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KAMPALA CAADP SERIES

Webinar Session II

**Connecting Knowledge Systems and Policy Processes:
Lessons for Phase Three of CAADP Implementation**

Facilitating Policy Dialogue to Support the Kampala CAADP Agenda



Thursday, June 26, 2025



12:30 – 14:30 GMT



Online

CONCEPT NOTE

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Background

Since its adoption by the African Union (AU) in 2003, the [Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme](#) (CAADP) has been Africa's primary policy framework for agricultural transformation, wealth creation, food security, economic growth, and prosperity. It guides the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD), Regional Economic Communities (RECs), and Member States in driving agricultural transformation toward a self-reliant and productive Africa.

The [Kampala CAADP Declaration](#) and the associated [CAADP Strategy and Action Plan \(2026-2035\)](#) adopted in January 2025, will build on the successes and deepen the progress achieved after two decades of CAADP implementation, during which Africa significantly improved in economic and agricultural growth, poverty reduction, nutrition outcomes, and agricultural trade expansion. The next 10-year cycle of CAADP implementation must further deepen its focus to incorporate lessons while responding to emerging issues to accelerate sustainable food systems transformation in Africa within a context of climate change and multifaceted stressors and shocks.

The longevity and continued success of CAADP can be attributed to its credibility as a shared framework designed to guide Member States toward agricultural transformation and economic growth. Driven by the CAADP principles and values, with emphasis on African ownership and mutual accountability, alongside review and benchmarking, data and analytics have been central to CAADP's evidence-based planning and implementation approach. As Africa prepares for the implementation phase of the Kampala Declaration, which comes into force on January 1, 2026, evidence and robust data analysis will continue to remain indispensable to the successful implementation on the ground. This is the rationale behind AKADEMIYA2063's [Kampala CAADP Series](#).

The purpose of AKADEMIYA2063's Kampala CAADP Series is to provide a policy deployment package to support the domestication and implementation of the Kampala CAADP Declaration. With workstreams covering diagnostics, policy briefs, power briefs, as well as webinars, the series aims to serve as a reference toolbox for policy analysts and planners across the AU Member States as they prepare their programs in response to the Kampala Declaration. AKADEMIYA2063's offering will center on evidence-based research, with lessons and insights packaged into comprehensive yet accessible knowledge products, policy program diagnostics, and policy dialogue sessions with a broad range of stakeholders to guide programmatic interventions supporting the implementation of the Kampala CAADP Declaration.

Session II Objectives

Session II of the **Kampala CAADP Series** webinar will examine the role of knowledge systems in the conception and deployment of policy processes. The effectiveness of policy interventions is largely dependent on the ability to leverage institutional knowledge for a sound understanding of historical context, rationale behind past decisions, and implementation outcomes. Knowledge systems components, comprising knowledge capital, processes, and technology, combined with strategy, play a crucial role in policy planning, implementation, and assessment toward sustainable outcomes.

As such, the session, themed “Connecting Knowledge Systems and Policy Processes: Lessons for Phase Three of CAADP Implementation,” will discuss the role of data, analytics, and expertise with reference to the previous 20 years of CAADP, honing in on lessons and best practices for the implementation and domestication of the Kampala CAADP Agenda. The event will discuss the findings of three Kampala Policy Briefs tackling the following thematic areas:

- *Africa at a Turning Point: The Significance of the Kampala CAADP Declaration*
- *Lessons Learned from Implementing the CAADP Biennial Review Process Under the Malabo Declaration*
- *Leveraging Data and Analytics for Accelerated Agrifood Systems Transformation – The Role of Data Platforms and Localized Expertise in Africa*

The session will convene a broad range of stakeholders, including policymakers, non-state actors, and other practitioners at continental, regional, and national levels, as well as development partners, to:

1. **Demonstrate the Central Relevance of Data in CAADP Implementation:** Enhance understanding of the CAADP historical context and the role played by data and analytics in informing decision-making processes. The speakers will discuss a functional model for facilitating stakeholder dialogue and multisectoral collaboration around data toward accelerating the implementation of the Kampala CAADP Agenda.
2. **Highlight Innovations CAADP in the Kampala CAADP Declaration:** Highlight the significance and innovations of the Kampala CAADP Declaration in shaping Africa’s agricultural transformation agenda and clarify what sets Kampala CAADP apart from previous CAADP cycles.
3. **Review Progress from the Malabo CAADP Biennial Review (BR):** Discuss key insights, progress, and challenges from the CAADP BR process to guide the design, refinement, and implementation of the next BRs under the Kampala Declaration.
4. **Discuss Lessons to Advance Policy Action:** Review best practices and lessons, with policy recommendations to facilitate decision-making to drive impactful and inclusive food systems transformation across the continent. Provide a platform for African governments, non-state actors, practitioners, and development partners to exchange on the strategic framework to facilitate implementation and domestication toward sustainable policy outcomes.

Provisional Agenda (GMT)

Chair and Moderator: Dr. Hamady Diop, Former CAADP Post-Malabo Process Coordinator, African Union Commission (AUC)

12:30 – 12:45: Opening Remarks [15 mins]

- **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
- **Mr. Tarquin Mészáros**, Co-Leader, Sector Project Agriculture, German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ)
- **Dr. Ildephonse Musafiri**, Advisor to the AUDA-NEPAD CEO on Agriculture and Food Systems; Former Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda

12:45 – 13:15: Presentations: [10 mins each]*Africa at a Turning Point: The Significance of the Kampala CAADP Declaration*

- **Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu**, Director, Knowledge Systems, AKADEMIYA2063

Lessons Learned from Implementing the CAADP Biennial Review Process Under the Malabo Declaration

- **Ms. Tsitsi Makombe**, Director, External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063

Leveraging Data and Analytics for Accelerated Agrifood Systems Transformation – The Role of Data Platforms and Localized Expertise in Africa

- **Mr. Wondwosen Tefera**, Senior Associate Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

13:15 – 14:00: Moderated Panel Discussion [45 mins]

- **Mr. Boaz Keizire**, Director for Policy and State Capability, AGRA
- **Ms. Sithembile Mwamakamba**, Director of Policy Research and Analysis, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)
- **Dr. John Ulimwengu**, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- **Dr. Greenwell Matchaya**, Senior Economist and Deputy Representative for South Africa, International Water Management Institute (IWMI); Coordinator, ReSAKSS-ESA

14:00 – 14:20: General Discussion

Chair and Moderator/All

14:20 – 14:30: Key Takeaways and Policy Recommendations; Closing Remarks

- **Dr. Getaw Tadesse**, Director, Policy Intelligence, AKADEMIYA2063

ABOUT AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is a pan-African non-profit research organization with headquarters in Kigali, Rwanda, and a regional office in Dakar, Senegal. Inspired by the ambitions of Agenda 2063 and grounded in the recognition of the central importance of strong knowledge and evidence 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 the African Union's Agenda 2063 of transforming national economies to boost 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, data management, digital products, and technology—as well as partnerships and outreach activities. For more information, visit www.akademiya2063.org.

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