability processes.

AKADEMIYA2063 leads the work of ReSAKSS in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), and leading Regional Economic Communities (RECs). The mission of AKADEMIYA2063 is to provide data, policy analysis, and capacity-strengthening support to enable African Union (AU) Member States to achieve economic transformation and shared prosperity in support of the AU's Agenda 2063.

As the main platform for monitoring CAADP implementation, ReSAKSS tracks the progress of core CAADP indicators through an interactive website and a flagship Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR), the official CAADP monitoring and evaluation (M&E) report. In addition to tracking progress on CAADP core indicators, the ATOR presents analysis on a feature topic of strategic importance to the CAADP agenda each year.



About the Conference

AKADEMIYA2063, in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC), is convening a virtual [2021 ReSAKSS Annual Conference](#) to promote review and dialogue on the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on African food systems and policy options to ensure recovery and strengthen resilience to future shocks.

The COVID-19 pandemic has posed unprecedented challenges to health, economic and agrifood systems around the globe. In addition to the direct health effects of the pandemic and its cost in terms of human life, the crisis has caused serious disruptions to economies and food systems, pushing millions of people into poverty and food insecurity. Africa entered the crisis already facing high poverty and hunger rates and high vulnerability due to relatively weak health system capacity and high exposure to world trade fluctuations.



Building resilient African food systems is one of the seven commitments of the 2014 Malabo Declaration. However, much of the focus has been on resilience to present and future climate

variabilities and shocks. COVID-19 has occasioned a uniquely wide-ranging shock, affecting every country in the world and with repercussions across all economic sectors. This calls for a broad perspective on food systems resilience that takes into account implications for and actions by all food systems actors.

The 2021 ReSAKSS Annual Conference will bring together state and non-state actors to deliberate on the key findings and policy recommendations of the ReSAKSS 2021 ATOR.

2021 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR)

ReSAKSS has released an Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR) every year since 2011, now boasting 11 reports in the ATOR repertoire.

The 2021 ATOR presents a body of research-based evidence to facilitate understanding of the pandemic's effects and support the design of post-COVID-19 recovery measures that strengthen

the resilience of African food systems. The report:



Assesses the impacts of COVID-19 on African economies and food systems;



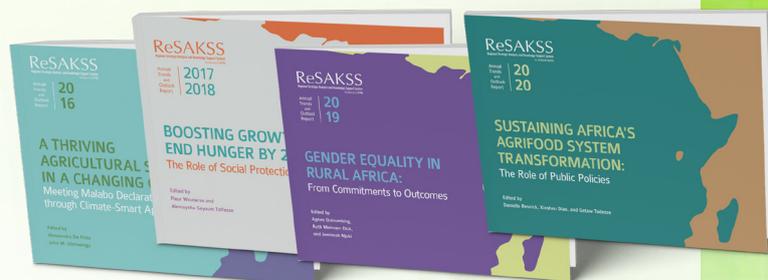
Examines African governments' responses to the pandemic, including the expansion of social protection;



Discusses measurement and methodological issues related to gauging countries' vulnerability and resilience to crises, and;



Makes recommendations to ensure the recovery and resilience of African food systems.



The 2021 ATOR also reviews progress in CAADP implementation and examines the likely impacts of COVID-19 on the CAADP Results Framework indicators.

High-level Speakers

The virtual convening will feature a range of topics focusing on the 2021 ATOR, impact and responses to COVID-19, and reviewing progress in achieving the CAADP goals.

2021 ReSAKSS will deliver insightful plenaries and exciting panel sessions animated by an exciting line-up of high-level policy and international development leaders.



[Meet the Speakers.](#)



[View Agenda.](#)

PRESS CONFERENCE INVITATION

AKADEMIYA2063 to Host 2021 ReSAKSS Post-event Press Conference

AKADEMIYA2063 is inviting you to a virtual press conference following the 2021 ReSAKSS Annual Conference..

