



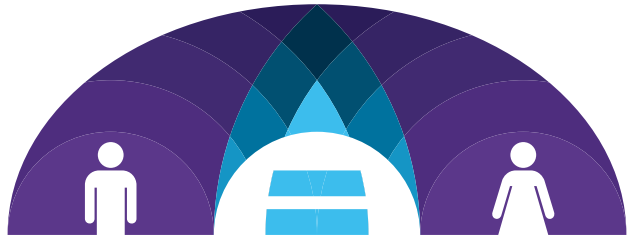
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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC), is convening the 2019 ReSAKSS Annual Conference to promote review and dialogue on the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) implementation agenda.

This year's conference theme **"Gender Equality in Rural Africa: From Commitments to Outcomes"** calls for deliberations on the key findings and policy recommendations of the ReSAKSS 2019 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR). State and non-state actors will reflect on how to apply a gender lens to various issues among rural populations. The conference will take place at [Hotel Sarakawa](#) in Lomé, Togo on 11-13 November.

MAIN SPEAKERS

Her Excellency Josefa L. C. Sacko

Commissioner, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission (AUC-DREA), Ethiopia

Noël Koutéra Bataka, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Production and Fisheries, Togo

Ismahane Elouafi, Director General, ICBA, United Arab Emirates

Apollos Nwafor, Vice President, Policy and State Capability, AGRA, Kenya

Ousmane Badiane, Director for Africa, Africa Region, IFPRI, USA

Rinn Self, Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

Bethule Nyamambi, Project Director, TrustAfrica, Senegal

John Ulimwengu, Africa-wide ReSAKSS Coordinator, Senior Research Fellow, Africa Region, IFPRI, USA

Sékou Sangaré, Commissioner, Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, ECOWAS, Nigeria

Afeikhena Theo Jerome, Special Advisor, AUC-DREA, Ethiopia

Agnes Quisumbing, Senior Research Fellow, PHND, IFPRI, USA

Michele Mbo'o-Tchouwou, Deputy Director, Programs, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD), Kenya

Fatmata Seiwoh, M&E Specialist, ECOWAS, Nigeria

Deborah Rubin, Co-Director, Cultural Practice, USA

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Jessica Heckert, Research Fellow, PHND, IFPRI, USA

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Felix Paulo, General Inspector, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Mozambique

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Elizabeth Nsimadala, President, Pan-African Farmers' Organization, Kenya

Djimé Adoum, Executive Secretary, Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), Burkina Faso

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Elizabeth Murugi Nderitu, Acting Director, Standards and SPS, TradeMark East Africa, Kenya

Samuel Benin, Deputy Division Director, Africa Region, IFPRI, USA

Susan Kaaria, Senior Gender Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization for the United Nations, Italy

Inga Jacobs-Mata, Country Representative, IWMI, South Africa

Mariame Maiga, Gender and Social Development Adviser, CORAF, Senegal

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

BACKGROUND

Established in 2006 under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) supports efforts to promote evidence- and outcome-based policy planning and implementation. In particular, ReSAKSS provides data and related analytical and knowledge products to facilitate CAADP benchmarking, review, and mutual learning processes. The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) facilitates the work of ReSAKSS in partnership with the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), leading regional economic communities (RECs), and Africa-based CGIAR centers: the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in Kenya, the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in South Africa, and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Nigeria.

As the main platform for monitoring CAADP implementation, ReSAKSS tracks progress of core CAADP indicators through an interactive website and a flagship Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR), the official CAADP monitoring and evaluation (M&E) report. ReSAKSS has also developed a country eAtlas platform, a web-based GIS tool for mapping disaggregated data on agriculture, socio-economic, and biophysical indicators. More than 22 country eAtlases have been developed to date and national workshops have been held in more than a dozen countries to review the underlying data and train country experts on managing the tool and related data. Four countries (Burkina Faso, Kenya, Ghana, and Rwanda) are using the eAtlas platform to draft policy relevant notes to support civil society organizations (CSOs) in their advocacy activities.

