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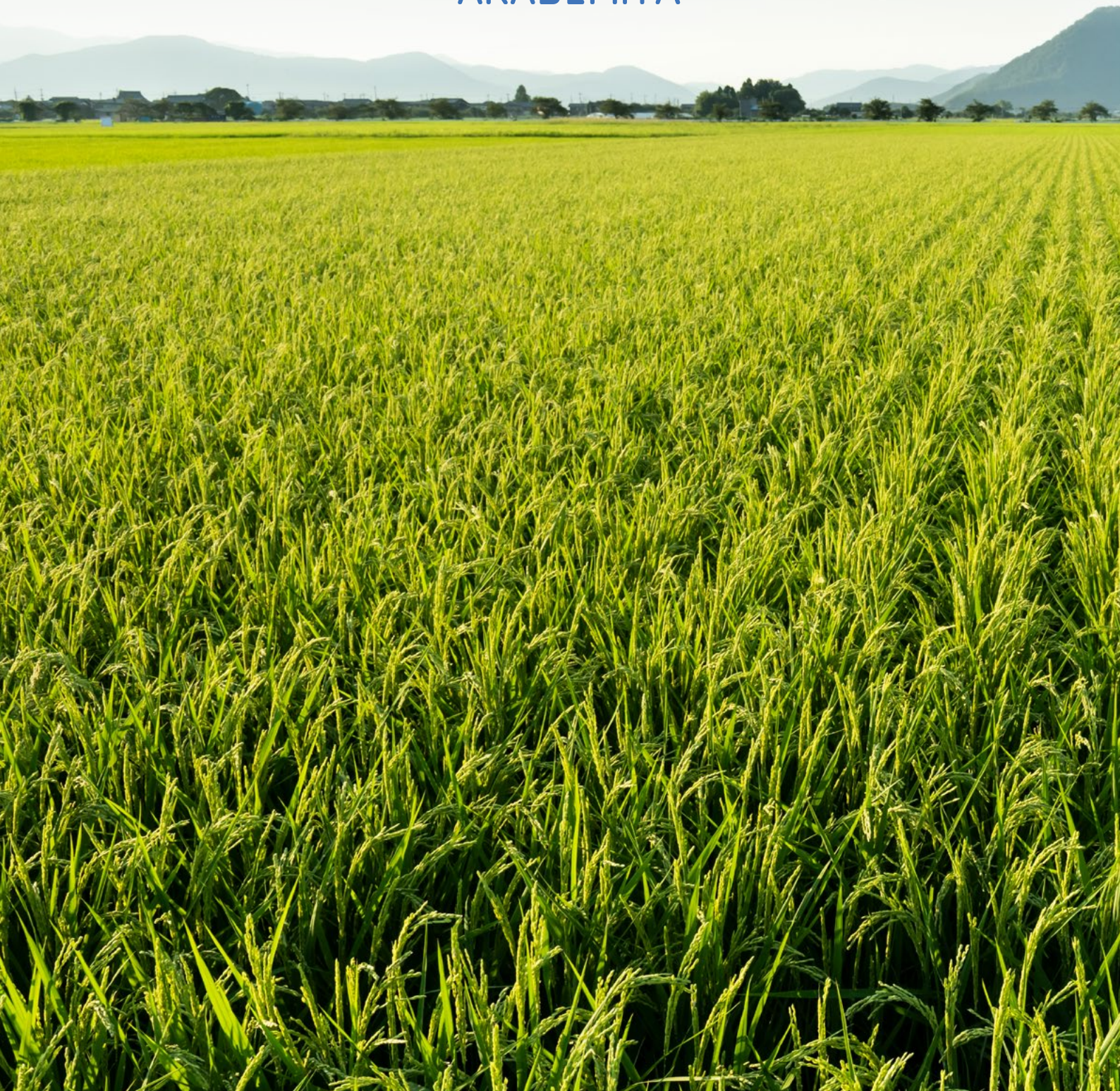
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A wide-angle photograph of a lush green rice field in the foreground, transitioning to a line of trees and a small village in the middle ground, with a range of blue mountains under a clear sky in the background.

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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 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 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. For more information, visit www.akademiya2063.org.



