

AFRICA AGRICULTURE TRADE MONITOR

Launch of the 7th Edition – AATM 2024

*Exploring the Climate Change
and Trade Nexus*



📅 Thursday, August 29, 2024

📍 Kigali Marriott Hotel and Online

🕒 14:30 –16:35 (CAT)

CONCEPT NOTE

Launch of the **Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) 2024** *Exploring the Climate Change and Trade Nexus*

AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), in partnership with the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), are convening a hybrid event to debate and promote the findings of the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) 2024. As in prior editions, the seventh AATM provides improved trade statistics, uses consistent indicators to monitor trends, and provides deeper insights into Africa's participation in global trade and the status of intra-African trade.

The AATM contributes to our understanding of African agricultural trade and its relationship with food and nutrition security in several important ways. This edition focuses on the impact of climate change on African agrifood trade patterns. It examines topics such as the carbon footprint of agrifood trade, intra-African trade in virtual water, and the fruit and vegetable value chains. The year's report also includes a look at regional trade integration and trade costs in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

The AATM is produced and published under the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium and the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) programs. The report is a collaborative effort by AKADEMIYA2063 and IFPRI. It builds on the work of both organizations in support of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and Africa's broader development agenda.

The annual flagship report is the only publication dedicated entirely to African agricultural trade and policies. It provides a thorough analysis of Africa's agricultural trade in regional and global markets and selected value chains using high-quality statistics relevant to the sector.

Designed to strengthen evidence-based policymaking in agricultural trade, the previous six editions of the AATM published since 2018 have covered:

- » The impact of COVID-19 on African agricultural trade
- » The role of informal cross-border flows in Africa's trade
- » The potential impact of global trade tensions
- » Major developments affecting Africa's trade performance
- » The potentially transformative impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)
- » The impact of the Russia-Ukraine War on African agriculture, trade, and food systems



Objectives

This formal launch of the AATM will convene a diverse set of experts from the research and development community, the public and private sectors, and representatives from international and regional organizations, and other stakeholder groups for a discussion on the nexus of climate change and agrifood trade in Africa.

Topics to be addressed include:

1. The already known and likely future impact of climate change on agrifood trade in Africa.
2. The potential of intra-African agricultural trade to address issues of water scarcity and promote more sustainable use of water resources.
3. The latest trends, progress, and outlook on African agricultural trade in regional and global markets.
4. Trends, opportunities, and challenges in fruit and vegetable value chains.
5. Patterns of trade integration in the ECOWAS region.



Arrival and Registration 14:00 – 14:30

Master of Ceremony

Dr. Layih Butake, Director of Communication and Outreach, AKADEMIYA2063

Welcome and Opening Remarks [25 mins] 14:30 – 14:55

- » **Dr. Rob Vos**, Director, Markets, Trade, and Institutions, IFPRI
- » **Dr. Agnes Kalibata**, President, AGRA
- » **Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa**, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, African Union Commission
- » **Representative**, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Rwanda

Keynote: Presentation of Key Findings of the AATM 2024 [10 mins] 14:55 – 15:05

- » **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

AATM 2024 Video [5 mins] 15:05 – 15:10

Panel Discussion [40 mins] 15:10 – 15:50

Moderator:

- » **Mr. Claude Bizimana**, CEO, National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB) Rwanda

Panelists:

- » **Dr. Sunday Pierre Odjo**, Deputy Director, Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063 (AATM 2024 Editor)
- » **Dr. Antoine Bouët**, Director, Centre d'Études prospectives et d'Informations internationales – CEPII (AATM 2024 Contributor)
- » **Dr. Trudi Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre (Tralac)
- » **Mr. Daniel Njiwa**, Director, Inclusive Markets, Trade and Finance, AGRA

Invited Reactions [15 mins] 15:50 – 16:05

Moderator:

- » **Mr. Claude Bizimana**, CEO, NAEB Rwanda

Discussants:

- » **Ms. Christiane Wolff**, Counselor, World Trade Organization
- » **Dr. Youba Sokona**, Former Vice Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- » **Mr. Alain Sy Traoré**, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS Commission
- » **Mr. Tarquin Meszaros**, Component Manager, Sector Project Agriculture, GIZ

Q&A with audience [20 mins] 16:05 – 16:25

Moderator:

- » **Mr. Claude Bizimana**, CEO, NAEB Rwanda

Closing Remarks [10 mins] 16:25 – 16:35

- » **Dr. Rob Vos**, Director, Markets, Trade, and Institutions, IFPRI
- » **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

Cocktail

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