To strengthen mutual accountability processes at the country and regional levels, ReSAKSS, in collaboration with country stakeholders, AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, and other development partners, has been facilitating the adoption

of improved agriculture joint sector reviews (JSRs) that are regular, inclusive, and comprehensive. Since 2014, ReSAKSS has conducted assessments of JSRs in 23 countries and two RECs (the Economic Community of West African States-ECOWAS and East African Community-EAC) to evaluate both the institutional and policy landscape and the quality of current agricultural review processes and to develop action plans for improving or establishing best-practice JSRs. ReSAKSS also supports mutual accountability by providing technical assistance to the CAADP Biennial Review (BR) process, which reviews progress toward meeting the 2014 Malabo Declaration commitments, as mandated by African heads of state and government. In addition, ReSAKSS has supported the development and implementation of next-generation national agriculture investment plans (NAIPs) that are Malabo compliant through the (1) development of a NAIP Toolbox that outlines metrics, analytical tools, methodologies, and core programmatic components to guide NAIP design; (2) establishment of a NAIP Experts Group to provide technical support to countries as they elaborate their NAIPs; and (3) creation of a NAIP Task Force to provide training, backstopping, and quality control to the local experts. To date, NAIP analytical support has been provided to all 15 ECOWAS member states as well as Angola, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Kenya, Lesotho, Namibia, Seychelles, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Finally, to complement and anchor its activities on the ground, ReSAKSS facilitates the establishment of country level Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support Systems (SAKSS) in order to create the required capacities to meet data and knowledge needs of CAADP at the national level. To date, 14 country SAKSS platforms have been established in Benin, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. Where they are fully operational, the SAKSS platforms play a leading role in helping to meet data and analytical needs of country JSR, BR, and NAIP activities. SAKSS platforms work through a local analytical network (LAN) that links leading local centers of knowledge and they help the LAN to establish a formal working relationship with the ministry of agriculture. They also manage the country eAtlas data platform by collecting, updating, validating, and publishing the data on the ReSAKSS website.

OBJECTIVES

IFPRI, in partnership with AUC, is convening the 2019 ReSAKSS Annual Conference to promote review and dialogue on CAADP's agricultural transformation agenda among policymakers, development partners, researchers, and representatives of farmers' organizations, the private sector, CSO, and other key stakeholders from within and outside Africa. The conference will take place in Lomé, Togo on 11-13 November 2019 under the theme of "*Gender Equality in Rural Africa: From Commitments to Outcomes.*"

More specifically, the conference seeks to:

1. Discuss progress, research evidence, and recommendations on gender equality presented in the 2019 ATOR.
2. Review progress in promoting mutual accountability through agriculture JSRs and preparing the 2019 CAADP Biennial Review report to be presented at the African Union Assembly of heads of state and government in January 2020.
3. Assess progress in formulating evidence-based, Malabo compliant second-generation NAIPs.
4. Evaluate progress in operationalizing effective local analytical networks for SAKSS platforms to support CAADP data and analytical needs at the country level.
5. Review the status of CAADP implementation and progress toward achieving key goals and targets.

Each year, ReSAKSS produces an Africawide ATOR that presents analysis on a feature topic of strategic importance to the CAADP agenda. The 2019 ATOR discusses progress and research evidence on gender equality, a cross-cutting theme in the Malabo Declaration and a key commitment of the 2004 Solemn Declaration on gender equality in Africa. Applying a gender lens to various issues among rural populations will facilitate women's social, political, and economic participation in agricultural development and provide additional evidence needed to advance gender equality.

Gender-sensitive policies and programming are central to effectively advancing Malabo's agricultural transformation agenda. But what is the progress in achieving gender equality? What are the major challenges, and what are the effective means of overcoming those challenges? What are best practices and successful experiences in Africa and elsewhere? What can we learn from the research evidence?

The 2019 ATOR takes an in-depth look at gender in Africa by examining the intersections between gender and **i)** context and institutions, **ii)** assets, **iii)** shocks and resilience, **iv)** livelihood strategies, **v)** income and control of income, and **vi)** well-being. It draws on the conceptual framework of the **Gender, Agriculture, and Assets Project (GAAP)** that expands the sustainable livelihoods framework to examine more closely the links between assets, livelihoods, and well-being and how gender relations influence the constraints and opportunities along each pathway. As in previous ATORs, the 2019 Report also assesses progress toward achieving CAADP goals and the Malabo Declaration commitments using the 2015-2025 CAADP Results Framework.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Expected outcomes of the conference are:

1. Shared understanding of:

- a. Africa's progress in achieving gender equality, remaining gaps, and the way forward for ensuring that the gender targets are met in the context of achieving Malabo Declaration goals for agricultural transformation.
- b. Actions needed to further advance the implementation of the wider CAADP and Malabo agenda and ensure the achievement of its goals and objectives.

2. Shared lessons and experiences on:

- a. Preparation and required next steps in completing the 2019 CAADP BR Process as well as critical success factors in promoting more comprehensive, inclusive, and robust JSR and BR modalities.

