

Nutrition and Food Security Dialogue Series

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AKADEMIYA2063 and the Senegalese National Council for Nutrition Development (CNDN)

In support of the African Union's 2022 Year of Nutrition, AKADEMIYA2063 and the Senegalese National Council for Nutrition Development (CNDN) have organized a series of continental level dialogues on nutrition and food security with a wide group of stakeholders including policymakers, civil society organizations, farmers' organizations, research institutions, the private sector, and development partners, to facilitate knowledge exchange, mutual learning, and drive required action toward achieving continental and global food security and nutrition targets. Specific objectives of the nutrition and food security dialogues are to highlight the following:

1. Africa's progress, challenges, successes, and opportunities in achieving nutrition and food security outcomes and targets;
2. Critical and emerging areas that need to be addressed in order to effectively improve dietary quality and nutritional outcomes on the African continent; and
3. Potential solutions to challenges and required policies and investments to accelerate and sustain the achievement of nutritional and food security goals in Africa.

The dialogue series covers the following pertinent topics:

Dialogue #1:

"Taking Stock : Africa's Progress toward Meeting Nutrition and Food Security Targets, Successes, Challenges and Opportunities"

Date: Thursday May 5, 2022

Dialogue #2:

"The Role of Trade and Food Safety in Advancing Nutrition and Food Security Objectives and the Need for Policy Alignment"

Date: Tuesday June 28, 2022

Dialogue #3:

"Impacts of the Russia-Ukraine War on Nutrition, Food Security, and Poverty in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities to Building Resilient Food Systems"

Date: Tuesday July 26, 2022

Dialogue #4:

"Africa Rapid Urbanization and Growing Middle Class: Challenges and Opportunities to Achieving Healthier Diets and Optimal Nutrition"

Date: Thursday October 06, 2022

Dialogue #5:

"Balancing Nutrition Goals with Climate and Environmental Goals, and Building Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security"

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Dialogue 1: "Taking Stock: Africa's Progress toward Meeting Nutrition and Food Security Targets, Successes, Challenges and Opportunities"



Thursday May 5, 2022
13:00 - 14:30 (GMT)

The first dialogue on May 5 took stock of Africa's progress toward meeting continental and global nutrition and food security targets, remaining gaps and challenges, and highlight Senegal's successful experience in reducing malnutrition and the importance of adopting nutrition sensitive programs, and applying food systems, multi-sectoral, and inter-disciplinary approaches to deliver more nutritious and healthy diets. The dialogue featured a keynote presentation and an expert panel to share different perspectives on the challenges and opportunities to enable African countries to meet nutrition and food security goals and ensure healthy and sustainable diets for all.

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Dialogue 2: “The Role of Trade and Food Safety in Advancing Nutrition and Food Security Objectives and the Need for Policy Alignment”



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13:00 - 14:30 (GMT)

Organized in partnership with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), this second dialogue delved into the nexus between trade, nutrition, food safety and food security. It examined Africa’s SPS-related challenges and shared lessons learned and best practices in strengthening Africa’s SPS systems to promote trade, nutrition, and food safety and security. Participants also reflected on how to best use trade and food safety policies as instruments to improve nutritional and dietary quality. The discussion also noted efforts to advance trade and food safety under existing frameworks such as the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the African Union (AU) SPS Policy Framework, and the AU Food Safety Strategy.

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The third dialogue focused on the impacts of the Russia-Ukraine war on nutrition, food security, and poverty in Africa and its implications on the ability of African governments to build food systems that are more resilient to economic, health and environmental shocks.

Dialogue participants also discussed the challenges and opportunities faced by African countries in achieving the different targets related to nutrition, food security and well-being.

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Dialogue 4: "Africa Rapid Urbanization and Growing Middle Class: Challenges and Opportunities to Achieving Healthier Diets and Optimal Nutrition"

 Thursday October 06, 2022
13:00 - 14:30 (GMT)

Dialogue #4 allowed participants to review recent trends and patterns in urbanization, dietary changes, and the growing overweight and obesity levels in Africa. Participants also reflected on the causes and consequences of the shifts in dietary patterns as well as challenges and opportunities to achieving healthier diets and optimal nutrition. The dialogue explored the required priority actions including policy and regulatory options for urgently addressing malnutrition in all its forms and for promoting healthier diets and lifestyles especially in key sectors like health, agriculture, and urban planning.

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