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WEBINAR

Public Support and Agricultural Financing in Africa: What Levers to Support Transitions?

Co-organisers	Fondation FARM, AKADEMIYA2063 and ATLAS
Event type	Webinar
Date and time	Tuesday, 30 June 2026 · 11:30-13:20
Proposed duration	1h 50
Target audience	Public decision-makers, technical and financial partners, international institutions, researchers, CSOs, private sector, specialized media
Languages	Bilingual French-English
Expected deliverables	Communication kit, replay, short post-webinar summary and web resources

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Concept Note

1. Context and motivation

The Global Observatory on Public Support to Agriculture provides a useful knowledge base for documenting the levels, composition and imbalances of public support to agriculture. By consolidating several international reference sources, including the OECD, the IDB and FAO-MAFAP, it strengthens data comparability, improves the readability of support instruments and enhances the capacity to analyse public policy trade-offs.

However, the work associated with the Observatory highlights an issue that now goes beyond the measurement of support: its sustainability, orientation and financing. In a context of tightening fiscal space, increasing pressure on public finances, declining forms of international aid and geopolitical fragmentation, African countries must arbitrate between debt service, social emergencies, security constraints and long-term investment. In 2023, developing countries spent **a record USD 1.4 trillion on servicing their external debt, while interest payments reached USD 406 billion**. This has compressed the fiscal space available for other public priorities. According to **UNCTAD**, between 2018 and 2024, rising interest payments reduced the share of public revenues available for other spending in 99 developing countries, nearly three quarters of them. In Africa, **nearly half of countries had a debt-to-GDP ratio above 60% in 2023**, and many devoted **more resources to debt service than to health or education**.

This discussion is also part of a renewed continental agenda. **The Kampala Declaration of the CAADP**, together with **the CAADP Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2035**, place the transformation of African agri-food systems at the heart of the next decade. They call on States and their partners to move beyond an approach focused solely on agricultural production and to integrate issues of food and nutrition security, employment, climate resilience, trade, local processing, inclusion, governance, data and financing. This **third phase of the CAADP** includes a commitment to stimulate public and private investment in order to accelerate the transformation of agri-food systems, with the objective of mobilising USD 100 billion by 2035.

From this perspective, the question is not only how much States allocate to agriculture, but also how public and private resources can be better directed, better coordinated and better monitored to support agricultural and agri-food transitions. Moving from measurement to action requires linking available diagnostics to investment needs, macro-fiscal constraints and the financing mechanisms that can be mobilised.

It is in this spirit that Fondation FARM, AKADEMIYA2063 and ATLAS are co-organising this webinar. The shared ambition is to bring together the contributions

of the Global Observatory on Public Support to Agriculture, work on agri-food systems transformation and the Kampala Agenda, as well as analyses of agricultural financing dynamics, in order to open an operational debate on the levers that can support transitions in Africa.

2. Webinar objectives

- General objective

The webinar aims to discuss the conditions for financing agricultural and agri-food transitions in Africa, by linking the lessons from the Global Observatory on Public Support to Agriculture, the priorities of the CAADP Kampala Agenda 2026-2035 and current agricultural financing dynamics.

- Central question

How can sustainable agricultural transitions be preserved and financed in countries where fiscal space is shrinking, even though these transitions are essential for food security, climate resilience, social stability and economic development? And how can monitoring and decision-oriented analysis help direct States' capacities towards an accelerated transformation of agri-food systems?

- Specific objectives

- Put the lessons from the Observatory on public support to agriculture and the ATLAS Barometer into perspective with the agri-food systems transformation priorities set out in the Kampala Agenda.
- Discuss the macro-fiscal and financial constraints that limit African countries capacity to invest sustainably in agriculture and food systems.
- Identify the most structuring types of public and collective investment needed to support agricultural transitions: infrastructure, research, water management, data, climate resilience, inclusion and services for producers.
- Explore the financing levers that can be mobilized, including the reorientation of public support, public, private and blended finance, innovative mechanisms and tools to facilitate investment in African agriculture.
- Bring together the expertise of FARM, AKADEMIYA2063 and ATLAS to inform a shared reflection for public decision-makers, technical and financial partners, researchers and agricultural development actors.

3. Key messages to convey

- The transformation of African agricultural and food systems depends not only on the volume of financing mobilized, but also on the quality, orientation and monitoring of investments.
- The Kampala Agenda creates a window of opportunity to link continental commitments to national budget choices, investment plans and accountability mechanisms.
- In a context of severe fiscal constraints, public support must be better targeted towards public goods, structuring investments and long-term resilience levers.
- Data, indicators and monitoring tools are essential to inform trade-offs, make policies more readable and strengthen dialogue between States, financial partners, the private sector and civil society.
- Financing agricultural transitions requires a combination of public, private and blended resources, as well as better coordination between agricultural policies, public finance, debt, climate, trade and territorial development.

4. Positionnement des partenaires

Partner	Expected contribution
Fondation FARM	Present the main lessons from the Global Observatory on Public Support to Agriculture and open the discussion on the role of public support in transitions.
AKADEMIYA2063	Provide an African perspective on the Kampala Agenda, data needs, investment planning, decision support and priorities for transforming agri-food systems.
ATLAS	Shed light on agricultural financing dynamics, resource mobilization constraints, the role of financial actors and possible lessons from the Agricultural Finance Barometer.

5. Target audiences and stakeholders

- Public decision-makers, in particular ministries of agriculture, finance, planning and economy in African countries.
- Technical and financial partners, development banks, international institutions and funds linked to climate or food security.
- Research communities, think tanks and data production platforms on agricultural policies, public finance, debt, climate and food systems.
- Professional agricultural organisations, Farmers' organisations, CSOs and private sector actors.
- Specialized media and communication actors working on agricultural development and public policies.

6. Programme outline

Session moderator: **Matthieu Brun**, Scientific Director of FARM Fondation

Time	Proposed sequence	Speakers
11:30-11:35	Welcome remarks and introduction to the webinar	Moderator
11:35-11:45	Presentation of the main tools and lessons from the Global Observatory on Public Support to Agriculture	Abdoul Fattath Tapsoba , Project Manager at Fondation FARM
11:45-11:55	AKADEMIYA2063 presentation on the Kampala Agenda, data needs, planning and decision support	Mahamadou Tankari , Deputy Director; Head of the Policy Modelling Unit at AKADEMIYA2063
11:55-12:05	ATLAS presentation on agricultural financing dynamics, in particular in connection with the Agricultural Finance Barometer	Augustin Grandgeorge , Development Initiatives Lead at the Paris Peace Forum/ATLAS
12:05-12:50	Expert roundtable on fiscal constraints, public trade-offs and financing levers for agricultural transitions. This discussion will bring together the perspectives of a public representative, an expert on innovative financing mechanisms and an African research/strategic planning actor.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Moctar Ndiaye, Director of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Livestock of Senegal • Mr Aakif Merchant, Director, Engagement and Capacity Building and Head of Africa at Convergence Blended Finance • Dr Hamady Diop, Former Coordinator of the CAADP post-Malabo process, African Union Commission
12:50-13:05	Q&A with participants	
13:05-13:15	Conclusion	Dr Ibrahim Assane Mayaki , former Prime Minister of Niger and African Union Special Envoy for Food Systems.