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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRPERSON

Ousmane Badiane, PhD, Dr. h.c.

Dear Partners and Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present AKADEMIYA2063's 2024 Annual Report. These updates bear testament to the organization's progress, versatility, and growth. 2024 was highly prolific, marked by significant achievements in our core programs, interventions in emerging areas, and strengthened partnerships that have amplified our reach and impact.

AKADEMIYA2063 remained aligned with continental-level strategic frameworks such as Agenda 2063, the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), and other strategic frameworks driven by the African Union (AU). Recalling the organization's theory of change, linking the supply of and demand for knowledge and evidence is at the heart of improving the quality and effectiveness of policies with action along three major connection points: alignment with carrier policy processes, partnerships with implementing anchor organizations, and collaboration with key operational actors. AKADEMIYA2063 has remained steadfast in acting as a broker between these three connection points to provide knowledge capital in response to needs emanating from the ground. These efforts contribute to momentum around major national, regional, and continental policy agendas with the potential to drive a critical mass of programmatic interventions and move the needle toward the continent's development goals.

In 2024, AKADEMIYA2063 responded to the AU's call to join continent-wide efforts to contribute to the Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda development process, which culminated in the adoption of the Kampala CAADP Declaration on "Building Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Africa" alongside the new CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026-2035), endorsed by an Extraordinary Summit of the AU in January 2025. Under the leadership of the African Union Commission's Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE) and the African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD), AKADEMIYA2063 facilitated the mobilization and coordination of technical expertise through 13 Technical Working Groups (TWGs), to guide the development of a robust and evidence-based Post-Malabo Agenda. These knowledge mobilization and technical backstopping efforts will continue to be key features of our interventions deployed hand-in-hand with policy dialogue facilitation through our **Kampala CAADP Series**, as the continent prepares to kick off implementation in January 2026.

In keeping with our mission to create state-of-the-art technical capacities to support country efforts to achieve the key goals of the AU's Agenda 2063 and our vision for an Africa with the expertise we need for the Africa we want, AKADEMIYA2063's activities over this past year have remained consistent with its mission statement. We continued to deliver four longstanding Africa-wide programs supporting evidence-based policy planning and CAADP implementation. They include the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS), the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium, the Malabo Montpellier Panel, and Africa Agriculture Watch (AAGWa).

Consistent with our annual tradition, we successfully launched our four flagship reports, namely the ReSAKSS Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR), the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM), and two Malabo Montpellier Panel reports. The publications were launched during high-level policy dialogue sessions to contribute to continental and global discourses on the topics of strategic importance to Africa covered in the research.

We continued to sharpen our crisis response capacity. AKADEMIYA2063 scientists conducted analyses on the effects of the El Niño 2024 drought on staple crop production in Southern Africa.

We pursued our AAGWa crop production forecasts, providing accurate and timely data on harvest and yields for 11 major crops across nearly 50 African countries to allow stakeholders across the value chain to plan and execute policy and business actions more efficiently.

Furthermore, our contributions to climate science continued under the CACCI Field Notes, a publication series tackling climate change mitigation and adaptation based on research conducted under the Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative (CACCI). AKADEMIYA2063 is currently expanding its interventions to help African countries accelerate the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) under the Paris Agreement by meeting the needs for data and analytics and supporting institutional and coordination capacities. AKADEMIYA2063's climate action initiatives are now deployed under the Accelerated Implementation of Climate Action in Africa (AICAA) framework.

AKADEMIYA2063 has continued to grow, with currently 51 staff members, including 23 scientists, 14 of whom hold a PhD. Overall, AKADEMIYA2063 staff come from 15 countries, 44% of whom are women. AKADEMIYA2063 provides expertise in economic modeling, remote sensing, and machine learning, applied to a range of areas, including trade, climate change, and nutrition, as well as monitoring and evaluation, knowledge management, and capacity-strengthening. Our expertise also comprises the development of interactive platforms and dashboards for dissemination and ease of access to our products and services.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff for their relentless work in bringing our mission to fruition. We recognize our friends and supporters for their unwavering support. Finally, we are grateful to our funding partners, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Gates Foundation, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Mastercard Foundation, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the World Bank through the West Africa Food System Resilience Program (FSRP) and the ECOWAS Trade and Market Scorecard project. I look forward to continued success for the rest of the year as we pursue the implementation of our 2025 agendas.

OUR VISION



The vision of AKADEMIYA2063 is **an Africa with the expertise we need for the Africa we want**. That is, an Africa where the available expertise is strong enough and mobilized effectively to meet the continent's development ambitions.

OUR MISSION



AKADEMIYA2063's overall mission is to create, across Africa, state-of-the-art technical capacities to support African Union Member States to achieve the key goals of Agenda 2063 of transforming national economies to boost growth and prosperity.

OUR GOALS



The main goal of AKADEMIYA2063 is to help meet the needs of African countries 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 Member States.

OUR VALUES



QUALITY

Quality research for evidence-based decision-making



ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability to Africa's development goals and tracking mechanisms



LEADERSHIP

Leadership in policy research and capacity-strengthening to support AU Member States in CAADP implementation



PAN-AFRICANISM

Mobilizing the expertise we need for the Africa we want

2024 AT A GLANCE



195
PUBLICATIONS

04

Flagship Reports, including **22** Peer-Reviewed Chapters

15

Journal Articles, Working Papers & Book Chapters

123

AAGWa Forecast Briefs

11

CACCI Field Notes

06

CAADP Biennial Review (BR) Briefs & Outcome Stories

05

AGRODEP Working Papers

04

El Niño 2024 in Southern Africa Briefs

03

Policy & Issue Papers

02

Ukraine Crisis Briefs

MEDIA & CONTENT



1000+
Media Hits



11

Press Releases & Blog Posts



10

Promotional Videos

SOCIAL MEDIA



34,839

followers across 5 channels



6,392

followers across 4 channels



11,983

followers across 5 channels



3,026

subscribers across 4 channels

WEBSITES

Views 
156,393

Downloads 
13,282

Users 
59,352



User Countries

EVENTS



04 Flagship Events Hosted

16 Events & Policy Dialogues Hosted

70+ Technical Meetings

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024

Four Flagship Publications



Research and publications remain at the core of AKADEMIYA2063's knowledge-driven approach. In 2024, we released four flagship reports, namely, the ReSAKSS Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR) on *Advancing the Climate and Bioeconomy Agenda in Africa for Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems*; the 2024 *Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor* (AATM) which focuses on exploring the complex links between trade and climate change; and two thematic reports by the Malabo Montpellier Panel – *VALUE-UP: Policy Innovations to Advance Africa's Food Processing Sector for Growth, Jobs, and Health* and *YOUTH AHEAD: Policy Innovations to Create Opportunities for Young People in Africa's Agrifood Systems*. These reports were launched during high-level policy dialogue sessions with a diverse group of stakeholders, including government leaders, international development partners, policymakers, and researchers.

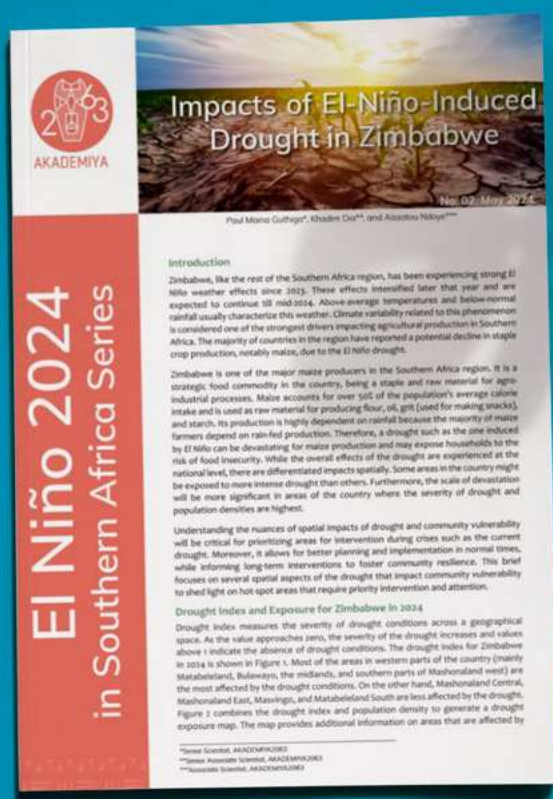
PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POST-MALABO AGENDA FOR ACTION ON CAADP



Propelling Africa's Agricultural Growth & Agri-Food Systems Transformation to Boost Economic Transformation, Food Sovereignty & Resilience

