

# 2024 ReSAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Advancing the Climate and Bioeconomy Agenda in Africa for Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems



**October 1–3**

📍 Policy Center for the New South  
Rabat, Morocco

# AGENDA

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 1, 2024

## MORNING

8:00 – 9:00: Registration & Welcome Coffee

9:00 – 10:30: Side Events 1 and 2 [90 min.]

- » Side Event 1 – Policy Center for the New South – Masterclass 2 (F1-04)  
*CAADP Biennial Review Decision Support Tool (DST): Conceptual Framework, Data Sources, and Application*
- » Side Event 2 – Policy Center for the New South – Masterclass 1 (F1-03)  
*Information and Knowledge Sharing on the Post-Malabo CAADP Agenda*

10:30 – 11:00: Coffee Break & Networking [30 min.]

11:00 – 12:30: Side Events 3 and 4 [90 min.]

- » Side Event 3 – Policy Center for the New South – Masterclass 2 (F1-04)  
*Financing Circular Bioeconomy for Climate Resilience*
- » Side Event 4 – Policy Center for the New South – Masterclass 1 (F1-03)  
*Updates on Local Analysis Networks and e-Atlas Revamping for Kenya, Mozambique, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Senegal, Burkina Faso, and Burundi*

12:30 – 13:00: Networking [30 min.]

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch

## AFTERNOON

### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 2024 RESAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Auditorium

**Plenary Session I:** *Building Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Africa: Harnessing and Scaling up Actions on Climate Change and Bioeconomy*

**Chairperson:** Dr. Karim El Aynaoui, Executive President, Policy Center for the New South

14:00 – 14:25: INSTALLATION OF ATTENDEES

14:30: Welcome and Opening Remarks [45 min.]

- » Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
- » Dr. Kristy Cook, Acting Division Director, Policy and Strategy Division, Office of Feed the Future Policy, Analysis and Engagement, Bureau for Resilience, Environment and Food Security, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)
- » H.E. Mr. Tarek Ben Salem, Secretary General, Arab Maghreb Union (UMA) *invited*
- » H.E. Dr. Assia Ben Salah Alaoui, Ambassador at Large to the King of Morocco; Co-Chair, Malabo Montpellier Forum
- » H.E. Ambassador Josefa L. C. Sacko, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, African Union Commission (AUC) *video remarks*
- » H.E. Dr. Mohamed Sadiki, Minister of Agriculture, Maritime Fisheries, Rural Development, Water and Forests, Kingdom of Morocco

**15:15: Keynote Presentation – *Scaling Solutions: Advancing Africa’s Climate and Bioeconomy Agenda for Resilient Agrifood Systems*** [15 min.]

- » **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

**15:30: Overview of the 2024 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR)** [20 min.]

- » **Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu**, Director, Knowledge Systems and 2024 ATOR Coordinator, AKADEMIYA2063

**15:50: Moderated Panel Discussion** [60 min.]

- » **Moderator: Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

**Panelists:**

- » **Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa**, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, AUC
- » **Ms. Nadine Gbossa**, Director, Food Systems Coordination, External Relations and Governance Department, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
- » **Dr. Nancy Laibuni**, Associate Member, Council of Economic Advisors, Executive Office of the President, Kenya

**16:50: Plenary Discussion** [30 min.]

**Moderator: Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

**17:20: Concluding Remarks** [10 min.]

**Ms. Tsitsi Makombe**, Director, External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063

**17:30: Group Photo**

**18:00: Cocktail**

**END OF DAY 1**

## Day 2 – Wednesday, October 2, 2024

### Plenary Session II: *Climate Change Impacts and Opportunities in African Agrifood Systems*

**Chairperson:** Prof. Dilys S. MacCarthy, Associate Professor (Plant Nutrition), Soil and Irrigation Research Centre, School of Agriculture, University of Ghana

9:00: **Day 1 Recap and Day 2 Program Objectives** [10 min.]

- » Dr. Ndeye Yacine Barry, Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

9:10: **Presentation 1** – Tracking and Measuring Greenhouse Gas Emissions (methane and soil carbon) [10 min.]

- » Dr. Jean Paul Faye, Machine Learning Specialist, AKADEMIYA2063

9:20: **Presentation 2** – Impact of Climate Change on African Economies and Opportunities for Agrifood System Transformation [10 min.]

- » Dr. Mahamadou Tankari, Deputy Director, Capacity and Deployment, AKADEMIYA2063

9:30: **Presentation 3** – The Impact of Climate Change on African Agriculture [10 min.]

- » Dr. Timothy Thomas, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) **video presentation**

9:40: **Plenary Discussion** [20 min.]

