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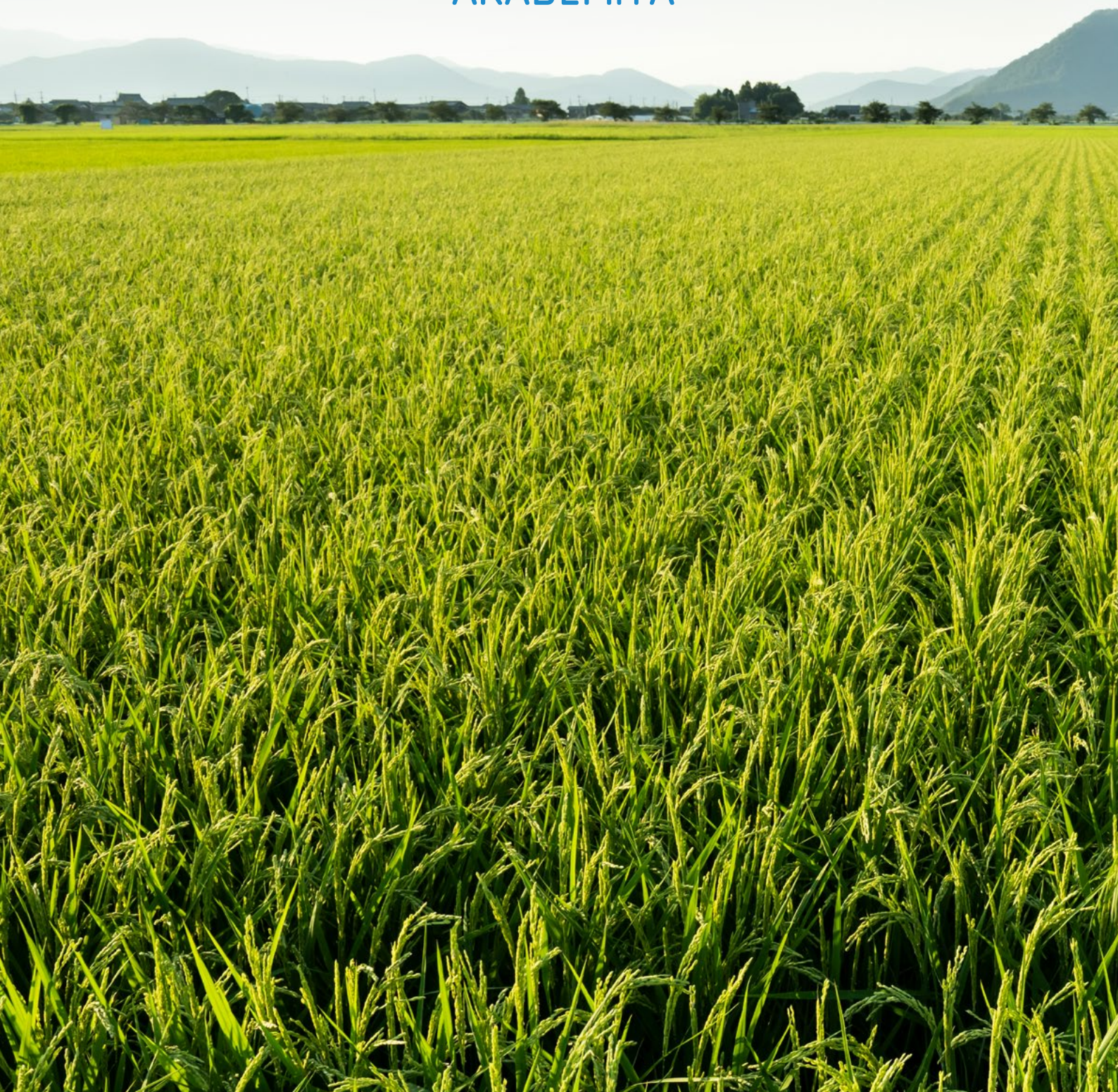
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AKADEMIYA2063 GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT





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A wide-angle photograph of a lush green rice field in the foreground, transitioning to a line of trees and a small village in the middle ground, with a range of blue mountains under a clear sky in the background.

