



About the Conference

2018 ReSAKSS Annual Conference

Theme: “Boosting Growth to End Hunger by 2025: The Role of Social Protection”

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The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC), is convening the 2018 ReSAKSS Annual Conference to promote review and dialogue on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) implementation agenda. This year’s conference centers on social protection which comprises public and private initiatives that provide income or consumption transfers to the poor, protect the vulnerable against livelihood risks, and enhance the social status and rights of the marginalized with the overall objective of reducing the economic and social vulnerability of poor, vulnerable, and marginalized groups. Social protection initiatives in Africa increasingly aim to institutionalize systems that guarantee assistance for the poor and protect the vulnerable against livelihood risks. In the 2014 Malabo Declaration, Africa leaders committed to end hunger on the continent by 2025, in part, by integrating social protection with measures to increase agricultural productivity and committing resources to finance the integration. This commitment highlights the key role of social protection in advancing the CAADP implementation agenda. Moreover, the demand for social protection in Africa is likely to not only stay high but to also rise, especially due to accelerated growth, growing urbanization, and the growing frequency and magnitude of climate shocks.

The 2018 ReSAKSS Annual Conference will bring together state and nonstate actors to deliberate on key findings of the ReSAKSS 2017-2018 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR), which takes an in-depth look at social protection in Africa by examining: a) Africa’s experience with implementing social protection programs; b) knowledge gaps related to enhancing the role of social protection in consumption smoothing, inclusive agricultural growth and transformation, and building resilience of livelihoods; and c) policy implications for designing and rolling out national safety net programs in Africa.

The conference will allow policymakers, researchers, advocacy groups, farmers’ organizations, the private sector, development partners, and other key stakeholders from within and outside of Africa to

1. discuss issues and recommendations raised in the 2017-2018 ATOR—the official CAADP monitoring and evaluation report;
2. review progress in promoting mutual accountability through agriculture JSRs and strengthening the CAADP Biennial Review (BR) methodologies and indicators in preparation for the next BR in January 2020;
3. assess progress in the formulation and implementation of 2nd generation NAIPs that are Malabo compliant;
4. review progress in implementing the CAADP agenda and in particular progress toward achieving key Malabo/CAADP goals and targets; and
5. evaluate progress and challenges in operationalizing effective country strategic analysis and knowledge support system (SAKSS) platforms.