Support to the Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda

In March 2024, the AUC officially launched the Post-Malabo Agenda Roadmap, marking the commencement of a comprehensive process to re-invigorate and consolidate gains made under the CAADP. Leveraging African centers of excellence to lead the research and analytical component of the process was central to the AUC's approach to arriving at a robust Kampala CAADP Agenda. As a technical partner, AKADEMIYA2063 facilitated the **Data and Analytics** Workstream, working with academic institutions, think tanks, centers of excellence, and various CAADP constituencies deployed through 13 Technical Working Groups (TWGs) to provide data and analytics to inform the formulation of the **Kampala CAADP Declaration** on "Building Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Africa," which was endorsed in January 2025. [Learn more.](#)

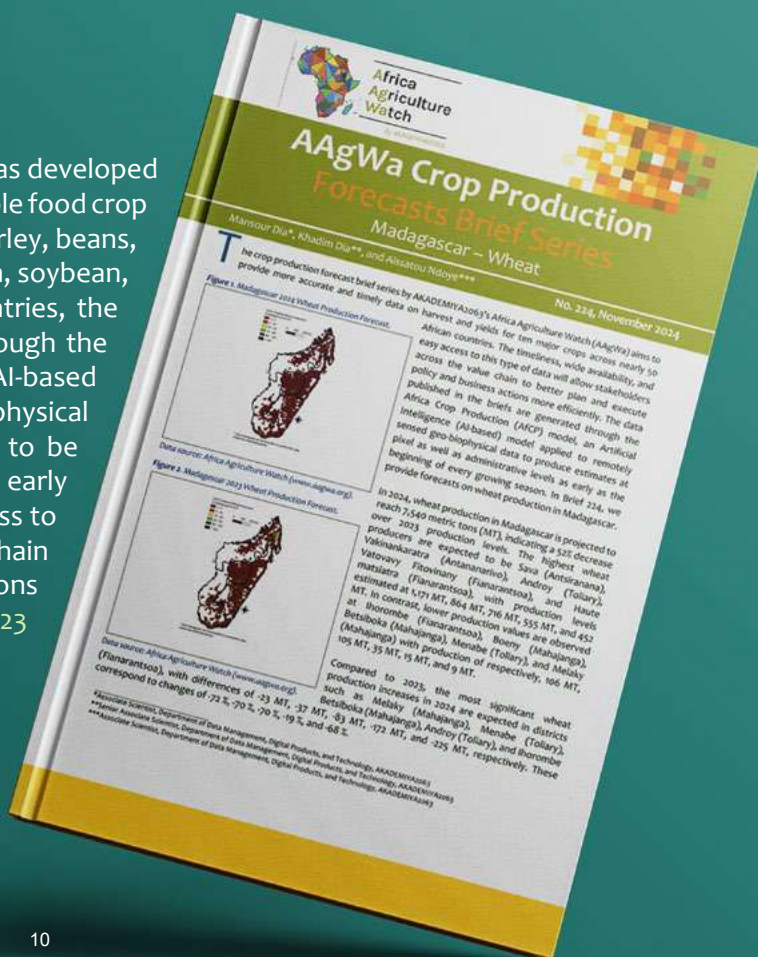


Impacts of El Niño-Induced Droughts in Southern Africa

Regarded as one of the most powerful El Niño–Southern Oscillation events in recorded history, the 2023–2024 El Niño resulted in widespread droughts, floods, and other natural disasters across the globe. El Niño can have widespread impacts on climate and weather patterns, with changes in temperature and rainfall. These weather effects were experienced in Southern Africa, where the impacts intensified in late 2023, continuing well into 2024. AKADEMIYA2063’s El Niño 2024 in Southern Africa Series delved into the key findings from our analysis of the impact of El Niño 2024 on the region. The publication and associated webinar series covered the effects of climate variability and risks for food insecurity, providing timely forecasts of the decline in staple crop production due to the El Niño-induced droughts. AKADEMIYA2063 published four El Niño briefs in 2024.

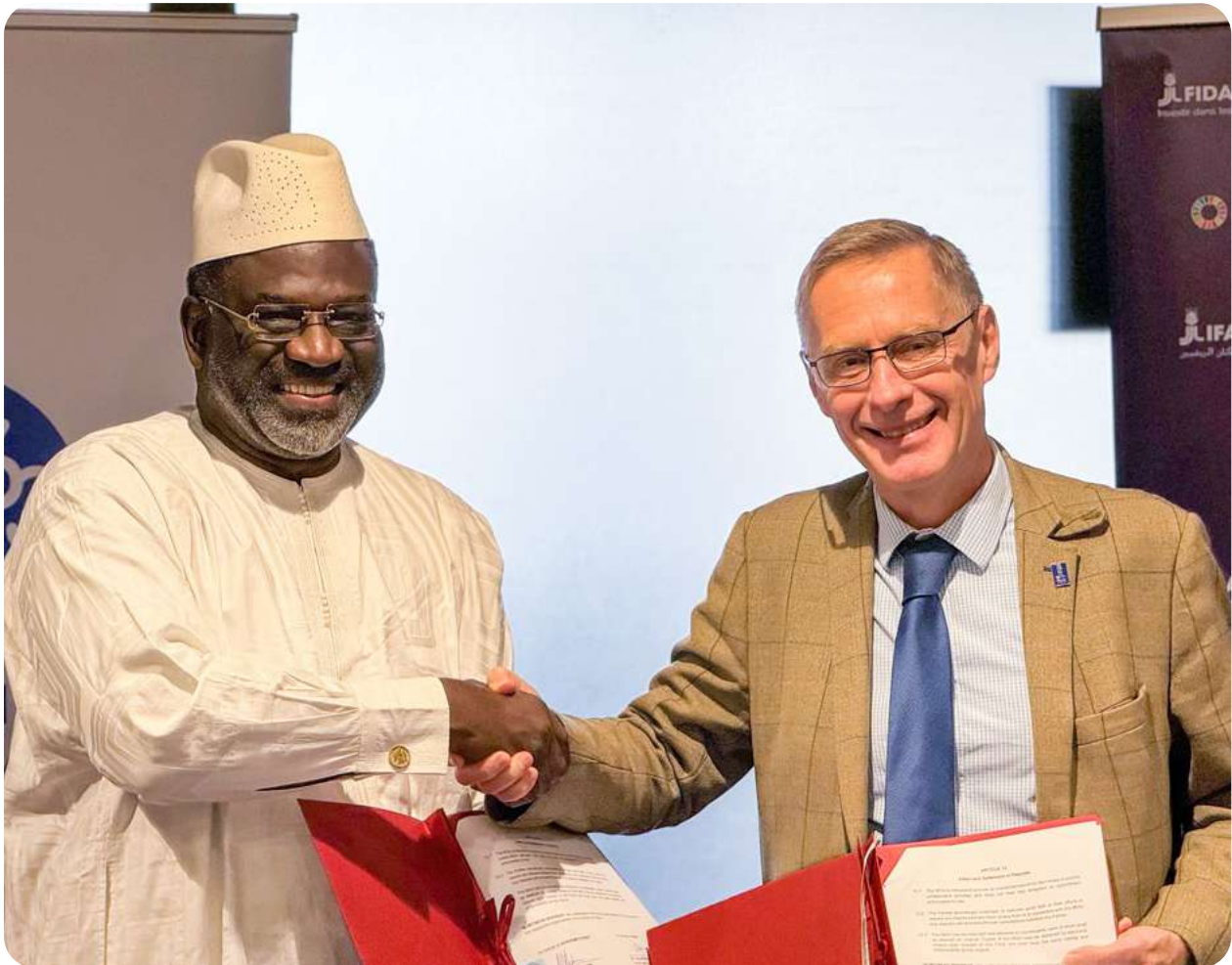
AAGWa Crop Production Forecasts

The AAGWa crop production forecasts series was developed to provide more accurate and timely data on staple food crop predictions across Africa. Covering 11 crops – barley, beans, cassava, groundnut, maize, millet, rice, sorghum, soybean, wheat, and yam across nearly 50 African countries, the data published in the briefs are generated through the Africa Crop Production (AfCP) model. This AI-based model is applied to remotely sensed geo-biophysical data to predict expected production volumes to be harvested at pixel and administrative levels as early as the beginning of every growing season. Access to such data allows stakeholders across the value chain to plan and execute policy and business actions more efficiently. AKADEMIYA2063 published 123 AAGWa forecast briefs in 2024.



