AKADEMIYA2063 Launches 3rd Edition of the ReSAKSS Data Challenge

Kigali, September 5, 2022 – AKADEMIYA2063, through the Regional Strategic Analysis Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS), has launched the third edition of the ReSAKSS Data Challenge to drive data innovation in the international development sector. The ReSAKSS Data Challenge is a competition for enthusiastic data users to showcase their creativity and analytical skills by using data and other resources on the ReSAKSS, eAtlas, and Africa Agriculture Watch (AAgWa) websites to develop innovative knowledge products that address development challenges in Africa. Competing under four main categories, namely, Essay and Report, Visual Arts, IT Products and Services/Predictive Modeling, and High School Project, contestants will explore a wide range of resources, data, reports, reviews, and publications on the digital platforms, using the knowledge to hack solutions relevant to any given sector and win prizes for innovative discoveries.

"Launched in 2018, the ReSAKSS Data Challenge presents a unique opportunity for innovation, learning, and exposure for data enthusiasts in Africa and the Diaspora," said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063 Executive Chairperson. "Through this competition, data enthusiasts gain access to critical data and other resources instrumental to policy and program interventions across Africa, with the chance to propose innovative solutions in a category where they can demonstrate their creativity and competencies. We are excited to host another edition and hope to reveal a talented cohort of winners with groundbreaking projects," he said.

The challenge is open to analysts, graphic designers, high school students, IT specialists, researchers, university students, and anyone else in Africa (and the Diaspora), passionate about using data to communicate and address development challenges faced by Africa. AKADEMIYA2063 will award the most innovative projects under each category, with the first prize capped at 1500 USD. The winners will be awarded during the 2022 ReSAKSS Annual Conference scheduled for October 25-27 in Harare, Zimbabwe. The deadline for applications is September 30.

About ReSAKSS

Established in 2006 under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) supports efforts to promote evidence and outcome-based policy planning and implementation. In particular, 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 (AUDA-NEPAD), and leading Regional Economic Communities (RECs). The mission of AKADEMIYA2063 is to provide data, policy analysis, and capacity-strengthening support to enable African Union (AU) Member States to achieve economic transformation and shared prosperity in support of the AU's Agenda 2063. As the main platform for monitoring CAADP implementation, 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. In addition to tracking progress on CAADP core indicators, the ATOR presents analysis on a feature topic of strategic importance to the CAADP agenda each year. For more information, visit www.akademiya2063.org; https://data-challenge.resakss.org/.

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