The Expertise We Need. The Africa We Want.
About AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is an international 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.
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.
KADEMIYA2063 was established to house three major Africa-wide programs supporting the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) implementation and promoting effective evidence-based development policy—the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS), the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium, and the Malabo Montpellier (MaMo) Panel—as well as other programs, projects, and partnerships. KADEMIYA2063’s core programs and other activities aim in different ways to strengthen knowledge systems, promote evidence-based policymaking, and contribute to agricultural and economic development and ultimately to the achievement of the aspirations of the African Union’s Agenda 2063—The Africa We Want.

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. KADEMIYA2063 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 KADEMIYA2063 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.

AGRODEP – The African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium is a program led by KADEMIYA2063 that facilitates the use of economic modeling tools, promotes access to data, 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 take a leading role studying strategic development issues facing Africa.

Malabo Montpellier Panel – The Malabo Montpellier Panel convenes 18 leading experts in agriculture, engineering, ecology, nutrition, and food security. Its aim is to facilitate policy choices by African governments in order to accelerate progress toward food security and improved nutrition. The Panel identifies areas of progress and positive change across the continent and assesses what successful countries have done differently. It identifies the institutional and policy innovations and 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. The Malabo Montpellier Forum is Co-Chaired by His Excellency Hailemariam Dessalegn, former Prime Minister of Ethiopia and Her Excellency Assia Ben Salah Alaoui, Ambassador at Large to His Majesty the King of Morocco.
People, Talent & Culture

AKADEMIYA2063 currently has a total of 46 staff members, with 22 scientists, including 13 PhD-level senior researchers, and 15 senior managers providing expertise in applied economic research, economic modeling, machine learning, monitoring and evaluation, knowledge management, capacity strengthening, development of interactive data platforms, and program management.

AKADEMIYA2063 operates eight Departments, spanning Capacity and Deployment, Knowledge Systems, Policy Innovation, Operational Support, Data Management, Digital Products and Technology, External Relations, Communication and Outreach, and Finance and Administration.

In carrying out its research, capacity strengthening, and communications and outreach work, AKADEMIYA2063 leverages expertise from its partnership and collaborative networks across the African continent and from outside Africa. Overall, AKADEMIYA2063 staff come from 15 countries.

- Benin (1)
- Cameroon (3)
- Ethiopia (2)
- Germany (1)
- Guinea Conakry (1)
- Kenya (1)
- Malawi (1)
- Nigeria (1)
- Niger (1)
- Republic of the Congo (1)
- Rwanda (11)
- Senegal (19)
- Uganda (1)
- USA (1)
- Zimbabwe (1)
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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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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