Strategic Partnerships

In recognition of the critical role of multistakeholder partnerships in the achievement of its mission, AKADEMIYA2063 continued to explore avenues for expanding its collaboration with national, regional, continental, and global partners. In 2024, the organization signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (**IFAD**) and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (**COMESA**). Through the partnership with IFAD, both organizations will collaborate in promoting evidence-based policymaking, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, applied to Africa's agrifood system transformation and continental agendas. Under the agreement, the parties will set up mechanisms to contribute to impact assessments of IFAD-funded projects to improve project design and implementation while capitalizing on the key drivers of agrifood systems and rural transformation. The MoU with COMESA provides a framework to support evidence-based policy and program design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation, aimed at transforming agrifood systems in the COMESA region. Key components of the agreement include promoting mutual accountability by supporting agriculture Joint Sector Reviews (JSRs) at country and regional levels and the continental CAADP Biennial Review (BR).



Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063 Executive Chairperson, and Donal Brown, Associate Vice-President of IFAD's Department for Country Operations sign MoU in Kigali, September 2024.

ABOUT AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is a pan-African non-profit research organization with headquarters in Kigali, Rwanda, and a regional office for West and Central Africa 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 innovation, knowledge systems, capacity creation and deployment, operational support, and data management, digital products, and technology—as well as innovative partnerships and outreach activities.

6 FACTS ABOUT AKADEMIYA2063



AKADEMIYA2063 was established to expand the portfolio of policy research and capacity strengthening support for the CAADP and other emerging areas of Agenda 2063.



4 Annual Flagship Reports on trends in Africa's agriculture sector with a focus on agrifood systems transformation, trade, and food security.



8 Open-access knowledge portals to disseminate data and research findings supporting diagnostics, policy planning, and implementation.



Leveraging AI and geospatial data for crop production forecasts, climate change mitigation, adaptation, and better crisis preparedness.



Facilitating high-level policy dialogues on topics of strategic importance to Africa, including climate action, food security, nutrition, resilience to shocks, and emerging issues, such as El Niño, the Russia-Ukraine war, and COVID-19.



To date, AKADEMIYA2063 has signed 30 MoUs and 50 grant agreements with a broad range of strategic partners.



CORE PROGRAMS

AKADEMIYA2063 houses four Africa-wide programs—ReSAKSS, AGRODEP, the Malabo Montpellier Panel, and AAgWa, to support the implementation of CAADP and promote effective evidence-based policy planning and interventions across the continent. Our core programs, projects, and outreach activities contribute to strengthening knowledge systems, promoting evidence-based policymaking, accelerating agrifood systems transformation and economic growth, and, ultimately, achieving the aspirations of the AU's Agenda 2063—The Africa We Want.

ReSAKSS—Established in 2006, the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) supports efforts to promote evidence- and outcome-based policy planning and implementation. ReSAKSS provides data and related analytical and knowledge products to facilitate CAADP benchmarking, review, and mutual learning processes. AKADEMIYA2063 leads the work of ReSAKSS in partnership with AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, and leading Regional Economic Communities (RECs).

ReSAKSS provides technical support to the CAADP BR process, including tracking progress on over 40 CAADP core 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 report, which presents analysis on a feature topic of strategic importance to the CAADP agenda each year. In addition to strengthening data systems to improve BR data quality and capacities, ReSAKSS also supports the establishment and strengthening of comprehensive agriculture JSRs.

AGRODEP—The African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium is enabling a critical mass of world-class economic modelers across Africa to take a leading role in addressing the continent’s strategic development issues, including helping meet the analytical needs of the CAADP. AGRODEP facilitates the use of economic modeling tools, promotes access to data, and provides training, research grants, and networking opportunities to a group of Africa-based experts, equally supporting collaboration between these experts and their peers outside the continent to build a dynamic research community that can respond to the continent’s emerging and long-term needs.

AGRODEP network members also contribute to the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM), an annual flagship report dedicated entirely to African agricultural trade and policies, which is produced and published under the AGRODEP and ReSAKSS programs.

Malabo Montpellier Panel—The Malabo Montpellier Panel convenes 17 leading experts in agriculture, engineering, ecology, nutrition, and food security. It aims to facilitate policy choices by African governments to accelerate progress toward food security and improved nutrition.

The Panel identifies areas of progress and positive change across the continent, assesses what successful countries have done differently, and highlights institutional and policy innovations, as well as program interventions that can best be replicated and scaled by other countries. The associated Malabo Montpellier Forum provides a platform to promote policy innovation; it uses the evidence produced by the Panel to facilitate dialogue among high-level decision-makers on African agriculture, nutrition, and food security.

Africa Agriculture Watch—Launched in 2021, Africa Agriculture Watch (AAgWa) is a web-based platform that employs cutting-edge machine learning techniques and satellite data to predict agricultural production for 11 crops across close to 50 African countries, to support monitoring, crisis management, and effective intervention planning at local community level. Harnessing and deploying AI and remote sensing provides opportunities to leverage innovative tools to fill the data gaps across Africa’s agrifood systems in terms of quality, accessibility, and timeliness. The capabilities embedded in AI and remote sensing for tracking and measuring greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other geo-biophysical parameters are crucial for well-informed mitigation and adaptation policies.



ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY & STAFF

AKADEMIYA2063's scientists have extensive experience conducting research across Africa on agricultural development, food security, economic growth and transformation, nutrition, agrifood systems resilience, and trade. The researchers provide expertise in applying various analytical tools and methodologies, including partial and general equilibrium modeling, econometric analysis, geospatial data processing, machine learning, and developing interactive data and knowledge platforms.

In 2024, AKADEMIYA2063 delivered its core programs and projects through 8 Departments:



Capacity and
Deployment



Policy
Innovation



Data Management,
Digital Products,
and Technology



Communication
and Outreach



Knowledge
Systems



Operational
Support



External
Relations

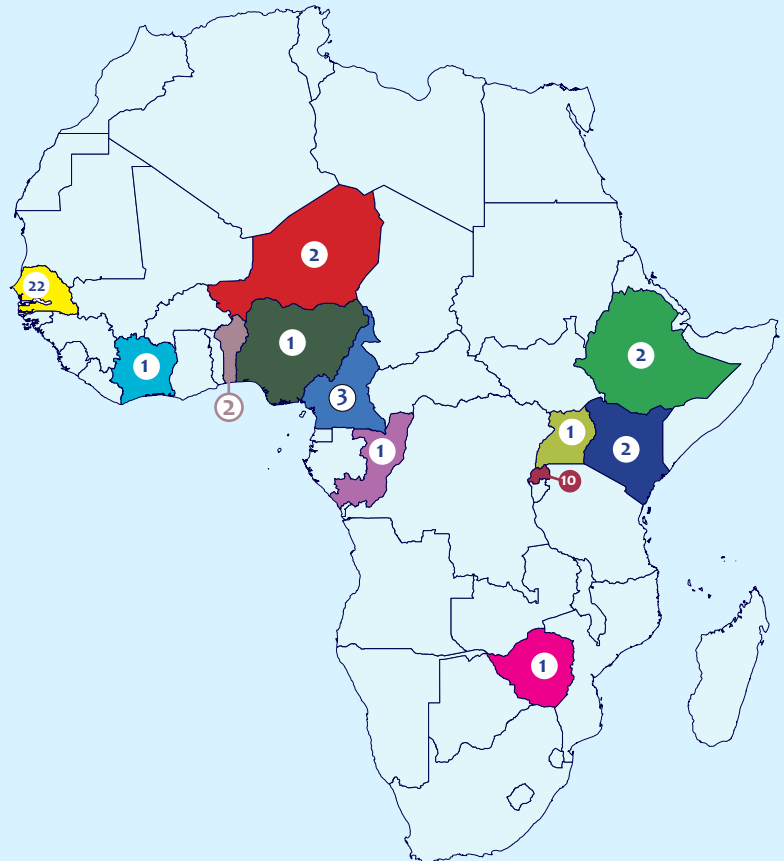


Finance and
Administration



AKADEMIYA2063 leverages expertise from its staff, working in close collaboration with partners and collaborative networks across Africa and outside the continent. AKADEMIYA2063 currently has 51 staff members, including 23 scientists, 14 of whom hold a PhD. Overall, AKADEMIYA2063 staff come from 15 countries, 44% of whom are women.

