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# KAMPALA CAADP SERIES

**Webinar Session III**

**From Challenges to Opportunities:  
Building Resilient Food Systems in Africa**

 **Thursday, October 16, 2025**

 **13:00 – 14:30 GMT**

 **Online**

# CONCEPT NOTE

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## Background

Africa's agrifood systems are increasingly vulnerable to a complex web of stressors, including climate change, biodiversity loss, conflict, and market volatility, resulting in recurrent food crises and threatening long-term food and nutrition security. In response, there is a growing consensus around the need for holistic and systems-based approaches to build and measure resilience across the continent's agrifood systems.

This third edition of AKADEMIYA2063's Kampala CAADP Series webinar seeks to explore the intersection of three critical areas: building and measuring resilient agrifood systems, enhancing preparedness and responsiveness to food crises, and leveraging bioeconomy as a pathway for resilience. These themes align with the commitments outlined in the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Kampala Declaration, which emphasizes strengthened implementation of resilience-building strategies, improved data systems, and the sustainable use of biological resources to support food security and economic transformation. Specifically, the webinar will:

- Examine innovative approaches and tools for building and measuring resilience in Africa's agrifood systems, including metrics, monitoring frameworks, and early warning systems.
- Share best practices and country experiences in enhancing preparedness and responsiveness to food crises, including anticipatory action, shock-responsive social protection, and institutional coordination.
- Explore the bioeconomy as a resilience-enhancing strategy that promotes sustainable resource use, job creation, and value addition, particularly in rural areas.
- Highlight the opportunities and commitments presented by the Kampala CAADP Declaration for driving integrated action across these three thematic areas.

The webinar will feature expert presentations, high-level panel discussions, and an interactive Q&A session. Participants will include policymakers, researchers, practitioners, development partners, private sector actors, and representatives from farmer organizations and civil society.



# Preliminary Agenda

3 mins	<b>Welcome and housekeeping</b>  <b>Dr. Layih Butake</b> , Director of Communications and Outreach AKADEMIYA2063
5 mins	<b>Opening remarks</b>  <b>Dr. Debisi Araba</b> , Managing Director, AKADEMIYA2063
24 mins (3x8 mins)	<b>Input presentations</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Getaw Tadesse</b>, Director of Policy Intelligence, AKADEMIYA2063              “Building and Measuring Resilient Agrifood Systems in Africa”</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Julia Collins</b>, Senior Associate Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063              “Increasing preparedness and responsiveness to food crises”</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Julius Ecuru</b>, Principal Scientist and Manager BioInnovate Africa,              icipe              “Connecting the Bioeconomy to the Kampala Declaration”</li> </ul>
30 mins	<b>Moderated panel discussion</b>  <b>Moderator: Ms. Liz Ogutu</b> , Policy Manager and Lead, Eastern and Southern Africa Region for Climate Action, Alliance Bioversity International CIAT  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Abdihakim Ainte</b>, Director of Climate and Food Security, Office of the Prime Minister, Somalia</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Alexandre Rutikanga</b>, Chief Technical Advisor to the Minister and National Convenor for the Food Systems Agenda, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Friedrich zur Heide</b>, Policy Advisor, GIZ</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Catherine Kilelu</b>, Director of Communication, Outreach, and Partnerships and Senior Research Fellow, ACTS</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Natasha Hayward</b>, Global Lead, Food and Nutrition Security and Program Manager, Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)</li> </ul>
20 mins	<b>Audience Q&amp;A</b>
5 mins	<b>Take-aways &amp; closing</b> <b>Ms. Liz Ogutu</b> , Policy Manager and Lead, Eastern and Southern Africa Region for Climate Action, Alliance Bioversity International CIAT



## 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](http://www.akademiya2063.org).

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