


EXTRAORDINARY KAMPALA CAADP SUMMIT SIDE EVENT

Leveraging Data and Analytics for Accelerated Agrifood
Systems Transformation in Africa: The Role of Localized
Expertise in the Kampala CAADP Era



January 10, 2025
3:00-4:30 PM (EAT)

 Bwindi Hall, The Speke Resort Convention
Centre, Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda

Concept Note

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Following the decision of the Thirty-Seventh Ordinary Session of the African Union (AU) Assembly (Assembly/AU/Dec.900(XXXVII)) held in February 2024, the Heads of State and Government of the AU expressed concern that the continent is unlikely to meet the Malabo Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) goals and targets by the end of 2025. This situation has prompted calls for a Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda focused on redoubling the continent's efforts, responding to persistent challenges, and emerging trends to build resilient agrifood systems.

An Extraordinary Kampala CAADP Summit is scheduled for January 9-11, 2025, in Kampala, Uganda, where the Heads of State and Government will deliberate on the draft 10-Year CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026-2035) and the draft Kampala CAADP Declaration. The Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (ARDWE) that convened during an extraordinary session from October 23-25, 2024, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, considered the draft CAADP Ten Year Strategy and Action Plan 2026-2035 and the draft Kampala CAADP Declaration and made recommendations to the Executive Council for consideration and endorsement by AU Heads of State and Government.

Against the foregoing context, AKADEMIYA2063, in partnership with AUC-DARBE, will be organizing a side event on the margins of the Extraordinary Summit of the AU Heads of State and Government.

About the Side Event

The [Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda](#) development process, underway since March 2024, under the leadership of H.E. Ambassador Josefa L.C. Sacko, AU Commissioner for the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE), has served as a laudable example of the mobilization of expertise across Africa. Within 90 days, and through the Data and Analytics Workstream facilitated by [AKADEMIYA2063](#), academic institutions, think tanks, centers of excellence, and different CAADP constituencies across the continent lent their knowledge to the Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda development process through [13 Technical Working Groups \(TWGs\)](#) to provide data and analytics to support AUC-DARBE in the formulation of the successor agenda to Malabo. This successful experience shows great promise for inclusive mechanisms to co-opt African institutions and center their expertise in the implementation of the Kampala CAADP Agenda.

The process was guided by the working assumption that for Africa to capitalize on the progress accrued after two decades of CAADP implementation, the Post-Malabo Agenda must uphold CAADP's core principles of African ownership, accountability, inclusiveness, and evidence-based decision-making to accelerate agricultural transformation amidst climate, health, and economic challenges. As such, leveraging African expertise would be indispensable to ensuring that this successor agenda adapts to emerging hot topics, seizes opportunities, and tackles challenges for inclusive, resilient, and sustainable agrifood systems.



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Thematic Focus

[AKADEMIYA2063](#), in partnership with [AUC-DARBE](#), is convening a side event to discuss the roles of evidence and localized technical expertise in driving resilient and sustainable agrifood systems in Africa. Themed “Leveraging Data and Analytics for Accelerated Agrifood Systems Transformation in Africa: The Role of Localized Expertise in the Kampala CAADP Era,” the session will provide a platform for stakeholders to reflect on the recent experience of leveraging African expertise for evidence-based and impactful policy outcomes in the continent’s agricultural sector.

There is historical evidence of the crucial role of African institutions in the mobilization of knowledge for policy dialogue and formulation. This was best illustrated during the implementation phase of the Maputo Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security, when African centers of excellence were invited to serve as conveners to facilitate the domestication of the Maputo Agenda.

Following the initial consultations held with agriculture ministers, the elaboration of the four main pillars of the CAADP (sustainable land and water management, rural infrastructure and trade-related capabilities for market access, increasing food supply and reducing hunger, and agricultural research and technology) took place in cooperation with universities and think tanks across Africa. Then ensued the designation of Pillar Lead Institutions (PLIs) to take a leading role in formulating guiding framework documents for each pillar alongside the organization of Africa-wide networks of excellence. The knowledge generated during this process would become critical to benchmarking, progress assessment, and mutual accountability.



While the Malabo implementation overlooked the rigorous approach presented above, the Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda development process recognizes the crucial role of African centers of excellence in the deployment of the research and analytical component to ensure a robust Kampala Agenda that meets the requisite quality requirements.

This side event will provide a platform to review lessons from Maputo to Kampala to take stock of the contributions of African centers of excellence, with a closer look at the activities of the TWGs, as well as the Local Analysis Networks (LANs) deployed through the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS). In addition, the session will revisit the role of the CAADP Biennial Review (BR), with insights on the electronic BR (eBR) system and opportunities for forward-planning through the CAADP Policy Tool, which builds on the Decision Support Tool (DST).



Objectives and Expected Outcomes

The side event will bring together a broad group of stakeholders, including academia, civil society, government representatives, international development practitioners, private sector actors, and youth, to discuss the role of data and localized expertise in the implementation of the Kampala CAADP Agenda, with the following objectives:



1. Provide insights on the CAADP Malabo historical context and the Post-Malabo development process through the lens of data and analytical support, knowledge supply, and deployment of expertise;
2. Highlight existing and potential data and analytical mechanisms, including the CAADP Policy Tool, to support the CAADP Malabo Agenda, with pathways for contextualization in the Kampala CAADP era;
3. Discuss critical thematic areas that emerged during the knowledge mobilization phase of the Post-Malabo Agenda development process;
4. Demonstrate the indispensable role of African knowledge institutions in the policy formulation cycle, with a focus on the Technical Working Groups and Local Analysis Networks.

