



## Researchers and Practitioners from the Climate and Energy Sectors Convene in Senegal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> AISESA Congress

*Over 100 researchers and practitioners will gather to promote and co-create inclusive, impactful, and African-led knowledge systems for the continent's sustainable development and climate action goals.*

**SALY-SENEGAL, September 16, 2025** – The African Institute for Sustainable Energy and Systems Analysis (AISESA), in collaboration with AKADEMIYA2063, and the National Academy of Sciences and Techniques of Senegal (ANSTS), will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> AISESA Congress in Saly, Senegal, from September 16–19, 2025.

Building on the success of its inaugural event in Cape Town, 2024, this year's congress will convene a dynamic and diverse group of young and early-career researchers, scientists, scholars, and practitioners from across Africa and the Global South. The event will provide an open and inclusive platform for forward-looking policy dialogue, knowledge exchange, and strategic collaboration. The congress will serve as a key moment to review AISESA's progress, present its work plan for the next two to three years, and deepen partnerships across sectors and disciplines.

"AISESA is committed to advancing Africa's energy and climate agenda through context-specific strategies that reflect the continent's development priorities," said **Prof. Youba Sokona**, AISESA Program Lead and Interim Board Member. "This congress builds on our active engagement in global climate action initiatives, including COP29, where we continue to advocate for inclusive, African-led solutions and strengthen institutional capacity to deliver long-term impact. AISESA was also on the ground in Addis Ababa during the just-concluded Africa Climate Week and Summit, where we contributed to the discussions on Africa's energy transition."

Over three days, participants will explore five thematic clusters: clean energy pathways for development; effective implementation approaches; policy and governance; finance and technology; and skills and institutions. These clusters reflect AISESA's strategic focus on transdisciplinary approaches that align with Africa's development goals and the global climate agenda.

"The second AISESA Congress comes at a pivotal moment for Africa's sustainable development agenda, as we enter the third phase of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) for 'Building Resilient and Sustainable Agrifood Systems in Africa'," said **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson of AKADEMIYA2063. "The thematic focus of this congress is consistent with our commitment to advancing climate action. By empowering emerging leaders and strengthening African institutions, we are laying the foundation for inclusive transformation across energy, climate, and agrifood systems."

The congress will also provide a space to strengthen networks, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and co-imagine future pathways for leadership, innovation, and influence.

"The National Academy of Sciences and Techniques of Senegal is honored to co-host this important gathering of emerging African voices in climate science and policy," said **Dr. Moctar Touré**, Chairperson of ANSTS. "This congress offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the challenges and opportunities facing the sector, with the aim of strengthening pathways for the advancement of climate and energy systems in line with Africa's sustainable development goals."

With broad multistakeholder participation from across the globe, the program of the 2<sup>nd</sup> AISESA Congress will feature high-level plenaries, breakout sessions, and cluster workshops designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration, institutional innovation, and strategic partnerships.

### **About AISESA**

Africa faces a distinct set of energy and development challenges ranging from persistent energy poverty, weak institutions, high financing costs, and growing climate vulnerability. The **African Institute for Sustainable Energy and Systems Analysis (AISESA)** responds with an African-owned, African-led approach rooted in research, inclusion, and systems thinking.

Operationalized as an independent program of [AKADEMIYA2063](#), a pan-African non-profit research organization, AISESA equips policymakers with the evidence needed to shape sustainable energy pathways. Our interventions help design national energy strategies, tailored to context, position Africa at the center of global scholarship on energy, climate, and sustainable development, and strengthen evidence-based decision-making across the continent.

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