Benin	(2)
Cameroon	(2)
Côte d'Ivoire	(1)
Ethiopia	(2)
Kenya	(2)
Germany	(2)
Nigeria	(1)
Niger	(2)
Republic of the Congo	(1)
Rwanda	(10)
Senegal	(22)
Uganda	(1)
USA	(1)
United Kingdom	(1)
Zimbabwe	(1)



SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

During this reporting period, AKADEMIYA2063 recorded **195** publications. These included **4** flagship reports with **22** peer-reviewed chapters, and **15** peer-reviewed journal articles, working papers, and book chapters.

The organization also published **123** AAgWa Forecast Briefs, **11** CACCI Field Notes, **06** CAADP BR Briefs and Outcome Stories, **05** AGRODEP Working Papers, **04** El Niño 2024 briefs, **03** Policy and Issue Papers, and **02** Ukraine Crisis Briefs.

Visit our compilation of [2024 publications](#).



RESEARCH IMPACTS

Flagship Publications

This past year, AKADEMIYA2063 pursued its longstanding tradition of evidence-based knowledge generation. Our key research outputs are detailed below.

ReSAKSS

Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR)



The 16th Edition of the ATOR, themed **Advancing the Climate and Bioeconomy Agenda in Africa for Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems**, addresses the pressing question of how Africa's agrifood system actors can be better equipped to tackle the impacts of climate change while simultaneously reshaping and transforming economies to align with sustainability standards and nature-based solutions. The report seeks to clarify the convergence between the climate change and bioeconomy agendas in the context of the Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda, with analysis on the progress made by African countries against CAADP indicators under the fourth Biennial Review. The publication provides an overview of the latest data and analytics needed for better-informed programmatic instruments for sustainable climate-centered interventions and to harness the potential of bioeconomy as a new paradigm to sustainably transform agrifood systems in Africa. It argues for an integrated policy approach to mitigate and reverse the adverse effects of climate change. AKADEMIYA2063 unveiled the report during the October 2024 ReSAKSS Annual Conference.

[Read more](#)



The 2024 ReSAKSS ATOR, the official monitoring and evaluation report for the CAADP, recognizes the high-priority status of climate change on Africa's development agenda. The research should be leveraged as a policy tool for decision-makers to promote dialogue on pathways toward a more comprehensive Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda that integrates the priorities for successful food systems transformation.”

H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko
Former Commissioner for Agriculture,
Rural Development, Blue Economy &
Sustainable Environment, AUC

Statement from the 2024 ATOR Press Release

ReSAKSS and AGRODEP

Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM)



Launched in August 2024, the seventh edition of the AATM explores the complex links between trade and climate change, analyzing carbon emissions associated with the production and transportation of agricultural products, embedded water content in traded agricultural products, and climate stress-induced yield changes in agriculture. The report also examines how trade can mitigate the environmental impacts of economic activities. With high-quality analysis of trade statistics using consistent indicators to monitor trends in Africa's participation in global trade and the status of intra-African trade, the chapters also provide analysis of Africa's fruit and vegetable value chains and the integration experience of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). The authors call for policies to leverage trade in climate adaptation efforts, notably through the strategic use of countries' comparative advantages.

[Read more](#)



Agriculture is the main channel through which climate change disrupts African economies, but it is also the sector with the biggest potential to lead adaptation to climate change. As shown by the latest AATM, there are numerous opportunities for win-win solutions in climate adaptation and mitigation within the agricultural sector. The report highlights areas for policy interventions to facilitate intra-African trade, drive climate action, and enhance the efficient use of natural resources.”

Dr. Ousmane Badiane
Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

Statement from the 2024 AATM Press Release

Malabo Montpellier Panel

Food Processing Report



A vibrant food processing sector creates jobs. If carefully designed, Africa's food processing can deliver more diverse, nutritious, less perishable, and more convenient foods that improve people's well-being, contribute to sustainable economic growth across the continent, and especially women can benefit."

Africa's rapid population growth, urbanization, and rising incomes have led to a growing demand for processed foods. The increasing modernization of the retail sector coupled with the high demand for shelf-stable, ready-to-eat, ready-to-cook, or easy-to-prepare processed foods is altering food environments and changing dietary patterns. There is, therefore, an opportunity for Africa's food processing sector to expand and contribute to economic growth. Launched in August 2024, the 14th Malabo Montpellier Panel report — **VALUE-UP: Policy Innovations to Advance Africa's Food Processing Sector for Growth, Jobs, and Health** — focuses on strategies to boost Africa's food processing sector. The report reviews the potential contribution of the food processing sector to economic growth and the challenges hindering the growth and sustainability of the sector. The report presents examples of institutional innovations that have resulted in thriving food processing industries across Africa, focusing on successful strategies implemented in three case study countries: Ghana, Kenya, and Senegal.

[Read more](#)

Prof. Joachim von Braun
Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn
Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Panel

Statement from the VALUE-UP Report Press Release

Youth in Agrifood Systems Report

The 13th report of the Panel discusses pathways for African governments to leverage innovative policies to stimulate new employment and entrepreneurial opportunities for young people along agribusiness value chains while equipping and incentivizing youths to join the sector. Launched in February 2024, **YOUTH AHEAD: Policy Innovations to Create Opportunities for Young People in Africa's Agrifood Systems** argues that agrifood systems provide an important channel for solving the unemployment and underemployment challenges facing African youth and strengthening them will reduce poverty and bolster food security on the continent. Drawing on the experience of four countries that have achieved significant progress in this area – Ghana, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, the authors make a critical recommendation for African governments to diversify education and training programs to develop and upgrade skills that facilitate entrepreneurship and employment in agriculture and agribusiness.

[Read more](#)



We need to urgently address the pressing situation to create more decent employment opportunities for Africa's youth across the agrifood value chain, as the sector has tremendous potential to do so. Youth need to be adequately equipped with the knowledge, skills, and mindset required in the rapidly transforming agrifood systems, and that needs extension services and hand-holding support programs.”

H.E. Hailemariam Dessalegn
Former Prime Minister of Ethiopia
Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum

Statement from the February 2024 Malabo Montpellier Forum

RESEARCH IMPACTS

Response Capacity

AKADEMIYA2063 deployed its scientific expertise to provide analytical and operational support, contributing to critical strategic thematic areas.



AAGWa Crop Production Forecasts

The crop production forecasts by AKADEMIYA2063's AAGWa aim to provide more accurate and timely data on harvest and yields for 11 major crops across nearly 50 African countries. The timeliness, wide availability, and easy access to this type of data allow stakeholders across the value chain to plan and execute policy and business actions more efficiently. The data published in the briefs are generated through the Africa Crop Production (AfCP) model, an AI-based model applied to remotely sensed geo-biophysical data to produce estimates at pixel and administrative levels as early as the beginning of every growing season.

In 2024, we provided **123 forecasts** on the production of 11 crops across 44 African countries. The crop forecast briefs covered: barley (3 countries); beans (4 countries); cassava (7 countries); groundnut (2 countries); maize (34 countries); millet (16 countries); rice (16 countries); sorghum (24 countries); soybean (1 country); wheat (7 countries); and yam (8 countries). [Learn more.](#)



CACCI
COMPREHENSIVE ACTION FOR
CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVE

CACCI Field Notes No. 17

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CACCI Field Notes

The CACCI Field Notes publication series provides insights on research conducted under the Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative (CACCI). CACCI was launched to support efforts to accelerate the implementation of NDCs and NAPs by meeting the needs for data and analytics, while supporting institutional and coordination capacities. CACCI Field Notes provide broad and timely access to significant insights and evidence from our ongoing research activities in the areas of climate adaptation and mitigation deployed in collaboration with climate stakeholders in selected countries. These interventions inform climate planning and strengthen capacities for evidence-based policymaking to advance progress toward climate goals. The data made available through this publication series provides evidence-based insights to practitioners and policymakers driving climate action in countries where the CACCI project was implemented. This past year, we published **11 CACCI Field Notes**.





AKADEMIYA2063 Working Paper Series

The AKADEMIYA2063 Working Paper Series (AWPS) features peer-reviewed publications by AKADEMIYA2063 scientists and collaborators. The AWPS aims to provide broad and timely access to significant insights and evidence from our ongoing research activities and those of our collaborators. The APWS series spans African countries and regions or issues relevant to the African context in terms of learning or replication. It provides access to relevant evidence for policymakers, researchers, analysts, and broad stakeholder communities on development topics of strategic importance. The research encompasses a wide range of strategic and operational issues, including agricultural growth and transformation, industrialization, economic integration, poverty reduction, food security and livelihoods, natural resource management and environmental protection, and digital agriculture. In 2024, we published four issues [on animal feed policies in Ethiopia](#), [small-scale irrigation technologies in Niger](#) and [Burkina Faso](#), and [building resilience and food security amid shocks](#).

