



# AGRODEP MEMBERS' MEETING: RESEARCH FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FROM J-PAL

 **Thursday, June 23, 2022**  
**| 1:00-3:00 PM GMT**

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## Introduction and Objectives

The African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium is a collaborative program by AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). The Consortium facilitates the use of economic modeling tools, promotes access to data sources, provides training, research grants, and networking opportunities to a group of Africa-based experts, and supports collaboration between the Africa-based experts and international researchers. The overarching goal of AGRODEP is to enable and support African experts to study strategic development questions facing African countries as a group, as well as, to engage them in the broader agricultural growth and policy debate.

During the first two phases of the AGRODEP Modeling Consortium (2011-2016 and 2017-present), AGRODEP's regular membership grew to 234 African researchers from 36 countries, 28 percent of whom are women. The members' economic research skills were enhanced through training programs and workshops, competitive research grants, and access to economic models and datasets. To date, AGRODEP has delivered more than 30 training courses on data analysis and economic models and tools to 348 participants. AKADEMIYA2063 plans to reinvigorate the activities of AGRODEP in 2022, starting with a members' meeting in June.

AKADEMIYA2063 in partnership with J-PAL Africa invite you to a virtual session on **Thursday, June 23, 2022**. During the session, AKADEMIYA2063 and IFPRI staff will share updates and planned activities for the AGRODEP Modeling Consortium in 2022-2023. Staff from J-PAL will share research funding opportunities for African Scholars including calls for proposals covering digital payments and digital identification, digitization in agriculture, and labor market topics. Through these research calls for proposals, J-PAL hopes to enhance the opportunity for Sub-Saharan Africa researchers to conduct their own randomized evaluations.

During this session, J-PAL will cover the research scope for these three initiatives and offer some practical next steps for African Scholars who may be interested in applying to these research grants.

### Agenda

#### Part 1 [40 mins]

- Welcome and Opening Remarks

**Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, AKADEMIYA2063 [5 mins]

- AGRODEP Planned Activities for 2022/23

**Dr. Ismael Fofana**, AKADEMIYA2063 and  
**Dr. Betina Dimaranan**, IFPRI [20 mins]

- Q&A [15 mins]

#### Part 2 [60 mins]

- Introduction to J-PAL

**Aimee Hare**, Policy Manager, J-PAL Africa

- Digital Identification and Finance Initiative (DigiFI)

**Nidhi Parekh**, Director of DigiFI, J-PAL Africa

- Jobs and Opportunities Initiative (JOI)

**Clare Hofmeyr**, Education and Training Manager, J-PAL Africa

- Digital Agricultural Innovations and Services Initiative (DAISI)

**Emily Sylvia**, Policy Manager, J-PAL Global

- Tips when applying to a J-PAL research initiative

**Aimee Hare**, Policy Manager, J-PAL Africa

- Q&A

## About AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is an Africa-based 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 strong 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 changing livelihoods for the better.

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 innovation, knowledge systems, capacity creation and deployment, operational support, and data management, digital products, and technology—as well as innovative partnerships and outreach activities. For more information, visit [www.akademiya2063.org](http://www.akademiya2063.org).

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## About Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL)

J-PAL is a network of more than 250 affiliated professors from over fifty universities. Our mission is to reduce poverty by ensuring that policy is informed by scientific evidence. J-PAL Africa, based at the University of Cape Town, leads J-PAL's work in sub-Saharan Africa. J-PAL Africa conducts randomized evaluations, builds partnerships for evidence-informed policymaking, and helps partners scale up effective programmes. Keep in mind, J-PAL defines African Scholars according to the following criteria:

**Resident African Scholars:** Individuals who have completed a PhD in Economics (or related field) and are based in an African academic institution. **Non-resident African Scholars:** Individuals who completed high school in Africa, have a PhD in Economics (or related field), and are based in an academic institution outside of Africa

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