- b. The formulation and implementation of second-generation Malabo compliant NAIPs.
- c. The operation of country SAKSS platforms in mobilizing local centers of expertise to support technical analyses, review, and dialogue processes in support of CAADP implementation.

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

Day 1, November 11: The morning will consist of side events taking place in parallel sessions. The side events will provide space for ReSAKSS partners to share their work as it relates to supporting evidence-based policy planning and implementation under the CAADP agenda. Topics for side events will also relate to the conference theme of gender equality. The conference will be officially opened in the afternoon of Day 1 and will feature a high-level keynote address and panel discussion on the conference theme.

Day 2, November 12: The day will focus on presentations and discussions of the different chapters of the 2019 ATOR.

Day 3, November 13: The day will continue with presentations and discussions of the 2019 ATOR and then turn to ReSAKSS core activities of supporting evidence and outcome-based policy planning and implementation under CAADP. It will include presentations and discussions of progress on and required actions for successfully completing the 2019 BR process and for advancing the formulation of NAIPs and operation of country SAKSS analytical networks.

DAY1: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019

08:00 – 15:00	REGISTRATION	Main Lobby
08:00 – 09:00	WELCOME COFFEE	Main Lobby
09:00 – 10:25	SIDE EVENTS	
10:30 – 11:55	SIDE EVENTS	
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH BREAK	Main Restaurant
13:05 – 14:30	SIDE EVENTS	
14:30 – 14:50	COFFEE BREAK	Main Lobby

OPENING SESSION OF THE 2019 RESAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

PLENARY SESSION I:

>>ALEDJO

GENDER EQUALITY IN RURAL AFRICA: FROM COMMITMENTS TO OUTCOMES

Chairperson: **Sékou Sangaré**, Commissioner, Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), Nigeria

- 15.00** **Welcome Note**
Ousmane Badiane, Director for Africa, IFPRI International Food Policy Research Institute, USA
- 15.10** **Opening Remarks**
Shenggen Fan, Director General, IFPRI, USA ([Video Address](#))
H.E. Josefa L. C. Sacko, Commissioner, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission (AUC-DREA), Ethiopia
Sékou Sangaré, Commissioner, Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, ECOWAS, Nigeria
Noël Koutéra Bataka, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Production and Fisheries, Togo

- 15.50** **Overview of the 2019 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR)**
Agnes Quisumbing, Senior Research Fellow, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division (PHND), IFPRI, USA
- 16.10** **Keynote Address: Gender Equality in Rural Africa: From Commitments to Outcomes**
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Monica Kapiriri, Development Facilitator, Mentor and Coach, Uganda
- 16.30** **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Djimé Adoum, Executive Secretary, Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), Burkina Faso

Panelists:

- Noël Koutéra Bataka**, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Production and Fisheries, Togo
- Elizabeth Nsimadala**, President, Pan-African Farmers' Organization, Kenya
- Apollos Nwafor**, Vice President, Policy and State Capability, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), Kenya
- Afeikhena Theo Jerome**, Special Advisor, AUC-DREA, Ethiopia

- 17.10** **General Plenary Discussion**
- 17.40** **Concluding Remarks**
Ousmane Badiane, Director for Africa, IFPRI, USA
- 17:45** **End of Day 1**
- 18.30** **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

>> MEZZANINE

PLENARY SESSION II:

>> ALEDJO

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN AFRICAN AGRICULTURE

Chairperson: Apollos Nwafor, Vice President, Policy and State Capability, AGRA, Kenya

08.30 Conference Objectives and Expected Outcomes

Tsitsi Makombe, Senior Program Manager, Africa Region, IFPRI, USA

08.40 How Empowered are Women in African Agriculture?

Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Senior Research Fellow, Environment and Production Technology Division (EPTD), IFPRI, USA

08.55 Women's Control Over Income: What Works and Implications for Women's

Cheryl Doss, Associate Professor, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

09.10 The Promise and Challenges of Gender Data

Agnes Quisumbing, Senior Research Fellow, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division (PHND), IFPRI, USA

09.25 General Plenary Discussion

09.55 Panel Discussion

Moderator: Apollos Nwafor, Vice President, Policy and State Capability, AGRA, Kenya

Panelists:

Stella Nassolo, Gender Statistician, Uganda Bureau of Statistics, Uganda

Mariame Maiga, Gender and Social Development Adviser, CORAF, Senegal

Némè Hélène Bali, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Production and Fisheries, Togo