Our Vision

The vision of AKADEMIYA2063 is **an Africa with the expertise we need for the Africa we want**. That is, an Africa where the available expertise is strong enough and mobilized effectively to meet the continent's development ambitions.

Our Mission

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Our Goals

The main goal of AKADEMIYA2063 is to help meet the needs of African countries 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 Member States.



Our Core Programs

AKADEMIYA2063 houses four Africa-wide programs – ReSAKSS, AGRODEP, the Malabo Montpellier Panel, and AAgWa, to support the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) and promote effective evidence-based development policies across Africa. Our core programs, projects, and outreach activities contribute to strengthening knowledge systems, promoting evidence-based policymaking, agricultural and economic development, and, ultimately, achieving the aspirations of the African Union’s Agenda 2063—The Africa We Want, and the Kampala CAADP Agenda.

ReSAKSS – Established in 2006, the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) supports efforts to promote evidence and outcome-based policy planning and implementation. ReSAKSS provides data and related analytical and knowledge products to facilitate CAADP benchmarking, review, and mutual accountability processes. AKADEMIYA2063 leads the work of ReSAKSS in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa’s Development (AUDA-NEPAD), and leading Regional Economic Communities (RECs). ReSAKSS tracks the progress of core CAADP indicators through an interactive website and a flagship Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR), the official CAADP monitoring and evaluation (M&E) report, which tracks progress on CAADP core indicators, and presents analysis on a feature topic of strategic importance to the CAADP agenda each year.

AGRODEP – The African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium is enabling a critical mass of world-class economic modelers across Africa to take a leading role in addressing the continent’s strategic development issues, including helping meet the analytical needs of the CAADP. AGRODEP facilitates the use of economic modeling tools, promotes access to data, and provides training, research grants, and networking opportunities to a group of Africa-based experts, equally supporting collaboration between these experts and their peers outside the continent to build a dynamic research community that can respond to the continent’s emerging and long-term needs. AGRODEP network members also contribute to the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM), an annual flagship report dedicated entirely to African agricultural trade and policies, which is produced and published under the AGRODEP and ReSAKSS programs.

Malabo Montpellier Panel – The Malabo Montpellier Panel convenes 13 leading experts in agriculture, engineering, ecology, nutrition, and food security. It aims to facilitate policy choices by African governments to accelerate progress toward food security and improved nutrition. The Panel identifies areas of progress and positive change across the continent. It assesses what successful countries have done differently, highlighting institutional and policy innovations and program interventions that can best be replicated and scaled by other countries. The associated Malabo Montpellier Forum provides a platform to promote policy innovation; it uses the evidence produced by the Panel to facilitate dialogue among high-level decision-makers on African agriculture, nutrition, and food security.