AGRODEP Working Paper Series



AGRODEP Working Papers present preliminary materials and research results developed by members of the AGRODEP network of economic modelers. Tackling strategic thematic areas of crucial relevance to Africa's development agenda, these studies are circulated to stimulate discussion, critical comments, and advance research. In 2024, we published five issues on [profit efficiency among livestock producers](#), [COVID-19 and diversification strategies of smallholder farmers](#), [gender, agricultural development, and trade reforms in Niger](#), [productivity growth and food security among maize-based farming households in Nigeria](#), and the [economic impacts of climate change in Ethiopia](#).

Impacts of El Niño 2024 in Southern Africa

The Southern Africa region experienced strong El Niño weather effects in 2024, with several countries reporting a potentially substantial decline in staple crop production, notably maize, due to the El Niño drought. AKADEMIYA2063's El Niño 2024 in Southern Africa briefs provided analysis of the impact of El Niño 2024 on maize production in [Malawi](#), [Mozambique](#), [Zambia](#), and [Zimbabwe](#). The briefs focused on several spatial aspects of the drought's impact on community vulnerability in the selected countries to shed light on hotspot areas requiring priority intervention and attention.



CAADP Biennial Review Briefs and Outcome Stories

ReSAKSS supports evidence-driven and outcome-based policy interventions to facilitate the implementation of the CAADP and the domestication and implementation of the recently adopted Kampala CAADP Declaration. Through ReSAKSS, AKADEMIYA2063 provides technical support to the CAADP Biennial Review (BR) process, including the development of the electronic BR (eBR), a web-based data entry and management platform facilitating CAADP BR data collection, analysis, and reporting, as well as strengthening data systems to improve BR data quality and capacities and supporting the establishment and strengthening of comprehensive agriculture JSRs. ReSAKSS publishes the [CAADP BR briefs](#) to draw lessons from the BR process on the ground.

The CAADP BR briefs review regional and country performance for each BR reporting cycle, with recommendations for better outcomes. We published five briefs during this reporting period, analyzing the performance of [SADC](#) Member States during the fourth BR cycle, with insights and recommendations on the third BR performance for [Togo](#), [Benin](#), [Senegal](#), and [Burkina Faso](#). In addition, we published an [outcome story](#) to highlight ReSAKSS' support to CAADP mutual accountability processes.



Ukraine Crisis and African Economies

Ukraine Crisis Brief Series

In response to the Russia-Ukraine war and its impact on African economies, AKADEMIYA2063 conducted analyses to provide evidence-based simulations of the economic, poverty, and food security ramifications of the crisis. These research findings are published on AKADEMIYA2063's Ukraine Crisis Portal. The series analyzes the economic and socio-economic impacts of global market disruptions induced by the Russia-Ukraine conflict. The in-depth analysis by AKADEMIYA2063 scientists primarily tackles (i) the effects of global market disruptions on country terms of trade, the resulting impacts on economic growth and employment, as well as an analysis of the equity, poverty, and food security effects, (ii) the effects at the level of key sectors such as wheat and vegetable oils, and their effects on incomes, inflation, and food security, and (iii) the transmission of the global commodity price shocks to domestic and cross-border markets, underscoring opportunities to expand regional trade. With [35 briefs](#) published to date, we released two issues in 2024.



Policy and Issue Papers

AKADEMIYA2063 Policy Papers analyze findings from recent research initiatives in a bid to contribute evidence to policymaking. The series leverages data on areas critical to Africa's development goals to support country- and regional-level policy action. The latest releases have focused on trade, examining policy and program interventions for improving agricultural value chain competitiveness and regional trade in East Africa. This past year, we published two issues on [food safety in Africa](#) and [policy insights for climate vulnerability](#) and market shocks in Senegal. We also released an Issue Paper providing thematic guidance to inform [knowledge mobilization and stakeholder engagement](#) during the Post-Malabo Agenda development process.

EVENTS AND POLICY DIALOGUES

Facilitating high-level conversations to advance evidence-driven policy planning and implementation is central to our work at AKADEMIYA2063. We achieve this through strategic events and policy dialogues designed to drive knowledge-sharing, peer-to-peer learning, dissemination of best practices, and mutual accountability. AKADEMIYA2063 hosted several in-person and virtual events in 2024 to launch its knowledge products and contribute to topics of critical importance to Africa's development agenda.





ReSAKSS Conference

AKADEMIYA2063, in partnership with the AUC Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE), and the Policy Center for the New South (PCNS), hosted the 2024 ReSAKSS Conference under the theme: ***“Advancing the Climate and Bioeconomy Agenda in Africa for Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems.”*** Held on October 1-3 in Rabat, Morocco, the hybrid [event](#) unveiled the 16th Edition of the ATOR. The conference assembled high-level state and non-state actors to deliberate on the needed convergence between Africa’s climate change and bioeconomy agendas in the context of the Post-Malabo Agenda. [Learn more.](#)

“The transformation of our maritime and agricultural systems depends on our collective commitment. Therefore, it is essential that our efforts be geared towards resilient agriculture. We have ambitious goals, and our agriculture needs to be supported by strong financing.”

H.E. Dr. Mohamed Sadiki

Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries,
Rural Development, Water & Forests, Morocco

Statement from the ReSAKSS Conference



Launch of the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM)

Organized by AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), in partnership with AGRA, the 2024 AATM was launched on August 29 in Kigali, Rwanda. The hybrid [event](#) convened a diverse set of experts from the research and development community, the public and private sectors, representatives from international and regional organizations and other stakeholder groups for a discussion on the nexus of climate change and agrifood trade in Africa, as well as the latest trends, progress, and outlook on African agricultural trade in regional and global markets. [Learn more.](#)



“In a global context marked by more frequent food system shocks and the resurgence of export restrictions, this year’s AATM calls for greater resilience via enhanced agricultural trade integration. These recommendations are timely, given the development of the African Union’s Post-Malabo Agenda, and should be considered as the AfCFTA enters its fifth year in operation.

Dr. Johan Swinnen

Managing Director of Systems Transformation,
CGIAR & Director General, IFPRI

Statement from the AATM Press Release

Malabo Montpellier Forums



The biannual Malabo Montpellier Forum provides a platform to promote policy innovation by convening senior decision-makers to assess strategies for meeting global agriculture and food security goals. Every meeting of the Forum is guided by a technical report to provide government leaders with access to the latest evidence to guide effective implementation of policies and programs that benefit smallholder farmers in Africa, especially women and young people. These gatherings leverage the evidence produced by the Panel to facilitate dialogue among high-level decision-makers to discuss areas of progress and positive change across the continent.

In 2024, the Malabo Montpellier Panel convened two meetings of the Forum. Held on February 14 in [Kampala](#), Uganda, the [13th Forum](#) unveiled a thematic report titled ***“YOUTH AHEAD: Policy Innovations to Create Opportunities for Young People in Africa’s Agrifood Systems,”*** demonstrating that agrifood systems provide an important channel for solving the unemployment and underemployment challenges facing African youth, reducing poverty, and bolstering food security. The August 27 [14th Forum](#) saw the launch of ***“VALUE-UP: Policy Innovations to Advance Africa’s Food Processing Sector for Growth, Jobs, and Health,”*** which focuses on successful approaches to boost the role of Africa’s agrifood processing sector in the transformation of agrifood systems.



Food processing is one of the most important pathways for improving the nutrition status of many population groups across Africa. Good nutrition is at the core of achieving the fundamental right to food we are all yearning for and for human resources development, as human capital is still the main engine of the development of nations.”

H.E. Dr. Assia Ben Salah Alaoui
Ambassador at Large to the King of Morocco; Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum

Statement from the August 2024
Malabo Montpellier Forum

AGRODEP Working Paper Webinar



AGRODEP Working Paper webinars provide a forum for AGRODEP members and diverse stakeholders to discuss the research presented in the publication series. Featuring presentations from the authors, followed by open discussions with participants, these online sessions facilitate knowledge-sharing and the advancement of research to promote evidence-driven interventions in responding to Africa's emerging and long-term needs. AKADEMIYA2063 hosted an online session on December 18 to discuss "The Economic Impact of Climate Change in Ethiopia." [Learn more.](#)



"Climate change is a very significant shock that impacts the development of the economy [...] Quantitative modeling is important to get an idea of the future development impacts and find pathways and adequate political responses to mitigate these shocks.

