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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultancy to Evaluate the Agriculture Joint Sector Review Process and Enhance its Integration with the CAADP Biennial Review Process in Selected Countries

1. INTRODUCTION

In January 2026, the Kampala CAADP Declaration on Building Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems took effect to accelerate agrifood systems transformation across the continent. The Declaration reframes the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), shifting from a narrow focus on agricultural-led growth to a comprehensive agrifood systems transformation agenda that recognizes the critical linkages among agriculture, food, nutrition, health, livelihoods, and the environment. The Declaration sets out 22 targets across six broad commitment areas: intensifying sustainable food production, agro-industrialization, and trade; boosting investment and financing for agrifood system transformation; ensuring food and nutrition security; promoting inclusivity and equitable livelihoods; building resilient agrifood systems; and strengthening agrifood system governance. The Kampala Declaration calls on African Union Member States to integrate its commitments into their national agrifood system investment plans (NASIPs) and to incorporate the CAADP Biennial Review (BR) process into their national agriculture joint sector review (JSR) platforms.

Agriculture JSRs provide an inclusive, evidence-based platform for agrifood system stakeholders to jointly assess sector performance, review progress toward agreed commitments, promote mutual accountability, and identify priority actions to improve implementation. The JSR process brings together government institutions, development partners, private sector actors, farmer organizations, civil society organizations, research institutions, and other stakeholders to review sector achievements, challenges, and emerging priorities.

Between 2014 and 2019, the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) supported the strengthening of agriculture JSR processes across Africa through assessments conducted in 21 countries and two Regional Economic Communities (RECs). These assessments have

helped improve the functionality, regularity, inclusiveness, effectiveness, and sustainability of JSR platforms.

Under the Kampala CAADP Strategy and Action Plan (2026–2035), strengthening mutual accountability systems remains a key priority. Increasing the number of countries with functional JSR platforms that conduct regular sector reviews is one of the indicators under the Kampala CAADP Declaration. The Kampala CAADP Declaration aims for all Member States to integrate their BR into the JSR by 2030.

Integrating the BR into the JSR process creates a harmonized framework for mutual accountability and monitoring at the country level. It links national agrifood sector planning and implementation processes with continental reporting and accountability mechanisms. Furthermore, embedding the BR into the JSR process can promote the uptake and use of CAADP BR data and results by policymakers and other CAADP stakeholders.

Key benefits of integrating the BR into the JSR process include:

- ⇒ Streamlined data collection and reporting through harmonized indicators and coordinated review processes.
- ⇒ Improved evidence-based planning and policy formulation using BR data and analysis
- ⇒ Stronger mutual accountability through inclusive multi-stakeholder dialogue and review.
- ⇒ Consolidated tracking of progress toward the Kampala Declaration commitments and national agrifood transformation objectives.

AKADEMIYA2063, with funding support from the Gates Foundation, seeks to engage a Consultant to evaluate the agriculture JSR process in [Country] and its integration with the CAADP BR process. The evaluation will generate lessons and recommendations to strengthen the JSR platform and enhance its integration with BR processes.

2. OBJECTIVE OF THE CONSULTANCY

The overall objective of the assignment is to evaluate the sustainability and policy influence of JSR or JSR-like processes in [Country] and provide recommendations for strengthening the JSR or JSR-like platform and integrating it with the CAADP BR process.

The specific objectives of the consultancy are to:

- ⇒ Assess stakeholder participation, inclusiveness, transparency, and ownership of JSR or JSR-like processes.
- ⇒ Evaluate the uptake and use of data, evidence, and analytical products in JSR or JSR-like processes, including evidence from the BR process.

- ⇒ Assess the extent to which the CAADP BR process has been integrated into JSR or JSR-like platforms, including the use of BR indicators, data, results, and findings.
- ⇒ Examine the extent to which JSR or JSR-like and BR findings influence policy formulation, planning, implementation, and accountability,
- ⇒ Develop practical recommendations and capacity strengthening interventions to improve the effectiveness and sustainability of JSR or JSR-like platforms,
- ⇒ Generate lessons and good practices to strengthen the JSR or JSR-like process in the country,
- ⇒ Develop recommendations and operational modalities for systematic integration of the BR process into the JSR or JSR-like platform.