Following from the above objectives, the side event is expected to deliver on the outcomes below:

1. Enhance understanding of the CAADP Malabo historical context and the Post-Malabo development process, underscoring knowledge as a vital input to planning and implementation;
2. Facilitate stakeholder dialogue and multisectoral collaboration toward accelerating the implementation of the Kampala CAADP Agenda;
3. Contribute to knowledge-sharing and understanding of best practices to guide programmatic interventions in Africa's agricultural sector;
4. Develop key messages and recommendations from the side event to support post-summit activities.

Provisional Agenda

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Slated for January 10, 2025, the 90-minute event will assemble around 100 participants and facilitate stakeholder dialogue with the following tentative program.

Chair and Moderator

Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development, AUC

Opening Remarks

- **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
- **Mr. Enock Chikava**, Director, Agricultural Delivery Systems, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- **H.E. Ambassador Josefa Sacko**, Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment, AUC

Framing Presentations

- *Mobilization of Local Expertise for Impactful Kampala CAADP Implementation*
Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu, Director, Knowledge Systems, AKADEMIYA2063
- *Data and Analytical Support: BR and CAADP Policy Tool*
Prof. Christian Henning, Chief Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

Panel Discussion

- **Chair and Moderator: Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa**, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development, AUC

Panelists

- **H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime**, Former Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC; Chairperson HOPE; Malabo Montpellier Panel Member
- **Mr. Ernest Ruzindaza**, Senior Agriculture Specialist, World Bank Group
- **Dr. John Ulimwengu**, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- **Ms. Panduleni Elago**, Senior CAADP Advisor, AUC-DARBE
- **Dr. Getaw Tadesse**, Director, Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063

Q&A Segment: All

Concluding Remarks

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

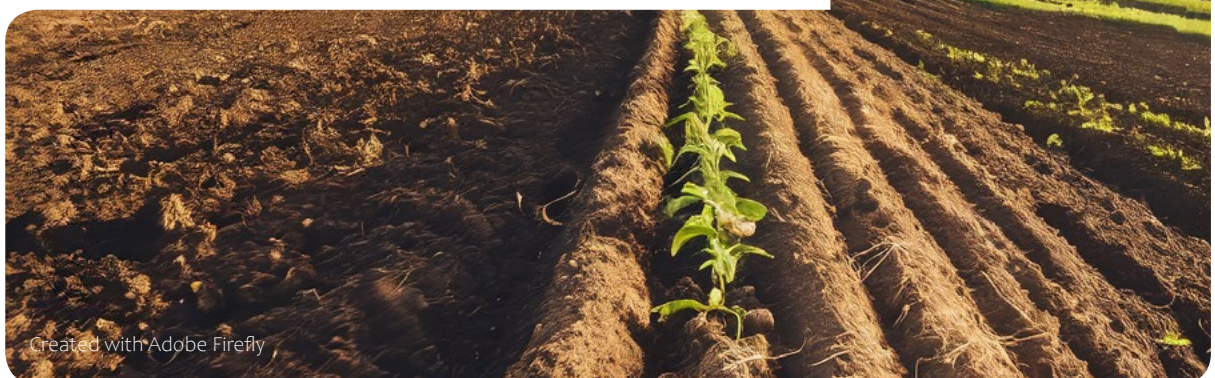
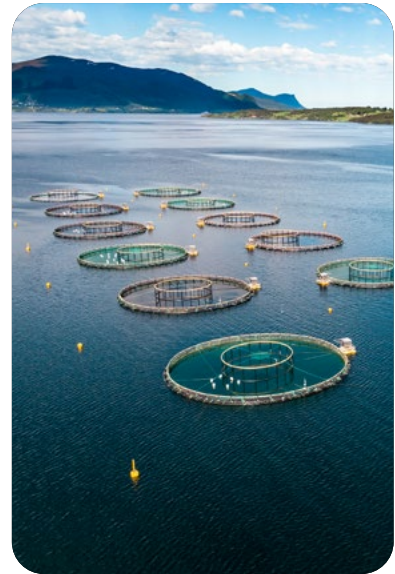
About AKADEMIYA2063

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 the African Union's Agenda 2063 and grounded in the recognition of the central importance of strong knowledge and evidence-based 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 improving livelihoods.

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 Agenda 2063 of transforming national economies to boost economic 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, and data management, digital products, and technology—as well as innovative partnerships and outreach activities. Visit www.akademiya2063.org.



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About AUC-DARBE

The Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) of the African Union Commission is mandated to boost AU Member States' rural development and contribute to boosting economic growth, bringing down poverty, and raising standards of living through agricultural productivity, improving food security and nutrition, exploring and developing the potential of the largest sectors of the Blue Economy, promoting technology transfer and strengthening resilience and adaptation to extreme climatic changes.

The Department's mode of delivery is to support the adoption of measures, strategies, policies, and programs related and tied with these areas and their implementation within continental frameworks and policy areas endorsed by AU Policy Organs, and in pursuance of the First Aspiration of the AU Agenda 2063: "A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development." The Department is mandated and has been assigned responsibility to lead, coordinate, support, facilitate, and work closely with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), the AU Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD), and other partners with similar mandates and mission.

ARBE's Strategic Objective is to enhance economic transformation, sustainable growth, climate change action, and investment in the African People. The Department developed its 2023-2025 Action Plan that aims to achieve 25 priority areas.

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