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AKADEMIYA2063 Launches 5th Edition of the ReSAKSS Data Challenge

Kigali, July 12, 2024 – AKADEMIYA2063, through the Regional Strategic Analysis Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS), has 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 [Africa Agriculture Watch \(AaGwa\)](#) websites to develop innovative knowledge products that address development challenges in Africa. Competing under four main categories, namely, [Essay and Report](#), [Visual Arts](#), [IT Products and Services](#) or [Predictive Modeling](#), and [High School Project](#), contestants will explore a wide range of resources, data, reports, and publications on the digital platforms, using the knowledge to hack solutions relevant to any given sector and win prizes for innovative discoveries.

"The ReSAKSS Data Challenge presents a unique opportunity for innovation, learning, and exposure for data enthusiasts in Africa and the Diaspora," said **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, AKADEMIYA2063 Executive Chairperson. "This annual competition offers a platform for data enthusiasts and budding innovators from various fields to access critical data and other resources instrumental to policy and program interventions across Africa. Contestants are invited to propose innovative solutions in a category where they can demonstrate their creativity and competencies. After awarding six winners during the 2023 edition, we look forward to discovering a new cohort of talented innovators with groundbreaking projects," he said.

Launched in 2018, the challenge is open to analysts, graphic designers, high school students, IT specialists, researchers, university students, and anyone else in Africa (and the Diaspora) passionate about using data to communicate and address Africa's development challenges. **Applications for this 2024 edition open on July 12 and close on August 20.**

The ReSAKSS Data Challenge aims to stimulate innovative use of data on African economies to create knowledge, tools, and artistic products and services that will contribute to efforts to address matters of strategic importance to the continent's development goals. The competition raises awareness on the availability of reliable data and numerous knowledge products provided by AKADEMIYA2063 through its [ReSAKSS](#), [eAtlas](#), and [AaGwa](#) digital platforms and facilitates access to such data for stakeholders in academia, arts, business, civil society, media, and policy to support evidence-driven development.

AKADEMIYA2063 will award the most innovative projects under each category. Top winners will be awarded during the [2024 ReSAKSS Annual Conference](#) slated for October 2024 in Rabat, Morocco.

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. For more information, visit www.akademiya2063.org; <https://data-challenge.resakss.org/>.

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