Prof. Christian Henning
Chief Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063



Statement from the AGRODEP Working Paper Webinar

Digitally Enabled Resilience and Nutrition Policy Innovations (DERPin) Virtual Learning Events



Launched in 2023, the DERPin project was developed to leverage advances in digital infrastructure, big data, machine learning, and AI to identify innovative and lower-cost solutions to increase the resilience of food systems and communities to climatic shocks and stressors. Over three years and initially targeting Benin, Ghana, Malawi, Uganda, and Senegal, the solutions proposed in this project are leveraging participatory approaches that involve local stakeholders, ranging from government to private sector, and non-state actors, in particular, smallholder farmers.

AKADEMIYA2063 hosted two DERPin virtual learning events in 2024. Organized in partnership with ISRA-BAME (Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles-Bureau d'Analyses Macro-économiques) and the Senegal National Council for Concertation and Rural Cooperation (CNCR), the December 18 event aimed to share the initial results of the project with Senegal stakeholders and encourage collective reflection on the implications for agrifood policies and the opportunities to inform decision-making. The Malawi event, held on December 11 in partnership with the Malawi University of Science and Technology and the Farmers Union of Malawi, highlighted the project's findings on patterns of nutrient consumption adequacy and vulnerability across the country, as well as ongoing work to use satellite data to produce accurate crop maps and enhance the precision of production and yield forecasts. [Learn more.](#)



Webinar – The World Bank’s Commodity Markets Outlook



In partnership with the World Bank, AKADEMIYA2063 organized a webinar titled “Global Commodity Prices: Recent Developments, Forecasts, and Risks.” Held online on December 17, the event provided a platform to discuss the findings of the World Bank’s Commodity Markets Outlook, which focuses on market analysis of major commodity groups, including agriculture, energy, fertilizers, metals, and precious metals. [Learn more.](#)




“Most of the commodities that Africa exports to the rest of the world are highly dependent on primary products [...] It’s important for Africa to understand how these commodity markets are functioning and what the future looks like.

Dr. Getaw Tadesse
Director, Policy Intelligence, AKADEMIYA2063

Statement from the Commodity Markets Outlook Webinar

ReSAKSS Webinar – Insights from the 2024 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR)



ReSAKSS WEBINAR SERIES

Insights from the 2024 Annual Trends & Outlook Report (ATOR)

Advancing the Climate and Bioeconomy Agenda in Africa for Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems

November 28, 2024 13:00–14:40 GMT
Online

www.resakss.org | www.akademiya2063.org

AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 convened a webinar to discuss the findings of the 16th Edition of the ReSAKSS ATOR themed “**Advancing the Climate and Bioeconomy Agenda in Africa for Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems.**” Held on November 28, the ReSAKSS Webinar brought together researchers and a broad group of stakeholders to review and debate the findings of the latest ReSAKSS ATOR. The online session provided an opportunity to deliberate on the key findings and policy recommendations of the report. [Learn more.](#)



Industry and the agricultural university are tightly connected [...] and it pretty much applies to bioeconomic development as well. Civil society organizations are playing their own role in terms of taking the knowledge to the end users, be it on the consumer side or the producer side, in the context of farmers, foresters, and smallholders.

Dr. Suresh Babu
Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI



Statement from the ReSAKSS Webinar

Hamburg Sustainability Conference



AKADEMIYA2063, in partnership with the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, Welthungerhilfe, and the Global Solutions Initiative, organized a Think20 Side Event on “Moving from Production to Value Addition in Africa’s Agribusiness Sector” during the first-ever Hamburg Sustainability Conference (HSC). Held on October 8, the session brought together a diverse line-up of speakers from the public and private sectors to identify investment and policy priorities for boosting Africa’s agrifood sector toward the production and processing of higher-value, nutritious, and affordable food products. The HSC was organized by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to build global solutions to accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through collaboration among leaders from the Global South and the Global North. [Learn more.](#)

Africa Food Systems Forum 2024 – Side Event

AKADEMIYA2063 (through the Malabo Montpellier Panel) and the Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn, hosted a side event at the Africa Food Systems Forum under the theme “Leveraging Youth Innovations for Sustainable Agrifood Systems and Healthy Diets in Africa.” Held in Kigali, Rwanda, on September 2, and in partnership with African Leadership Academy/AL for Agribusiness Network, African Development Bank (AfDB), Springboard Nigeria, Mwapata Institute, National Youth Council of Malawi, Green Africa Youth Organization (GAYO), and the International Association of Students in Agricultural and Related Sciences (IAAS), the event explored the investments and policy innovations needed to successfully harness the many opportunities offered by Africa’s agrifood systems for the continent’s growing youth population. [Learn more.](#)



32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists
 Transformation Towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems
 August 2-7, 2024
 NASC Complex, New Delhi, India

More coherent ToC for post-Malabo Agenda

KEY INTERVENTION AREAS

- TCA: Emerging technologies, biotechnologies, AI and Productivity Growth**
 - Development of emerging technologies and digital solutions, capacity strengthening
- TCB: Intra-African agri-food trade and markets**
 - Invest in trade infrastructure, including regional corridors & supportive policies
 - Promote regional trade agreements and provide trade facilitation services
 - Provide regional trade and market access for sub-Saharan food products
- TCD: Food Security, Nutrition, Health and SPS Standards**
 - Supply and demand-side interventions to healthy and sustainable diets
 - Food safety guidelines and interventions
- TCM: Poverty and inequality**
 - Ensuring resources and services reach women, youth and other marginalized groups
 - Increasing economic opportunities and employment in agri-food systems, strengthening market access
- TCR: Agri-food system resilience**
 - Reduction in vulnerability to climate shocks and disasters
 - Building livelihood resilience
 - Scaling climate action

INTERMEDIATE OUTCOMES

- Partners increase agricultural growth, productivity & incomes TCA
- African farmers adopt cutting-edge technologies and innovations TCB
- Countries increase intra-African trade and market access TCB
- States of people consuming an adequate diet increases TCD
- Governments adopt better diet and food safety guidelines TCD
- Women, youth, the poor and other marginalized groups have greater access to resources and services TCM
- African farmers and food systems actors adopt climate-resilient, resource conserving practices TCR
- African farmers and food systems actors have improved capacity to respond to shocks TCR

OUTCOMES

- Increased food security, nutrition and health
- Reduced food poverty, increased equity
- Increased agricultural and environmental sustainability
- Increased livelihood and agri-food system resilience to shocks

IMPACT

- Increased Country prosperity and government leadership that meeting people's needs
- Long-term welfare, strong agri-food systems on sustainable, resilient to shocks and inclusive to all
- Increased prosperity, livelihoods and food security and nutrition for all and all residents
- Resilient, the private sector and state-led agri-food system that is a key pillar of sustainable transformation

Assumption: HA/As as similar agri transformation plans embedded in national development strategies. Assumption: Sufficient financial resources available for implementation.

AKADEMIYA2063 participated in the ICAE 2024 in New Delhi, India, from August 2 to 7, 2024. The conference, centered on “Transformation Towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems,” featured AKADEMIYA2063 scientists participating in sessions on sustainable food systems transformation in Africa, changing food environments, and public investment in agriculture. AKADEMIYA2063 convened an invited panel themed “Toward Sustainable Food Systems Transformation in Africa.” The event brought together a diverse group of leading experts to share their research and perspectives to help inform efforts led by the AUC to formulate an evidence-based Post-Malabo Agenda that takes on a more comprehensive food systems approach. [Learn more.](#)



10th Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN) Annual Economic Research Conference

AKADEMIYA2063 hosted a panel session on Day 2 of the Economic Policy Research Network (EPRN) 10th Annual Economic Research Conference. The session was held on June 28 in Kigali, Rwanda, centered on the theme “Rethinking Effective Policies Towards Inclusive, Sustainable, and Resilient Development in Rwanda.” Participants exchanged on building more resilient agricultural systems and policy options to enhance food and nutrition security in Africa. [Learn more.](#)



El Niño 2024 in Southern Africa Webinar Series

AKADEMIYA2063’s El Niño 2024 in Southern Africa Webinar Series provided a platform to discuss the key findings from our analysis of the impact of El Niño 2024 on the Southern Africa region. The series covered the effects of climate variability related to El Niño 2024, focusing on the decline in staple crop production due to the El Niño-induced drought in selected countries. We hosted two webinars in 2024 to delve into the impacts of the El Niño-induced drought in [Malawi](#) and [Zimbabwe](#).



