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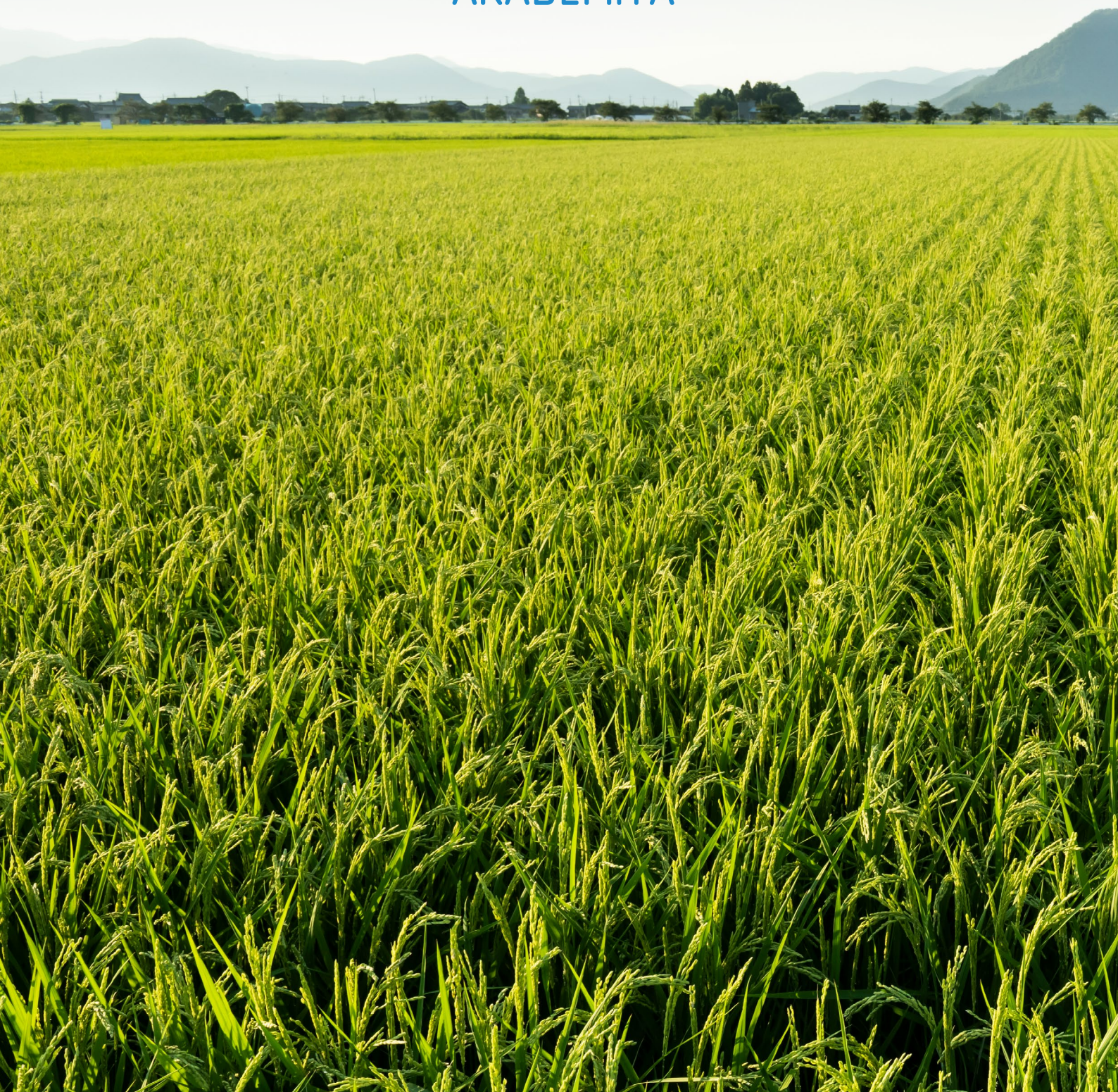
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About AKADEMIYA2063

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: 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 into five strategic areas—policy intelligence, knowledge systems, data intelligence and governance, as well as partnerships, and communication and outreach activities.







Our Flagship Programs

AKADEMIYA2063 houses **seven Africa-wide programs** – ReSAKSS, AGRODEP, the Malabo Montpellier Panel, AAgWa, AfMAR, AfTOP, and FS-COR, to support the implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) and promote effective evidence-based development policies across Africa. Our flagship 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 collaboration 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 exclusively 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.

AfMAR, AfTOP, and FS-COR – AKADEMIYA2063 recently transitioned three initiatives into its flagship program portfolio. These include: the African Mitigation and Adaptation Review (AfMAR) digital platform, which provides a unified and comprehensive tracking system to monitor countries’ progress in implementing climate change initiatives; the Africa Trade Outlook Portal (AfTOP), a centralized, user-friendly, and interactive online platform that provides data and analytics on global and regional African trade in agricultural and food commodities; and the Food System Crisis Observatory and Response (FS-COR) mechanism designed to provide insights on high-risk and vulnerable communities to assess the potential impacts of shocks on their nutritional status. These programs aim to provide policymakers and other stakeholders with high-quality data and analytics to support climate action, strengthen responses to market shocks, and facilitate better-targeted policy interventions to improve resilience.

People, Talent & Culture

AKADEMIYA2063 operates five distinct Departments, each contributing to our unique capabilities. These include Data Intelligence and Governance, Knowledge Systems, Policy Intelligence, Communication and Outreach, and Finance and Administration.

With over 40 professional staff, including 13 PhD-qualified scientists, AKADEMIYA2063 provides expertise in economic modeling, AI, machine learning, and remote sensing, applied to a range of areas, including trade, climate change, and nutrition, as well as capacity strengthening, knowledge management, monitoring and evaluation, and policy planning. Our expertise also comprises the development of interactive data platforms for dissemination and ease of access to our knowledge products and services. Overall, AKADEMIYA2063 staff come from 14 countries, 44% of whom are women.

- Benin
- Cameroon
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Germany
- Nigeria
- Niger
- Republic of the Congo
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Uganda
- USA
- UK
- Zimbabwe



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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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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