10:00: **Moderated Panel Discussion** [40 min.]

**Moderator:** Prof. Dilys S. MacCarthy, Associate Professor (Plant Nutrition), Soil and Irrigation Research Centre, School of Agriculture, University of Ghana

#### Panelists:

- » Ms. Soha Benchekroun, Climate Policy Analyst and African Development Professional
- » Dr. Getaw Tadesse, Director, Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063
- » Mr. Alioune Badara Kaere, Technical Advisor on Climate to the Director General, Centre de Suivi Écologique (CSE)
- » Prof. Roberto Valdivia, Associate Professor, College of Agricultural Sciences, Oregon State University
- » Dr. Clement Adjorlolo, Head of Agriculture Division, AUDA-NEPAD

10:40: **Plenary Discussion** [30 min.]

**Moderator:** Prof. Dilys S. MacCarthy, Associate Professor (Plant Nutrition), Soil and Irrigation Research Centre, School of Agriculture, University of Ghana

11:10: **Coffee Break & Networking** [30 min.]

### Plenary Session III: *Africa's Climate Action Agenda: Vulnerabilities and Adaptation Options, and Financing*

**Chairperson:** Ms. Nadine Gbossa, Director, Food Systems Coordination, External Relations and Governance Department, IFAD

11:40: **Presentation 1** – Climate Risks and Vulnerabilities in African Agrifood Systems [10 min.]

- » Mr. Sambane Yade, Senior Associate Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

11:50: **Presentation 2** – Climate Adaptation Options in Africa: Adoption, Effectiveness, and Challenges [10 min.]

- » Dr. Getaw Tadesse, Director, Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063

12:00: **Presentation 3** – Innovative Financing Mechanisms for Climate Adaptation in African Agrifood Systems [10 min.]

- » **Ms. Cecilia d'Alessandro**, Policy Officer, Climate Action and Green Transition, ECDPM

12:10: **Plenary Discussion** [20 min.]

12:30: **Moderated Panel Discussion** [40 min.]

**Moderator: Ms. Nadine Gbossa**, Director, Food Systems Coordination, External Relations and Governance Department, IFAD

**Panelists:**

- » **Ms. Cecilia d'Alessandro**, Policy Officer, Climate Action and Green Transition, ECDPM
- » **Mr. Ayman Cherkaoui**, Director, Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training, Kingdom of Morocco
- » **Mr. Faouzi Bekkaoui**, Director General, National Institute for Agronomic Research (INRA), *invited*

13:10: **Plenary Discussion** [30 min.]

**Moderator: Ms. Nadine Gbossa**, Director, Food Systems Coordination, External Relations and Governance Department, IFAD

13:40: **Lunch** [1 hour]

## AFTERNOON

**Plenary Session IV**– *Bioeconomy in African Economies: Potential and Opportunities for Regional Cooperation and Integration*

**Chairperson: Prof. Christian Henning**, Chief Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

14:50: **Presentation 1** – The Converging Climate Change and Bioeconomy Agendas in the Context of the Post-Malabo Agenda [10 min.]

- » **Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu**, Director, Knowledge Systems, AKADEMIYA2063; 2024 ATOR Coordinator [10 min.]

15:00: **Presentation 2** – Business Case for Bioeconomy/Value Proposition for a Bioeconomy Transition in Africa [10 min.]

- » **Dr. Julius Ecuru**, Principal Scientist/Manager, Research Innovation Coordination Units, BioInnovate Africa, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

15:10: **Presentation 3** – Bioeconomy and Nutrition [10 min.]

- » **Dr. John Ulimwengu**, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

15:20: **Presentation 4** – Bioeconomy Pathways: Experience from Africa, Asia, and Latin America [10 min.]

- » **Dr. Aisha Musazi S. Nakitto**, Scientist and Interim Program Lead, Malabo Montpellier Panel, AKADEMIYA2063

15:30: **Plenary Discussion** [20 min.]

15:50: **Moderated Panel Discussion** [40 min.]

**Moderator:** Prof. Christian Henning, Chief Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

**Panelists:**

- » **Dr. Aisha Musaaazi S. Nakitto**, Scientist and Interim Program Lead, Malabo Montpellier Panel, AKADEMIYA2063
- » **Dr. Julius Ecuru**, Principal Scientist/Manager, Research Innovation Coordination Units, BioInnovate Africa, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology
- » **Dr. Gideon Tups**, Advisor for Sustainable Agri-food Systems Transformations, GIZ

16:30: **Plenary Discussion** [30 min.]