3. SCOPE OF WORK

The assessment shall cover the following areas.

- 3.1 Assess opportunities for strengthening JSR or JSR-like platforms by identifying institutional, technical, and operational factors that affect their effectiveness and sustainability, and propose practical recommendations and capacity development interventions to enhance their performance.
- 3.2 Evaluate the influence of JSR or JSR like and BR processes and findings on policy formulation, strategic planning, program implementation, resource allocation, and accountability mechanisms within the agrifood sector.
- 3.3 Document and analyze lessons learned, success factors, challenges, and good practices emerging from JSR or JSR-like implementation to strengthen the JSR process in the country.
- 3.4 Assess the linkages between the BR process and JSR or JSR-like platforms and develop recommendations and operational modalities for the systematic integration of BR indicators, findings, and reporting processes into JSR or JSR-like mechanisms to strengthen evidence-based decision-making and mutual accountability.

4. TASKS

The consultant shall undertake the following tasks.

Task 1: Inception Phase

- ⇒ Review relevant documentation and background materials.
- ⇒ Develop data collection tools and interview guides.
- ⇒ Develop an inception report.

Task 2: Assess the Effectiveness, Sustainability, and Policy Influence of JSR Processes

- ⇒ Assess institutional, technical, and operational factors affecting the effectiveness and sustainability of JSR platforms.
- ⇒ Identify opportunities for strengthening JSR platforms and develop practical recommendations and capacity development interventions.
- ⇒ Evaluate the influence of JSR and BR processes and findings on policy formulation, strategic planning, program implementation, resource allocation, and accountability mechanisms.

Task 3: Document Lessons Learned and Good Practices from JSR Implementation

- ⇒ Document and analyze lessons learned, success factors, challenges, and good practices emerging from JSR implementation.
- ⇒ Generate lessons and good practices to strengthen the country's JSR process.

Task 4: Assess and Strengthen the Integration of the BR Process into JSR Platforms

- ⇒ Assess the linkages between the BR process and JSR platforms.
- ⇒ Develop recommendations and operational modalities for the systematic integration of BR indicators, findings, and reporting processes into JSR mechanisms to strengthen evidence-based decision-making and mutual accountability.

5. METHODOLOGY

The methodology for undertaking the consultancy assignment should at least include:

- ⇒ Literature and document review
- ⇒ Key informant interviews
- ⇒ Validation workshop of the draft report
- ⇒ Development of a country-specific report and action plan

6. DELIVERABLES

The consultant shall submit the following deliverables:

- a. Inception Report, including the methodology, work plan, data collection tools, and stakeholder categories to be interviewed.
- b. JSR Evaluation Report and Action Plan, including findings, lessons learned, and recommendations; a capacity-strengthening plan to improve the JSR process; and an action plan to integrate the BR and the JSR.
- c. Support the organization of a stakeholder validation workshop in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and AKADEMIYA2063.
- d. Submit the final report incorporating the comments from the validation workshop.

7. DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The consultancy is expected to be completed within 20 working days.

8. PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The total consultancy fee, including transport and communication costs, is US\$6,000. The payment schedule is shown below.

Item	Deliverable	Payment (in %)
1	Inception Report	
2	JSR Evaluation Report and Action Plan	50%
3	Support Validation Workshop	
4	Final Report	50%

9. APPLICATION PROCESS

- AGRODEP members with relevant expertise in agriculture policy, sector coordination, monitoring and evaluation, mutual accountability, and CAADP processes should submit a short expression of interest indicating which part of the consultancy they are interested in, the country, their relevant experience, and their CVs.
- Applications should be submitted to **Dr. Paul Guthiga** (pguthiga@akademiya2063.org), copying **Dr. Seraphin Niyonsenga** (sniyonsenga@akademiya2063.org).
- Deadline: **Tuesday, October 27, 2026.**
- Applicants should be residents of the selected countries of assignment.