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# PARTNER EVENT

## The CAADP Biennial Review (BR) Process

Promoting Data Use for Evidence-based  
Decision-Making

**September 8**  
**7:30-9:00 AM EAT**

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

**Organizers:** AKADEMIYA2063, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF),  
the CAADP Non-State Actor Group (CNG), and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

## Concept Note

Ever since its launch in 2003, the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) has promoted the use of evidence-based analysis and reliable data to guide decision-making and performance monitoring. This has been reinforced through the CAADP Biennial Review (BR) process which tracks the progress of African Union Member States toward achieving agri-food system transformation goals. The CAADP BR process has helped to underscore challenges and opportunities related to data availability and data use on the African continent. It has also introduced new indicators that were previously not tracked such as on women's participation in agriculture, youth engagement in agriculture, and dietary diversity in women.

The CAADP BR process has also made efforts to become more inclusive of diverse groups of stakeholders. For example, the CAADP Non-State Actor (NSA) Coalition has actively asserted itself as a key player in promoting the use of BR data by communicating and disseminating BR results and, for instance, bringing parliamentarians to engage more actively in the process. Efforts by AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) through the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) program to fill BR data gaps and improve data quality have established inclusive data clusters in target countries that bring together a broad group of state and

non-state local experts to support the BR process. There have also been efforts by ReSAKSS and others to improve the use of BR data and results through the production and dissemination of CAADP BR briefs that highlight cases where the BR has triggered policy adjustments in countries, reflecting the use of the BR results and recommendations. More recently, AKADEMIYA2063 and IFPRI have been developing an interactive user-friendly web-based CAADP BR Decision Support Tool that uses BR data to evaluate policy options for achieving desired outcomes at the country level.

Despite the above progress, more remains to be done. For example, recent BR assessments have noted limited awareness of the BR process in countries, inadequate utilization of BR data and results, and limited coordination and engagement with all key stakeholder groups.

Sustainably transforming Africa's agri-food systems requires timely and high-quality data that is used to drive evidence-based decision-making. Thus, AKADEMIYA2063, in partnership with the BMGF, AGRA, and the CAADP Non-State Actor Coalition, will host a side event during AGRF 2023 that will bring together a broad group of CAADP stakeholders to i) Review challenges and opportunities in promoting CAADP BR data use; and ii) Identify options, tools, incentives, and existing good practices for promoting greater use of BR data and results.

## Objectives

**The session sets out to deliver the following objectives:**

1. Assess current efforts to promote data use under the CAADP BR process.
2. Review challenges to promoting CAADP BR data use.
3. Learn about a web-based CAADP BR Decision Support Tool and its role in promoting the use of BR data and evaluating policy options.
4. Identify opportunities, tools, incentives, and good practices for promoting greater use of the CAADP BR data and results.
5. Highlight country and partner perspectives on efforts to use CAADP BR data and results and promote greater BR data use.
6. Discuss the importance of making the CAADP BR more diverse and inclusive.



## Expected Outcomes

The side event will allow participants to have a shared understanding of:

1. Current efforts to promote the use of BR data and results.
2. Options, tools, incentives, and good practices for promoting greater use of BR data and results among BR constituencies.
3. Opportunities for enabling more diverse and inclusive BR process to advance the transformation of African food systems.

## Provisional Agenda



**Moderator**

**Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu**

Director, Knowledge Systems, AKADEMIYA2063

### Opening Remarks



**Speaker**

**Dr. Ousmane Badiane**

Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063



**Speaker**

**Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa**

Director, African Union Commission, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (AUC-DARBE)

### Presentations



**Speaker**

**Ms. Tsitsi Makombe**

Director, External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063



**Speaker**

**Dr. Samuel Benin**

Deputy Director, Africa Office, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

### Panel Discussion



**Speaker**

**Ms. Constance Okeke**

Project Manager, ActionAid International & CAADP Non-State Actor Group (CNG)



**Speaker**

**Prof. Joao Mutondo**

Faculty of Agronomy & Forest Engineering, Eduardo Mondlane University, Mozambique



**Speaker**

**Mr. Boaz Keizire**

Head of Policy, Advocacy & Food Systems, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)



**Speaker**

**Ms. Josephine Helena Ongosi**

Principal Agriculture Officer, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries & Cooperatives, Kenya

### Closing Remarks

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

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