AGRODEP Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Network Training Workshop

AKADEMIYA2063, in partnership with AUC, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and Mississippi State University, organized an AGRODEP SPS Network

Training Workshop on May 16-17 in Gaborone, Botswana, to provide capacity-strengthening to AGRODEP SPS Network members and competent authorities and practitioners working on SPS issues in Africa. Organized under the framework of the project to improve Sanitary and Phytosanitary Systems (SPS) in Africa for Food Security and Trade, the event saw the participation of a diverse group of stakeholders, including AGRODEP SPS Network members, national and regional SPS competent authorities, researchers, and educators. The workshop raised awareness of continental SPS policy frameworks and the AU SPS Index, and trained participants on data and methods that can be applied to studying SPS policy issues and good regulatory practices (GRPs) for improved SPS regulation and food safety. [Learn more.](#)

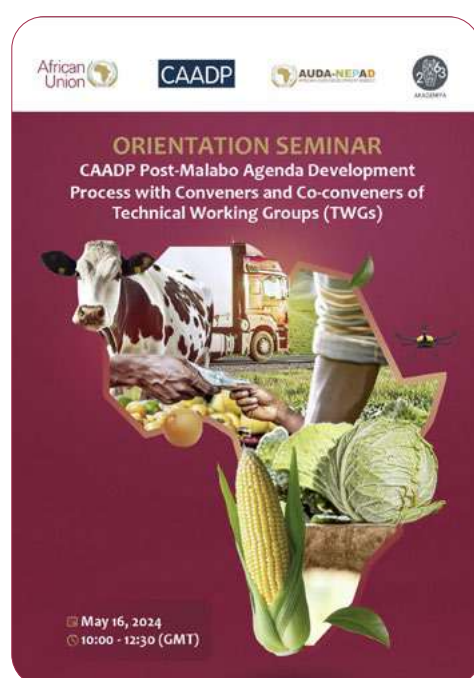
CACCI Knowledge Seminar



AKADEMIYA2063 and the Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) organized a CACCI Knowledge Seminar at AKADEMIYA2063's Headquarters in Kigali on March 27. Held under the framework of the Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative (CACCI), the session provided a platform to present and discuss the CACCI analysis made for Rwanda related to climate risk, vulnerability, country status assessment, the impact of climate change, mitigation, and adaptation pathways, to facilitate mutual learning among local partners and stakeholders on data and analytics on climate change. [Learn more.](#)

Post-Malabo Agenda – Orientation Seminar with Technical Working Groups (TWGs)

Co-organized by the AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, and AKADEMIYA2063, the May 16 Orientation Seminar offered stakeholders an opportunity to develop a shared understanding and agree on modalities to facilitate a joint and successful delivery of the CAADP Post-Malabo Agenda. The seminar gathered Conveners and Co-Conveners of 13 TWGs composed of experts from African centers of excellence who were invited to contribute to the research and analytical component of the Post-Malabo Agenda development process. The session was one of the activities of the Data and Analytics workstream facilitated by AKADEMIYA2063, and featured in-depth discussions centered on reviewing the successes and challenges of CAADP to reprioritize and define the agenda for the third phase of implementation. The seminar was one of several activities implemented in 2024 as part of the Post-Malabo Agenda development process, culminating in the January 2025 Kampala CAADP Declaration. [Learn more.](#)



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Technical Meetings

AKADEMIYA2063 regularly convenes and participates in research workshops and technical meetings throughout the year, contributing to filling the knowledge and data gaps in agriculture, climate change, ecology, food systems, and trade, among others. In addition, AKADEMIYA2063 scientists and staff are regularly solicited to participate in high-level conversations on issues of critical importance to knowledge-led development across Africa and outside the continent. Overall, AKADEMIYA2063 co-organized and participated in **over 70** sessions during this reporting period. A selection of events is available [here](#).



Racine Ly, AKADEMIYA2063 Director of Data Management, Digital Products & Technology, with Cem Özdemir, Former German Federal Minister of Food & Agriculture at the GFFA Forum, Berlin, January 2024.

STRATEGIC STORYTELLING FOR IMPACT AND VISIBILITY

Since its inception, AKADEMIYA2063 has continued to leverage strategic storytelling and outreach to position itself on the African and global research and policy innovation landscapes by building a solid brand and clarifying its role and mandate as a knowledge-driven organization, in line with its Theory of Change. AKADEMIYA2063's interventions spanning its eight Departments, four core programs, and multiple projects and initiatives all contribute to enhancing its reach in evidence generation while providing leadership in emerging areas of expertise.

Our communications initiatives, spanning branding, content development, external-internal communication, media engagement, outreach, and social media, support the organization's mission and goals by disseminating our knowledge products to diverse stakeholders and audiences. Our communications approach sets out to position AKADEMIYA2063 as a crucial and leading player in the African and global research landscape by building on our strengths — which include our quality and evidence-based flagship programs and publications, our capacity-strengthening interventions, our Strategy for Transforming African Economies, our commitment to Agenda 2063, and our strong network of partners. Key highlights are provided below.

ReSAKSS Data Challenge

AKADEMIYA2063 launched the [fifth edition](#) of the ReSAKSS Data Challenge to drive data innovation in the international development sector. The [ReSAKSS Data Challenge](#) is a competition for enthusiastic data users to showcase their creativity and analytical skills by using data and other resources on the ReSAKSS, eAtlas, and AAgWa websites to develop innovative knowledge products that address development challenges in Africa. Competing under four main categories, namely, Essay or Report, Visual Arts, IT Products or Services-Predictive Modeling, and High School Project, contestants explored a wide range of resources, including data and publications on the digital platforms, using the knowledge to hack solutions relevant to any given sector and win prizes for innovative discoveries.



The 2024 edition revealed 4 winners

1st Prize Winner – Visual Arts



My father has a deep passion for agriculture, and I have a strong enthusiasm for technology. We often have thought-provoking conversations about the economy and its future. The ReSAKSS Data Challenge allowed me to merge these two interests to create something impactful.”

Asiimwe Grace Noble, Uganda

Web Developer; Student ISBAT University



2nd Prize Winner–Visual Arts

Célio Monteiro José, Mozambique

Founder, EcoHope, Mozambique



2nd Prize Winner – IT Product or Service

Mbeh Cleopatra Enjeck, Cameroon

Mathematics & Computer Science
Student



2nd Prize Winner–High School Project

Bakidde Joshua, Uganda

Student, Environmentalist

Content Development

Some key communications materials developed over the past year include:



Knowledge
Products
Catalogue



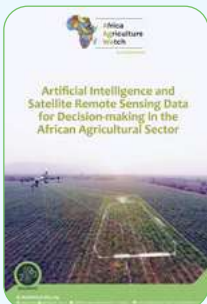
Capability
Statement



AGRODEP
Brochure and
Factsheet



Malabo
Montpellier
Panel
Brochure and
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AAgWa
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Factsheet

Fast Mapping Tool
Factsheet

Visit **Our Brochures** for more communications materials.

Promotional Videos

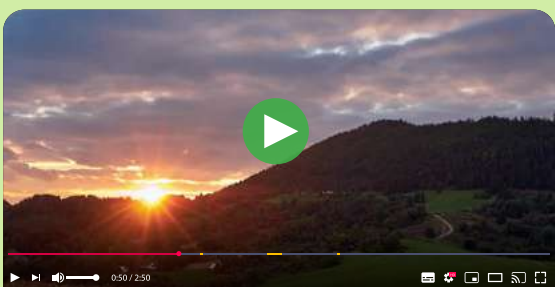
We produced **10 videos** in 2024 to promote key reports and events, including videos on the [2024 ATOR](#), the [2024 AATM](#), the Malabo Montpellier Panel [VALUE-UP report](#), as well as the 13th Malabo Montpellier [Forum](#). Check out some of our playlists on YouTube.



▶ ReSAKSS Annual Conference



▶ Launch of the AATM



▶ 14th Malabo Montpellier Forum



▶ 13th Malabo Montpellier Forum



▶ El Niño 2024 Webinar Series

Media Engagement

Our media engagement strategies have generated coverage across international, regional, and national outlets, with **over 1000** media hits documented in 2024. As part of our efforts to drive media coverage and visibility, we equally published **11** press releases and blog posts. Check out our **2024 Media Coverage Tracker** for more details.

