


# ORIENTATION SEMINAR

## CAADP Post-Malabo Agenda Development Process with Conveners and Co-conveners of Technical Working Groups (TWGs)



 May 16, 2024

 10:00 - 12:30 (GMT)

Co-organized by the **African Union Commission,**  
**AUDA-NEPAD, and AKADEMIYA2063.**





# BACKGROUND

The Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods was adopted by the 23rd Ordinary Session of the African Union (AU) Assembly held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, on June 26-27, 2014. This was the successor agenda to the Maputo Declaration of 2003.

Looking back after two decades of CAADP implementation, the continent has made enormous progress in terms of economic and agricultural growth, improvement in poverty and nutrition outcomes, expansion of agricultural trade, and public investments in agriculture. Key achievements in these areas specifically include (i) strong agricultural and economic growth, (ii) robust growth in intra-regional and global agricultural trade, (iii) considerable improvement in most poverty and nutrition outcomes, and (iv) increasing public investment in agriculture.

The lifespan of the Malabo Declaration is coming to an end. Despite considerable progress, Africa is still battling several persistent and emerging challenges. Among the most recent shocks are the COVID-19 breakout, the ongoing Ukraine crisis, and repeated occurrences of climate-induced floods, droughts, and disasters in many parts of the continent that have tested the continent's crisis preparedness.

The African Union is currently mobilizing partners and CAADP stakeholders to unite forces to help craft a robust successor agenda to Malabo, guided by best evidence, that will shape the strategic direction to drive agri-food systems transformation on the continent for the next ten years. The mobilization of African centers of knowledge to lead the research and analytical component of the process has been decided by the African Union as the most reassuring approach to arrive at a new agenda that meets the quality requirements.

After a rigorous and thorough search process, you have been identified by the African Union Commission (AUC) to serve as Co-convenor to a Technical Working Group in support of the ongoing CAADP Post-Malabo Agenda development process for which AKADEMIYA2063 is providing overall technical facilitation.

Following your official invitation letter addressed to you and your institution by the Commissioner at the AUC-DARBE to take up the proposed role as a leading expert, you will be joining the group of partners providing technical support for the development of the Post-Malabo Agenda.

As a Co-convenor of a Technical Working Group, you will work with other leading African centers of expertise, research institutions, academia, and technical development agencies, but also global partners who are knowledgeable and willing to support the agri-food systems transformation in Africa. The main role of the said TWG will be to examine the Malabo Declaration commitment area assigned to you, assess any needed changes and expansions, propose ambitions for the next ten years, and identify potential indicators and targets to measure progress.

# OBJECTIVES OF THE SEMINAR

The overall objective is to offer all the parties involved an opportunity to come together and seek to develop a common understanding of the ongoing process and agree on modalities to sustain a joint and successful delivery of the New Strategy and Action Plan for Agri-food Systems Transformation in Africa.

## More specifically, the orientation seminar sets out to:



Take stock of progress made in the implementation of CAADP-Malabo to date, review key results obtained, and assess the main challenges still ahead;



Provide an overview of the CAADP Post-Malabo Agenda development process, including sharing the status of the achievements thus far;



Explore possible avenues for renewing, retooling, and re-energizing the quest for agri-food systems transformation;



Present and discuss the modalities of mobilizing and deploying technical expertise to support specific thematic issues;



Present and discuss the modalities providing quality assurance to the research and analytical work and;



Present and discuss details of operational support and key engagements through the mission of Technical Working Groups.



# PROVISIONAL AGENDA (GMT)

**Moderator:** **Dr. Robert Ouma**, Regional Director, PolicyLink, Eastern Africa

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**Welcoming Remarks** [10 mins] **10:00–10:10 AM**

**H.E. Ambassador Leonel Correia Josefa Sacko**, Commissioner, Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE)

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**Statement 1: Status of CAADP Malabo Implementation: Key Results and Challenges Ahead** [10 mins] **10:10–10:20 AM**

**Mrs. Estherine Fotabong**, Director of Agriculture, Food Security and Environmental Sustainability, AUDA-NEPAD

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**Statement 2: Looking back on the CAADP Agenda: Renew, Retool, Re-energize** [10 mins] **10:20–10:30 AM**

**Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa**, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, AUC-DARBE

General Discussion [15 mins] **10:30–10:45 AM**

**Moderator : Dr. Hamady Diop**, Post-Malabo Agenda Process Coordinator

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**Data and Analytics for the Post-Malabo Agenda Development** [15 mins] **10:45–11:00 AM**

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

General Discussion [40 mins] **11:00–11:40 AM**

**Operational Deployment and Support to Technical Working Groups:** [10 mins] **11:40–11:50 AM**

- » Onboarding
- » Timeline
- » Logistics
- » Engagements

**Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu**, Director, Department of Knowledge Systems, AKADEMIYA2063

General Discussion [30 mins] **11:50 AM–12:20 PM**

**Summary of the Key Takeaways** [5 mins] **12:20–12:25 PM**

**Dr. Janet Edeme**, Head of Division, Rural Economy, AUC-DARBE

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**Closing Remarks** [5 mins] **12:25–12:30 PM**

**Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa**, Director, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, AUC- DARBE





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