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About AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is a pan-African non-profit research organization with headquarters in Kigali, Rwanda, and a regional office in Dakar, Senegal. Inspired by the ambitions of the African Union's Agenda 2063 and grounded in the recognition of the central importance of strong knowledge and evidence-based systems, the vision of AKADEMIYA2063 is an Africa with the expertise we need for the Africa we want. This expertise must be responsive to the continent's needs for data and analysis to ensure high-quality policy design and execution. Inclusive, evidence-informed policymaking is key to meeting the continent's development aspirations, creating wealth, and changing livelihoods for the better.

AKADEMIYA2063's overall mission is to create, across Africa and led from its headquarters in Rwanda, state-of-the-art technical capacities to support the efforts of the Member States of the African Union to achieve the key goals of Agenda 2063: transforming national economies to boost economic growth and prosperity.

Following from its vision and mission, the main goal of AKADEMIYA2063 is to help meet Africa's needs at the continental, regional, and national levels in terms of data, analytics, and mutual learning for the effective implementation of Agenda 2063 and the realization of its outcomes by a critical mass of countries. AKADEMIYA2063 strives to meet its goals through programs organized into five strategic areas—policy intelligence, knowledge systems, data intelligence and governance, as well as partnerships, and communications and outreach activities. For more information, visit www.akademiya2063.org.



Our Vision

The vision of AKADEMIYA2063 is **an Africa with the expertise we need for the Africa we want**. That is, an Africa where the available expertise is strong enough and mobilized effectively to meet the continent's development ambitions.

Our Mission

AKADEMIYA2063's overall mission is to create, across Africa, state-of-the-art technical capacities to support African Union Member States in achieving the key goals of Agenda 2063: transforming national economies to boost growth and prosperity.

Our Goals

The main goal of AKADEMIYA2063 is to help meet the needs of African countries in terms of data, analytics, and mutual learning for the effective implementation of Agenda 2063 and the realization of its outcomes by a critical mass of Member States.

Our Flagship Programs

AKADEMIYA2063 houses seven Africa-wide flagship programs that advance effective, evidence-based development policies across the continent. Our flagship programs, projects, and outreach activities strengthen knowledge systems, inform evidence-based policymaking, support agricultural and economic development, advance the Kampala Agenda for the third phase of CAADP implementation, and contribute to achieving the aspirations of the African Union's Agenda 2063—The Africa We Want.

ReSAKSS

Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System
by AKADEMIYA2063

ReSAKSS—Established in 2006, the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) supports evidence- and outcome-based policy planning and implementation across Africa by providing data, analytical tools, and knowledge products to inform CAADP benchmarking, review, and mutual accountability processes. AKADEMIYA2063 leads ReSAKSS in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Union Development Agency-New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD), and leading regional economic communities (RECs). ReSAKSS tracks progress on core CAADP indicators through its interactive website and flagship Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR), the official CAADP monitoring and evaluation report, which also features analysis on a topic of strategic importance to the CAADP framework.

AGRODEP

African Growth & Development Policy modeling consortium
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AGRODEP—The African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium brings together a critical mass of world-class economic modelers across Africa to address the continent's strategic development challenges and its evolving analytical needs, including those of CAADP. AGRODEP facilitates access to economic modeling tools and data and provides training, research grants, and networking opportunities that strengthen the capacity of Africa-based experts and foster collaboration with peers across the globe. AGRODEP network members also contribute to the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM), an annual flagship report on African agricultural trade and policies, produced under the AGRODEP and ReSAKSS programs.

MALABO MONTPELLIER PANEL

Malabo Montpellier Panel—The Malabo Montpellier Panel convenes 13 leading experts in agriculture, engineering, ecology, nutrition, and food security to inform policy choices that can accelerate progress toward food security and improved nutrition across Africa. The Panel identifies areas of progress and positive change, examines what successful countries have done differently, and highlights institutional and policy innovations, as well as programmatic interventions with potential for replication and scaling across other countries. The associated Malabo Montpellier Forum provides a platform for policy dialogue, using evidence from the Panel to engage high-level decision-makers on African agriculture, nutrition, and food security.

Africa Agriculture Watch

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AAgWa—Africa Agriculture Watch (AAgWa) is a web-based platform that uses machine learning and satellite data to predict agricultural production for 11 crops across nearly 50 African countries, supporting decision-making, monitoring, crisis management, and intervention planning at the local level. By harnessing AI and remote sensing, AAgWa helps address data gaps across Africa's agrifood systems in terms of quality, accessibility, and timeliness. These technologies also enable the tracking and measurement of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other geophysical parameters, generating critical evidence for informed climate mitigation and adaptation policies.

