

AFRICA AGRICULTURE TRADE MONITOR AATM 2023

LAUNCHING THE 6TH EDITION

Plenary: Trade & Markets

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Selous Hall | Julius Nyerere International Convention
Centre | Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



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The Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) is produced and published under the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium and the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) programs as a collaborative effort by AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). It builds on the work of both organizations in support of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

The annual flagship report is a leading continental publication and a key source of evidence on trends in African agricultural trade and policies, using high-quality data and analytics to review Africa's progress in the area of trade in general, including critical topics for trade in Africa's agrifood sector.

Designed to strengthen evidence-based policymaking in agricultural trade, the five editions of the AATM published since 2018 have covered:

1. The impact of COVID-19 on African agricultural trade;
2. The role of informal cross-border flows in Africa's trade;
3. The potential impact of global trade tensions;
4. Major developments affecting Africa's trade performance;
5. The potentially transformative impact of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on the region's economies.

The 6th edition of the AATM will be unveiled at the Africa Food Systems Forum (AGRF) 2023 Summit. The report will be launched during the "Trade and Markets" session at the AGRF, where participants will gain insights into the latest trends in Africa's agricultural trade. As in prior editions, this sixth AATM provides improved trade statistics and uses consistent indicators to monitor trends in Africa's participation in global trade as well as the status of intra-African trade.

The report delves into thorough analysis of regional and continental trade in agriculture and selected value chains using accurate statistics relevant to the sector. This edition focuses on the role of regional trade agreements in boosting intra-African trade, the nutritional content of major traded products, the competitiveness of the cotton value chain, and the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war on African agriculture, trade, and food systems. The report equally examines the patterns of trade integration of the East African Community (EAC) and analyzes the main factors limiting the free movement of agricultural goods within the region.

PLENARY: TRADE & MARKETS

The session aims to share experiences on successful trade and markets policies and interventions contributing towards achieving sustainable and resilient food systems. Critical to increased trade in Africa is ensuring an enabling environment that encourages increased private sector investments to address the significant gaps in infrastructure and access to finance. The successful implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement will require the combined efforts of governments, the private sector, and other critical stakeholders such as the Regional Economic Communities, research institutions among others. Through interactive discussions, the session delves into the policy and regulatory environment on the continent, infrastructure gaps that limit increased intra-African trade, lack of access to finance, especially to small-scale traders, women and youth. By critically analysing the trade and market dynamics, this session contributes to identifying strategies and policy recommendations for transforming the current food systems into one that is sustainable, inclusive and resilient.

Moderator:

Ms. Femi Oke, International Journalist, Broadcaster and Moderator

Keynote and Framing Remarks

Lionel Zinsou, Former Prime Minister, Benin

Melinda Bohannon, Director General, Humanitarian and Development, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) Launch» **Keynote**

Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

» **AATM Video**» **Presentation of the AATM 2023 Report**

Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

Dr. Johan Swinnen, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Panel Discussion» **Trade Infrastructure, Finance, and Engagement**

Hon. Chipoka Mulenga, Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry, Zambia

Hon. Dr. Khalid Salum Mohamed, Minister of Infrastructure, Communication and Transport, Tanzania

Hon. Simplex Chithyola Banda, Minister of Trade and Industry, Malawi

Ms. Monica Hangi, Regional Senior Director, TradeMark Africa

Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

Mr. Mahesh Patel, CEO, ETG Group

Closing Remarks

Dr. Gerardine Mukeshimana, Vice-President, International Fund of Agricultural Development (IFAD)



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