**Moderator:** Prof. Christian Henning, Chief Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

17:00: **Plenary Spotlight – ReSAKSS Local Analysis Networks (LAN), e-Atlas and CAADP Implementation**

**Moderator:** Ms. Tsitsi Makombe, Director, External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063

**Presentation** – Overview of ReSAKSS LAN Deployment and e-Atlas Revamping [15 min.]

- » **Dr. Greenwell Matchaya**, Coordinator, ReSAKSS Eastern and Southern Africa (ReSAKSS-ESA); Deputy Representative – South Africa, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

17:15: **Plenary Discussion** [30 min.]

17:45: **Concluding Remarks** [10 min.]

- » **Dr. Getaw Tadesse**, Director, Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063; 2024 ATOR Editor

**END OF DAY 2**

## Day 3 – Thursday, October 3, 2024

### Plenary Session V– *Fostering Green Growth and Bioeconomy Development: Policies and Good Practices from Africa and Beyond*

**Chairperson:** Dr. Nouzha Chekrouni, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

9:00: **Day 2 Recap and Day 3 Program Objectives** [10 min.]

- » Dr. Paul Maina Guthiga, Senior Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

9:10: **Presentation 1** – Global Green Agenda and its Implications for African Economies

- » Dr. Koen Dekeyser, Policy Officer, ECDPM, video presentation

9:20: **Presentation 2** – Climate Action and Bioeconomy Transition as Key Elements of the Post-Malabo Agenda [10 min.]

- » Dr. Julius Ecuru, Principal Scientist and Manager, Research Innovation Coordination Units, BioInnovate Africa, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

9:30: **Plenary Discussion** [20 min.]

9:50: **Panel Discussion** [40 min.]

**Moderator:** Dr. Nouzha Chekrouni, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

**Panelists:**

- » Dr. Aisha Musaaazi S. Nakitto, Scientist and Interim Program Lead, Malabo Montpellier Panel, AKADEMIYA2063
- » Mr. Hassan Agouzoul, Director, Strategic Development Goals Action Strategy Center, Kingdom of Morocco

10:30: **Plenary Discussion** [30 min.]

**Moderator:** Dr. Nouzha Chekrouni, Senior Fellow, Policy Center for the New South

11:00: **Coffee Break & Networking** [20 min.]

### Plenary Session VI–*Consolidating CAADP Achievements under Malabo and the Post-Malabo Decade*

**Chairperson:** Dr. Layih Butake, Director, Communication and Outreach, AKADEMIYA2063

11:20 **Presentation 1** – CAADP Trends and Implementation Processes [10 min.]

- » Mr. Wondwosen Tefera, Senior Associate Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063

11:30: **Presentation 2** – The Critical Analysis of the 4<sup>th</sup> CAADP BR Cycle [10 min.]

- » Ms. Agnes Akwang Obua-Ogwal, CAADP M&E Advisor, AUC

11:40: **Presentation 3** – Status and Progress in the Post-Malabo Development Process [10 min.]

- » Dr. Hamady Diop, Post-Malabo Development Process Coordinator, AUC

11:50: **Plenary Discussion** [20 min.]

12:10: **Moderated Panel Discussion** [40 min.]

**Moderator: Dr. Layih Butake**, Director, Communication and Outreach, AKADEMIYA2063

**Panelists:**

- » **Dr. Olawale Emmanuel Olayide**, Research Fellow, BR Expert Trainer, Department of Sustainability Studies, University of Ibadan
- » **Ms. Faouzia Chakiri**, Head of Division, Food Security Department, Arab Maghreb Union (UMA)
- » **Dr. John Ulimwengu**, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI
- » **Ms. Constance Okeke**, ActionAid International; CAADP Non-State Actor Group (CNG)
- » **Ms. Panduleni Elago**, Senior CAADP Advisor, AUC

**12:50: Plenary Discussion** [20 min.]

**Moderator: Dr. Layih Butake**, Director, Communication and Outreach, AKADEMIYA2063

**Plenary Session VII–Closing Ceremony**

**Chairperson: Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa**, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, AUC

**13:10: Conference Conclusions and Way Forward** [15 min.]

- » **Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu**, Director, Knowledge Systems and 2024 ATOR Coordinator, AKADEMIYA2063

**13:15: Closing Remarks** [25 min.]

- » **Dr. Imane Thami Alami**, Head of the Scientific Division, National Institute of Agricultural Research (INRA); Member, AKADEMIYA2063 Board of Trustees
- » **Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa**, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, AUC
- » **Dr. Karim El Aynaoui**, Executive President, Policy Center for the New South
- » **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063

**13:45: Group Photo**

**13:50: Lunch**

**END OF CONFERENCE**

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