

ReSAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Moving the Technology Frontiers
in African Agrifood Systems



 **January 20–22, 2026**
 **Virtual Event**

Concept Note

Introduction

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, and provides technical support to the CAADP Biennial Review (BR) process. AKADEMIYA2063 leads the work of ReSAKSS in collaboration 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 one of the leading platforms for monitoring CAADP implementation, ReSAKSS tracks the progress of core CAADP indicators to facilitate benchmarking, review, and mutual learning through an interactive website and a flagship Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR), the official CAADP monitoring and evaluation (M&E) report, which 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 Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE), is convening the 2025 ReSAKSS Conference to launch the **17th Edition of the ATOR**. This year's event will take place online on January 20-22 under the theme “**Moving the Technology Frontiers in African Agrifood Systems**”.

The 2025 ReSAKSS Conference will bring together state and non-state actors to deliberate on the key findings and policy recommendations of the ReSAKSS 2025 ATOR. A major contribution to evidence for the rollout of strategic actions to promote technologies toward agrifood system transformation, the primary focus of the 2025 ATOR is the facilitation of access to technologies, including emerging ones, to catalyze African food systems transformation. With the landmark Kampala CAADP Declaration coming into effect in January 2026, it is imperative that the next decade of CAADP implementation address the main challenges that have thus far limited the much-needed innovations and investment to transform agrifood systems. In so doing, physical and economic access to suitable and reliable emerging technologies must be encouraged through a holistic and integrated approach to policy design and implementation, providing the requisite infrastructure (hard and soft), capacity development, social education, and institutional governance support needed for sustainability and inclusivity. The 2025 ATOR explores a wide range of technologies and solutions, including existing and emerging ones, that could be leveraged to help build resilient agrifood systems in Africa, in the context of the new 10-year CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026-2035).

Objectives

The ReSAKSS Conference, the official platform for the launch of the ReSAKSS ATOR, will bring together a broad range of stakeholders to discuss the report's findings. With contributions from world-class experts, this 17th edition of the ATOR presents innovative research and analytics to inform better programmatic instruments for the sustainable deployment of fit-for-purpose technologies, policy interventions, necessary investments and financing, and the regulatory frameworks needed for a safe and responsible deployment of these technologies across Africa's agrifood systems.

Over the course of the three-day session, participants will:

1. Document and share evidence and trends on technology deployment options in African agrifood systems.
2. Discuss technology deployment opportunities for African economies, also exploring the role of regional cooperation and integration in enhancing technology potential, ecological impacts, and economic benefits for the continent.
3. Analyze investment and financing of technology promotion in Africa as a pathway to accelerate progress toward building resilient agrifood systems across the continent.
4. Review, document, and share best practices and lessons learned from technology promotion initiatives and projects in Africa and other regions, and identify opportunities to integrate them into ongoing strategies to foster inclusive and equitable growth, job creation, and rural development in Africa.
5. Assess the status of CAADP implementation and progress toward achieving key goals and targets.

Structure

The three-day event will gather a diverse group of researchers, policymakers, development partners, non-state actors, and thought leaders in the agrifood system transformation space from Africa and beyond, in a format that facilitates stakeholder dialogue and networking.

Day 1: The official opening of the conference will feature an overview presentation of the 2025 ATOR by an editorial team representative, a keynote presentation on the theme, and a moderated panel discussion with high-level stakeholders.

Day 2: Presentations, followed by panel and plenary discussions on selected chapters of the 2025 ATOR.

Day 3: Presentations, panel, and plenary discussions on selected chapters of the 2025 ATOR, followed by the official closing.

About AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is a pan-African non-profit research organization with headquarters in Kigali, Rwanda, and a regional office in Dakar, Senegal. Inspired by the ambitions of the African Union's Agenda 2063 and grounded in the recognition of the central importance of solid knowledge and evidence-based systems, the vision of AKADEMIYA2063 is an Africa with the expertise we need for the Africa we want. This expertise must be responsive to the continent's needs for data and analysis to ensure high-quality policy design and execution. Inclusive, evidence-informed policymaking is key to meeting the continent's development aspirations, creating wealth, and improving populations' livelihoods. AKADEMIYA2063's overall mission is to create, across Africa and led from its headquarters in Rwanda, state-of-the-art technical capacities to support the efforts by the Member States of the African Union to achieve the key goals of Agenda 2063 of transforming national economies to boost economic growth and prosperity. Following from its vision and mission, the main goal of AKADEMIYA2063 is to help meet Africa's needs at the continental, regional, and national levels in terms of data, analytics, and mutual learning for the effective implementation of Agenda 2063 and the realization of its outcomes by a critical mass of countries. AKADEMIYA2063 strives to meet its goals through programs organized under five strategic areas—policy intelligence, knowledge systems, data intelligence and governance, as well as innovative partnership and communication and outreach activities.

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About AUC-DARBE

The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) of the African Union Commission is mandated to boost AU Member States' rural development and contributing to boosting economic growth, bringing down poverty and raising standards of living through agricultural productivity, improving food security and nutrition, exploring and developing the potential of the largest sectors of the Blue Economy, promoting technology transfer and strengthening resilience and adaptation to extreme climatic changes. The Department's mode of delivery is to support the adoption of measures, strategies, policies, and programs related and tied with these areas and their implementation within continental frameworks and policy areas endorsed by AU Policy Organs, and in pursuance of the First Aspiration of the AU Agenda 2063: "A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development". The Department is mandated and has been assigned responsibility to lead, coordinate, support, facilitate, and work closely with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the AU Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD), and other partners with similar mandates and missions. ARBE's Strategic Objective is to enhance economic transformation, sustainable growth, climate change action, and investment in the African People.

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