WHAT: 2021 ReSAKSS Annual Conference Post-event Press Conference

WHO: Organized by AKADEMIYA206, featuring interventions from the African Union Commission (AUC) and the 2021 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR) editors

WHEN: 18 November 2021

WHERE: Zoom video conferencing platform

TIME: 8.00 AM-9.10 AM (US EST) ▪ 13.00 PM-14.10 PM (GMT)

JOIN THE PRESS CONFERENCE

Press Conference Speakers

Moderated by **Dr. Layih Butake**, Director of Communication and Outreach at AKADEMIYA2063, the press conference will feature stakeholders from the African Union Commission (AUC) and AKADEMIYA2063, as well as editors and authors of the ReSAKSS 2021 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR).



Dr. Ousmane Badiane

Executive Chairperson,
AKADEMIYA2063

Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Distinguished Fellow of the African Association of Agricultural Economists, recipient of the Africa Food Prize in 2015 and member of the World Academy of Sciences, is the founder and

Executive Chairperson of AKADEMIYA2063. He has over 30 years of experience, as academic and a practitioner, in international development. As the Director for Africa at the International Food Policy Research Institute, he was instrumental in developing and guiding the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme. As Lead Specialist for Food and Agricultural Policy at the World Bank, he served as advisor to the Vice President for Africa. Between research and development finance, Dr. Badiane taught Economics of Development in Africa at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies for many years. Dr. Badiane received PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Kiel in Germany. He is also recipient of a Doctorate Honoris Causa from the University of KwaZulu Natal.



Dr. Marco d'Errico

Dr. Marco d'Errico is an economist at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Holder of a PhD in Economics, he joined FAO in 2009, and since then, he has

collaborated with World Bank, IFAD, and UNICEF. He is currently Team Leader for the RIMA (Resilience Index Measurement and Analysis) team and the Impact Evaluation Task Force coordinator under the Chief Economist.



Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu

Principal Program Officer, Agricultural Policy and Investment Financing, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD)

Dr. Wambo Yamdjeu is an international Agricultural Economist and rural development specialist with over 20 years of experience. He now works more on various aspects of state capabilities development, strategic policy reform,

facilitation of private sector engagement in agriculture, program design and implementation, knowledge management, monitoring and evaluation, multi-stakeholder engagement platform facilitation, and tailored coaching. Prior to joining NEPAD in September 2013 for the second time, since leaving in 2007, he served on a 21-month assignment with the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development as their Task Leader (Advisor) on CAADP and ARD in Africa. Dr. Wambo Yamdjeu is increasingly interested in the nexus between climate change and the transition towards our changing food systems to assist partners in developing and implementing climate-smart climate proofed programmes and projects to help ensure resilience and sustainability. He holds a PhD (with distinctions) in Agricultural Economics from the University of Paris-Sud 11, an M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics from the National Advanced School of Agronomy (ENSA) of Montpellier, France, and an M.Sc. in Agric Engineering from the University of Dschang, Cameroon.



Dr. Éliane Ubalijoro

Executive Director, Sustainability in the Digital Age
Global Hub Director, Canada, Future Earth
Co-editor, 2021 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR)

Her decades of experience span academia, science-policy and the non-profit and international development sectors. She is a Professor of Practice

for Public-Private Sector Partnerships at McGill University's Institute for the Study of International Development. Eliane is a member of the Impact Advisory Board of the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet. She is a member of Rwanda's National Science and Technology Council and has been a member of the Presidential Advisory Council for Rwandan President Paul Kagame since its inception in September 2007. She is a member of the Expert Consultation Group on the Post COVID-19 Implications on Collaborative Governance of Genomics Research, Innovation, and Genetic Diversity. Éliane is a member of the African Development Bank's Expert Global Community of Practice on COVID-19 Response Strategies in Africa. She is a member of the Capitals Coalition Supervisory Board. Eliane is a member of the Advisory Board of the Earth Leadership Program. She is a member of the Advisory Boards of ShEquity and Orango Investment Corporation. Eliane is on the boards of Genome Canada and the Crop Trust.



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