Media Highlights

- **CNBC Africa** – Closing Bell: Unpacking the AKADEMIYA2063 2024 Annual Trends & Outlook Report
- **CNBC Africa** – Intra-African Trade: The Secret Ingredient for Climate-Proofing the Continent’s Agrifood Systems
- **CNBC Africa** – Tackling Africa’s food security dilemma needs a ‘triple pull’
- **Voice of America** – Food demand creates opportunities for Africa’s food processors
- **Voice of America** – Experts: Different policies needed if African food processing industry to grow
- **FairPlanet** – Adapting Africa: The Urgent Climate Fight in Agriculture
- **EcoActu** – Bioéconomie et de lutte contre le changement climatique: l’Afrique peut devenir un leader mondial de la croissance verte
- **Inter Press Service** – How an African Bioeconomy Can Strengthen Agrifood Systems in the Context of a Changing Climate
- **Farming First** – How ECOWAS Can Further Boost Regional Agricultural Trade: Lessons from Almost 50 Years of Growth, Successes, and Challenges
- **Farming First** – Policy-Wise: Banking on Young People Will Yield Dividends for Africa’s Agrifood Systems

Press Release and Blog Highlights

- The International Fund for Agricultural Development and AKADEMIYA2063 partner to promote agrifood systems transformation across [Africa](#)
- COMESA and AKADEMIYA2063 Sign MOU to Support Evidence-based Agrifood System [Transformation](#)
- Interlocking Africa's Bioeconomy and Climate Change Agendas Offers Promising Pathways to Agrifood Systems Transformation and Sustainable Growth, New Report [Reveals](#)
- Trade can support climate change mitigation and adaptation in Africa's agricultural sector, new data [shows](#)
- How much do African States spend on [Agriculture](#)
- AKADEMIYA2063: A Successful Case of [Localization](#)

Our Reach

AKADEMIYA2063 leveraged digital media this past year to participate in global discourse and promote the visibility of the continent's agenda and milestones. Through our social media accounts, we engaged with over 56,000 followers across 18 channels. We shared regular updates with our supporters through 40 newsletter campaigns and 04 issues of our Partner Newsletter. Thanks to our main open-access digital platforms, [AKADEMIYA2063](#), [ReSAKSS](#), [AGRODEP](#), [Malabo Montpellier Panel](#), [AAGWa](#), and [eAtlas](#), we recorded **156,393 views** and reached **59,352** users worldwide.

WEBSITES



Views
156,393



Users
59,352



Downloads
13,282



User Countries
54

SOCIAL MEDIA



34,839
followers across 5 channels



6,392
followers across 4 channels



11,983
followers across 5 channels



3,026
subscribers across 4 channels

LOOKING AHEAD

Our [2021-2025 Strategy](#) lays out our Theory of Change, highlighting the effective linking of knowledge supply and demand as crucial to improving policy design and implementation to achieve development outcomes. AKADEMIYA2063's programs, partnerships, and communications are geared toward strengthening that link through technical and institutional capacities to facilitate robust mechanisms for providing and using evidence to inform policies and strategies. As we roll out our 2025 agenda, of which supporting the [domestication and implementation](#) of the Kampala CAADP Declaration is a top priority, we will remain guided by our blueprint and continue to produce and disseminate high-quality research and knowledge, even as we remain committed to promoting evidence-driven policy interventions across Africa.



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2024

Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

	2024	2023
	US\$	
Income		
Grant Income	7,856,951	7,375,221
Overhead Income	680,637	551,268
Miscellaneous income	34,132	-
Deferred Income	(6,575)	(29,925)
Total Income	8,565,145	7,896,564
Expenditure		
Personnel Costs	4,120,313	3,905,624
Board Expenses	35,613	55,163
Contracted Services	2,039,955	2,051,815
Workshops, Conferences and Meetings	770,099	364,019
Administrative Expenses	489,872	575,530
Travel	50,316	182,193
Non-capex Equipment	42,904	9,530
Exchange Loss/(Gain)	17,925	25,142
Depreciation & Amortization	18,999	11,645
Overhead Expense	680,637	551,269
Total Expenditure	8,266,633	7,731,930
Surplus for the Year	298,512	164,634
Other Comprehensive Income	-	-
Total Comprehensive income for the year	298,512	164,634

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2024

Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2024

	2024	2023
	US\$	
Assets		
Non-Current Assets		
Property and Equipment	40,141	33,632
	40,141	33,632
Current Assets		
Bank and Cash Balances	326,670	912,369
Contributions Receivable	2,773,308	2,247,454
Other Receivables	193,178	176,281
	3,293,156	3,336,104
Total Assets	3,333,297	3,369,736
Equity and Liabilities		
Equity		
Fund Balance	537,006	238,494
	537,006	238,494
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Unexpended Grants Payable	376,300	1,320,744
Deferred Income	36,500	29,925
Payables and Accruals	2,383,491	1,780,573
	2,796,291	3,131,242
Total Fund Balances and Liabilities	3,333,297	3,369,736

GOVERNANCE

Board of Trustees

The AKADEMIYA2063 Board of Trustees is responsible for setting policies and evaluating and monitoring management's actions. The Board hires and evaluates the Managing Director, approves the long-range strategic plan, approves the annual plan and budget, monitors the organization's progress toward the achievement of its mission and strategic research objectives, assures the organization's cost effectiveness, financial integrity, and accountability, exercises oversight of investments, and ensures compliance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.



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Executive Office

The Executive Team oversees financial management, establishes corporate policy of the organization and hires its senior directors. It ensures that the organization is managed efficiently and is well-focused on its targets.



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Executive Chairperson



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Chief of Staff



Prof. Christian Henning
Chief Scientist



Mr. Amos Kimebur
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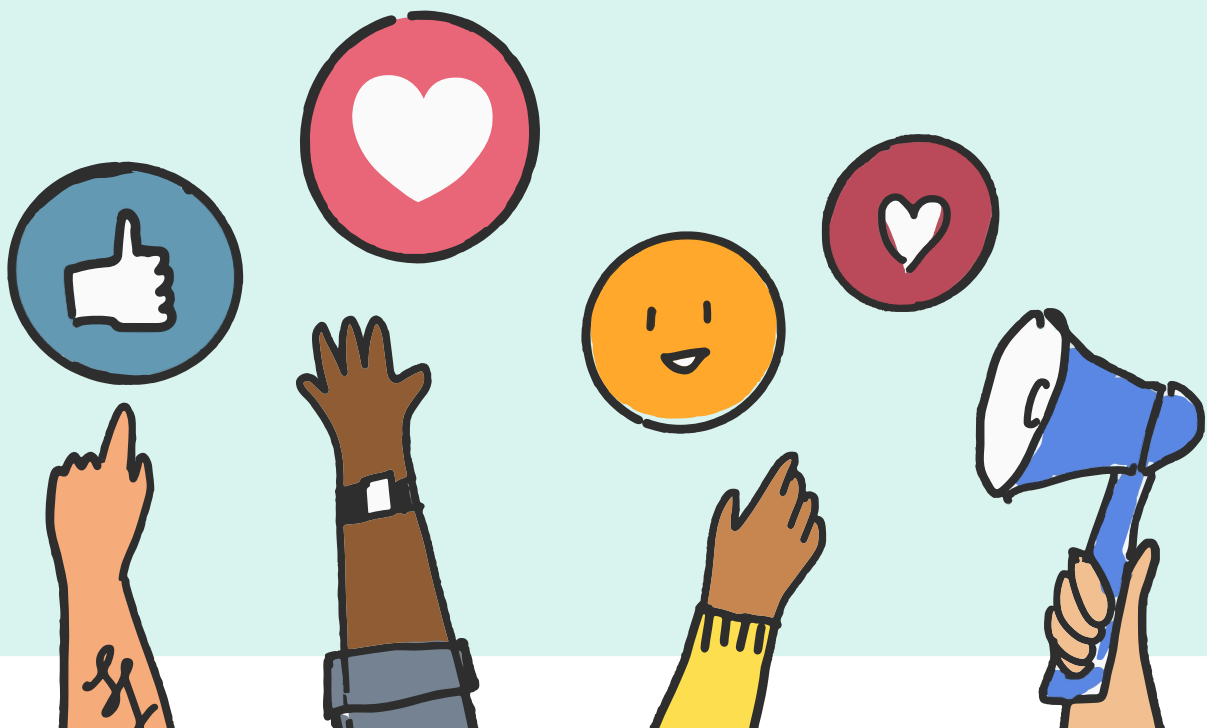
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