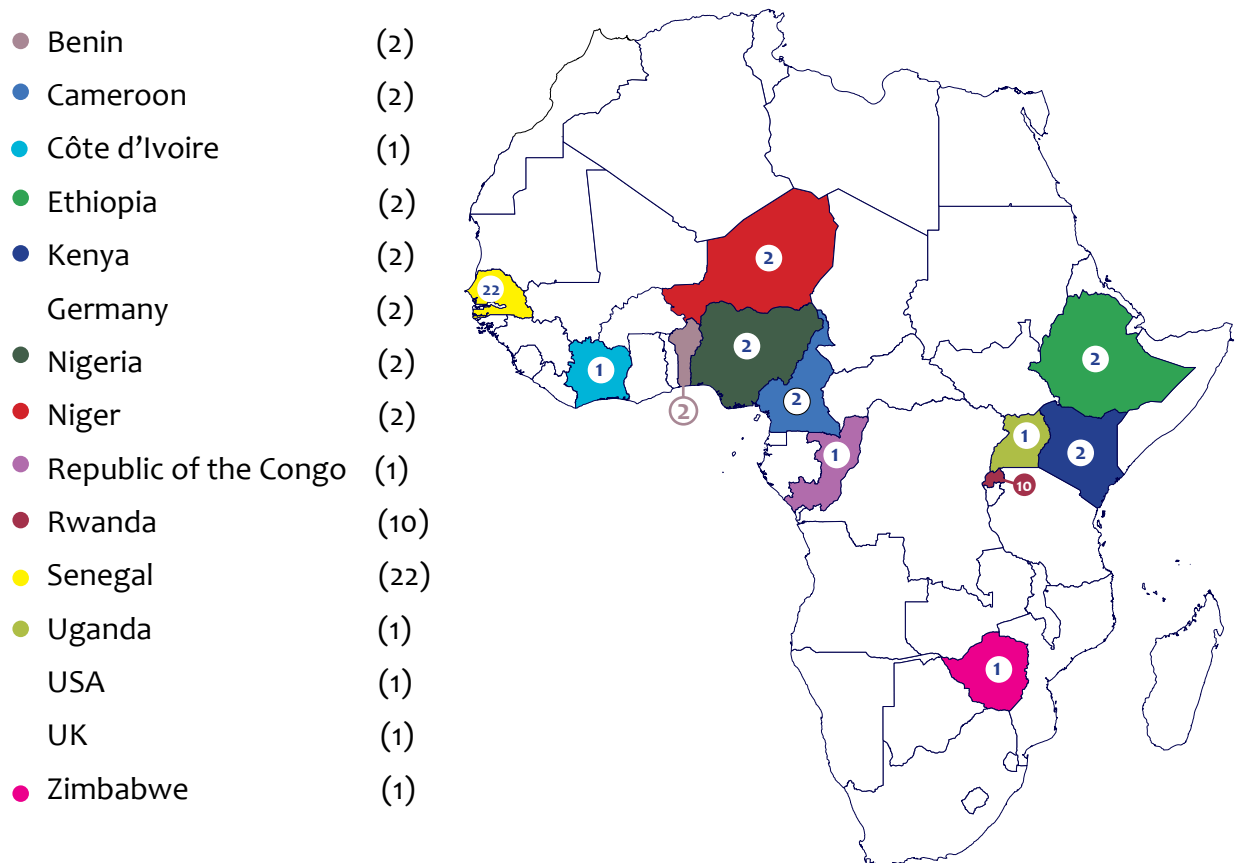
AAgWa – Launched in 2021, Africa Agriculture Watch (AAgWa) is a web-based platform that employs cutting-edge machine learning techniques and satellite data to predict agricultural production for 11 crops across nearly 50 African countries, to support decision-making, monitoring, crisis management, and effective intervention planning at local community level. Harnessing and deploying Artificial Intelligence (AI) and remote sensing provides opportunities to leverage innovative tools to fill the data gaps across Africa’s agrifood systems in terms of quality, accessibility, and timeliness. The capabilities embedded in AI and remote sensing for tracking and measuring greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other geo-biophysical parameters are crucial for well-informed mitigation and adaptation policies.

People, Talent & Culture

AKADEMIYA2063 operates eight distinct Departments, each contributing to our unique capabilities. These include Capacity and Deployment, Communication and Outreach, Data Management, Digital Products and Technology, External Relations, Finance and Administration, Knowledge Systems, Policy Innovation, and Operational Support.

The organization has continued to grow, with 52 staff members currently, including 24 scientists, 15 of whom hold a PhD.

AKADEMIYA2063 provides expertise in economic modeling, remote sensing, and machine learning, applied to a range of areas, including trade, climate change, and nutrition, as well as monitoring and evaluation, knowledge management, and capacity strengthening. Our expertise also comprises the development of interactive data platforms for dissemination and ease of access to our products and services. Overall, AKADEMIYA2063 staff come from 15 countries, 42% of whom are women.



Governance

Board of Trustees

The AKADEMIYA2063 Board of Trustees is responsible for setting policies and evaluating and monitoring management's actions. The Board hires and evaluates the Managing Director, approves the long-range strategic plan, the annual plan and the budget, equally monitoring the organization's progress toward the achievement of its mission and strategic research objectives. The Board ensures the organization's cost-effectiveness, financial integrity, and accountability, exercises oversight of investments, and ensures compliance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.



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Executive Office

The Executive Team oversees financial management, establishes the organization's corporate policy, and hires its senior directors. It ensures that the organization is managed efficiently and is well focused on its targets.



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The Senior Management Committee is in charge of overseeing the day-to-day management of the organization's operations. It directs and oversees the research, capacity building, and communications activities. It is led by the Managing Director.



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