

AFRICA AGRICULTURE TRADE MONITOR (AATM) 2025

Launch of the 8th Edition

*Recent Trends in African Agricultural Trade
and Implications for Food Security*



 Tuesday, December 16, 2025

 12:00 — 14:00 (GMT)

 Noom Hotel Dakar Sea Plaza, Senegal & Online

CONCEPT NOTE

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AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), in partnership with AGRA, are convening a hybrid launch event to unveil and discuss the findings of the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) 2025.

This annual publication monitors and highlights trends in African agrifood trade, including intra-African trade, the continent's participation in global trade, insights into the composition of trade flows and the nutritional content, and the trade-food security nexus.

The 2025 AATM also focuses on the rice value chain and fertilizer trade, and assesses how the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) is reshaping trade among regional economic communities (RECs) and driving continental integration.

The 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 IFPRI. It builds on the work of both organizations in support of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and Africa's broader development agenda.

The annual flagship report is the only publication dedicated exclusively to African agricultural trade and policies and serves as an important resource on Africa's agricultural trade in regional and global markets and across selected value chains, using high-quality, sector-relevant statistics.

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

- The impact of COVID-19 on African agricultural trade
- The role of informal cross-border flows in Africa's trade
- Major developments affecting Africa's trade performance
- The potentially transformative impact of the AfCFTA
- The impact of the Russia-Ukraine War on African agriculture, trade, and food systems
- The impact of climate change on African agrifood trade patterns
- The characteristics of different RECs.

Event Objectives

This official launch of the AATM will convene a diverse set of experts from the research and development community, the public and private sectors, international and regional organizations, and other food systems stakeholders to discuss the role of agrifood trade in achieving food security and improved nutrition on the continent. Thematic areas to be addressed will include:

1. Trends in African agricultural trade, food security outlook, and recent developments in trade policy.
2. The status of intra-African trade and implications for domestic food security.
3. Africa's rice value chain and trade patterns.
4. The role of fertilizer trade in enhancing food security.
5. The impact of the AfCFTA on intra-REC and extra-REC trade, and the impact of World Trade Organization (WTO) membership on intra-African trade.

Provisional Agenda (GMT)

- **Arrival and Registration: 11:30 – 12:00**
- **MC: Dr. Layih Butake**, Director, Communication and Outreach, AKADEMIYA2063
- **Welcome and Opening Remarks [20 mins] 12:00 – 12:20**
 - **Dr. Ousmane Badiane**, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
 - **Dr. Steven Were Omamo**, Director, Development Strategies and Governance (DSG); Director for Africa, IFPRI
 - **Ms. Alice Ruhweza**, President, AGRA
 - **Dr. Andreas Schaumayer**, Head of Division for Food and Nutrition Security, Fisheries, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
 - **H.E. Wamkele Mene**, Secretary-General, African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat
- **Keynote: Presentation of Key Findings of the AATM 2025 [15 mins] 12:20 – 12:35**
 - **Dr. Sunday Odjo**, Deputy Director, Operational Support, AKADEMIYA2063
 - **Dr. Fousseini Traoré**, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI
- **Panel Discussion [40 mins] 12:35 – 13:15**
 - **Moderator: Dr. Cheickh Sadibou Fall**, Country Representative, Senegal, International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC)

Panelists

- **Prof. Chahir Zaki**, Chaired Professor of Economics, University of Orléans and Research Fellow, Laboratoire d'Économie d'Orléans
- **Dr. Trudi Hartzenberg**, Executive Director, Trade Law Centre (Tralac)
- **Dr. Anta Ngom**, Professor of Economics, UCAD; Expert in Gender Economics
- **Prof. Kevin Urama**, Chief Economist and Vice President for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, African Development Bank Group (AfDB)
- **Invited Reactions [15 mins] 13:15 – 13:30**
 - **Mr. Jonathan Hepburn**, Counselor, World Trade Organization (WTO)
 - **Ms. Laura Naliaka**, Trade Policy Expert, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
 - **Mr. Daniel Njiwa**, Director, Inclusive Markets, Trade, and Finance, AGRA
- **Q&A with audience [20 mins] 13:30 – 13:50**
- **Closing Remarks [10 mins] 13:50 – 14:00**
 - **Ms. Kathrin Cordes**, Advisor, Agricultural Trade, Sector Project Agriculture, German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)
 - **Hon. Senator Abubakar Kyari**, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Nigeria

Lunch: 14:00