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# Launch Event of the Digitally Enabled Resilience and Nutrition Policy Innovations (**DERPin**) Project



Hosted by **AKADEMIYA2063** and  
the **Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO)**

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**9:30 AM**

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Kigali, Rwanda & Online

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Countries in Africa are among the most vulnerable to climate shocks in the world. Increasingly erratic rainfall regimes, droughts, and temperature spikes, as well as more frequent and more intense weather phenomena, have destructive impacts on food systems, destroy infrastructure assets, and upend livelihoods. High levels of vulnerability and low absorptive capacity compound the disruptive effects of climate change as well as other shocks, such as COVID-19, the war in Ukraine, and the resulting trade disruptions. However, the real challenge facing African countries is not the level of exposure per se, but the lack of capacity to anticipate and respond so as to prevent shocks from resulting in large-scale disruption, irreversible damage to livelihoods, and putting at jeopardy recent economic and development gains.

Data, analytics, and platforms for learning, exchange, and innovation at the highest levels of policymaking can help develop game-changing, transformative solutions and accelerate implementation to contribute more effectively and at scale to the realization of the food system and resilience ambitions across African countries.

In order to support improved planning and decision-making across food systems, AKADEMIYA2063 has recently been awarded a grant by Germany's Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to implement the “*Digitally Enabled Resilience and Nutrition Policy Innovations (DERPIn) project*” over a three-year period in five African countries – Benin, Ghana, Malawi, Uganda, and Senegal – jointly with the Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO) and invited local partners.

The DERPIn project aims to foster the capacity and agility of government planners and private sector operators, including smallholder farmers and their organizations, to craft adapted, gender-sensitive, and impactful policies and programs to advance food systems transformation and enhance resilience to shocks. It does so through a combination of digitally-enabled, customizable tools, data, and analytical products to cater to the needs of a broad range of stakeholders including government, the private sector, and most crucially food systems actors including smallholder farmers.

The project responds directly to the broader African agenda laid out in the Malabo Declaration, the AU Common Position on Food Systems Transformation, the AU Climate Change Strategy, and the African Green Recovery Action Plan.



## Preliminary Agenda

9:30 AM	Registration & Coffee
10:00 AM	<b>Welcome</b> Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063
10:10 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Dr. Olivier Kamana, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), Rwanda
10:15 AM	<b>Innovation for sustainable food systems transformation</b> Ms. Barbara Krause, GIZ
10:20 AM	<b>Introduction to the DERPin project</b> Dr. Katrin Glatzel, AKADEMIYA2063
10:30 AM	<b>Moving from re-building to withstanding crises: the farmers' perspectives</b> Dr. Babafemi Oyewole, PAFO
10:40 AM	<b>The country-specific context</b> Nestor Ahoyo Adjovi - National Institute of Agricultural Research (INRAB) Prof. Amos Laar – University of Ghana Prof. Charles Jumbe - Center for Agricultural Research and Development (CARD) Dr. Isaac Shinyekwa - Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC) Dr. Cheikh Sadibou Fall- Senegalese Institute of Agricultural Research (BAME-ISRA) Representatives of regional (SACAU, ROPPA, EAFF) and national PAFO members
11:50 AM	<b>Digital platforms and tools as enablers for policy change</b> Dr. Racine Ly, AKADEMIYA2063
12:20 PM	<b>Understanding, learning from, and replicating positive change</b> Dr. Katrin Glatzel, AKADEMIYA2063
12:30 PM	<b>Next steps and conclusion</b> Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063
12:35 PM	Lunch





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