African Mitigation & Adaptation Review

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AfMAR—The African Mitigation and Adaptation Review (AfMAR) is a digital platform for monitoring, reporting, and learning that tracks progress on climate action at country, regional, and continental levels. AfMAR strengthens the data and analytical capacity needed to measure and report progress under the Paris Agreement and the African Union’s mitigation and adaptation priorities. It tracks a common set of indicators to assess countries’ implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), including progress toward resilience and food security. AfMAR is currently being deployed as part of AKADEMIYA2063’s Accelerated Implementation of Climate Action in Africa (AICAA) initiative to support climate action across the continent.

Africa Trade Outlook Portal

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AfTOP—The Africa Trade Outlook Portal (AfTOP) is a centralized, interactive platform providing high-quality data and analytics on global and regional trade in African agricultural and food commodities. It brings together five areas: global and regional trade outlooks, the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM), ex-ante assessment of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) implementation, and digital visualization of disaggregated trade data. AfTOP builds on AKADEMIYA2063’s extensive experience in trade analysis and interactive data platforms, as well as its analysis of the effects of global, regional, and domestic market disruptions, including those arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and the Russia-Ukraine war.

Food System Crisis Observatory & Response

By AKADEMIYA2063

FS-COR—AKADEMIYA2063 has developed the Food System Crisis Observatory and Response (FS-COR) mechanism to predict the impacts of food system disruptions and support better-targeted policy and programmatic responses. FS-COR helps stakeholders understand patterns and drivers of community vulnerability, identify which communities are likely to be hit first and hardest, and assess options for strengthening their capacity to absorb shocks. It provides evidence to assess the impacts of food system disruptions on malnutrition, simulate alternative interventions, and identify priority actions to address micronutrient deficiencies. Already operational in six countries—Benin, Ghana, Malawi, Rwanda, Senegal, and Uganda—FS-COR supports policymakers and other stakeholders in making informed decisions to strengthen resilience to shocks.

AISESA

African Institute for Sustainable Energy and Systems Analysis

AISESA—The African Institute for Sustainable Energy and Systems Analysis (AISESA) works to reposition African researchers, practitioners, and institutions as central actors in shaping energy-system decisions through an African-owned, African-led approach rooted in research, inclusion, and systems thinking. Hosted as a program of AKADEMIYA2063, AISESA equips policymakers with the evidence needed to shape sustainable energy pathways. Its interventions help design context-specific national energy strategies, position Africa at the center of global scholarship on energy, climate, and sustainable development, and strengthen evidence-based decision-making across the continent.

People, Talent & Culture

AKADEMIYA2063 provides expertise in AI, economic modeling, diagnostics and scenario analysis, machine learning, and remote sensing, applied across a broad range of thematic areas, including agrifood systems, bioeconomy, climate action, crop forecasting, governance and policy innovation, nutrition, and trade. These capabilities are complemented by capacity strengthening, knowledge management, and monitoring and evaluation to support effective policy planning and implementation. The organization also develops interactive data platforms that facilitate access to and use of its knowledge products, data, and analytical services.

AKADEMIYA2063's capabilities are organized across five departments: Data Intelligence and Governance, Knowledge Systems, Policy Intelligence, Communications and Outreach, and Finance and Administration. With around 50 professional staff, including 15 PhD degree holders, AKADEMIYA2063 staff come from 15 countries, 41 percent of whom are women.

- Benin
- Cameroon
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Germany
- Guinea
- Nigeria
- Niger
- Republic of the Congo
- Rwanda
- Senegal
- Uganda
- USA
- UK
- Zimbabwe



Governance

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The AKADEMIYA2063 Board of Trustees is responsible for setting policies and evaluating and monitoring management's actions. The Board hires and evaluates the Managing Director, approves the long-range strategic plan, the annual plan and the budget, equally monitoring the organization's progress toward the achievement of its mission and strategic objectives. The Board ensures the organization's cost-effectiveness, financial integrity, and accountability, exercises oversight of investments, and ensures compliance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements.



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