Farzana Ramzan, Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor, USAID, USA

10.35 General Plenary Discussion

11.05 Coffee Break

>> Main Lobby

PLENARY SESSION III:

>> ALEDJO

GENDER: SOCIAL NORMS AND LEADERSHIP

Chairperson: **Ismahane Elouafi**, Director General, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), United Arab Emirates

11.25 **Gender and Social Norms in Agriculture: A Review**

Edward Bikketi, Research Scientist, INCLUDOVATE Research Hub, Kenya

11.40 **Gender and Leadership in Africa: Exploring the Nexus, Trends and Opportunities**

Michele Mbo'o-Tchouawou, Deputy Director, Programs, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD), Kenya

11.55 **The role of men in nutrition: Reflections from Malawi**

Elizabeth Mkandawire, Research Assistant, University of Pretoria, South Africa

12.10 General Plenary Discussion

12.40 Lunch

>> Main Restaurant

CONTINUE PLENARY SESSION III:

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GENDER: SOCIAL NORMS AND LEADERSHIP

Chairperson: **Ismahane Elouafi**, Director General, ICBA, United Arab Emirates

13.30 **Panel Discussion**

Moderator: **Ismahane Elouafi**, Director General, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), United Arab Emirates

Panelists:

Vitumbiko Chinoko, Regional Advocacy Advisor, CARE USA, Southern Africa
Paulina Addy, Deputy Director, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Ghana
Boaz Blackie Keizire, Head of Policy and Advocacy, AGRA, Kenya
Everisto Mapedza, Senior Researcher, Social and Institutional Scientist, International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Ghana

14.10 **General Plenary Discussion**

14.40 **Coffee Break** >>Main Lobby

PLENARY SESSION IV:

>> ALEDJO

GENDER AND ASSETS: PRODUCTIVITY, LAND AND FINANCIAL CAPITAL

Chairperson: André de Jesus Moda, Secretary of State for Forest Resources, Republic of Angola

15.00 **Why does gender matter for agricultural productivity in Africa?**
Agnes Quisumbing, Senior Research Fellow, PHND, IFPRI, USA

15:15 **Gender and land tenure in Africa**
Hosaena Ghebru, Research Fellow, Development Strategy and Governance Division (DSGD), IFPRI, Ethiopia

15.30 **Beyond Access: Gender Transformative Financial Inclusion in Agriculture and Entrepreneurship**
Martha Melesse, Senior Program Officer, Globalization, Growth and Poverty, IDRC, Canada

15.45 **General Plenary Discussion**

16.15 **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: André de Jesus Moda, Secretary of State for Forest Resources,
Republic of Angola

Panelists:

Inga Jacobs-Mata, Country Representative, International Water Management
Institute, South Africa

Vicki Wilde, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

Felix Paulo, General Inspector, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security,
Mozambique

16.55 **General Plenary Discussion**

17.25 **Day 2 Concluding Remarks**
Jemimah Njuki, Senior Program Specialist, IDRC, Kenya

19.00 **CONFERENCE DINNER**

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DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2019

PLENARY SESSION V:

>> ALEDJO

GENDERED LIVELIHOODS

Chairperson: **Rinn Self**, Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

08.30 **Building Inclusive Market Systems: Strengthening Gender Equality in Agricultural Value Chains**

Deborah Rubin, Co-Director, Cultural Practice, USA

08.45 **Building livelihoods for rural youth: A gendered perspective**

Jessica Heckert, Research Fellow, PHND, IFPRI, USA

09.00 **Gender and trade in Africa: Case Study of Niger**

Sunday Odjo, Senior Research Coordinator, AFR, IFPRI, Senegal

09.15 **General Plenary Discussion**

09.45 **Panel Discussion**

Moderator: **Rinn Self**, Senior Program Officer, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, USA

Panelists:

Elizabeth Murugi Nderitu, Acting Director, Standards and SPS, TradeMark East Africa, Kenya

Emely Banda, Communication & Demand Creation Specialist, HarvestPlus, Zambia

Hadja Nathalie Konan, Head of Gender and Equity Department, Minister of Agriculture, Guinea

10.25 **General Plenary Discussion**

10.55 **Coffee Break**

>> **Main Lobby**

GENDER, RESILIENCE, AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

Chairperson: **Samuel Benin**, Deputy Division Director, Africa Region, IFPRI, USA

11.10 **Addressing gender and social dynamics to strengthen resilience for all**
Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Senior Research Fellow, Environment and Production Technology
Division (EPTD), IFPRI, USA

11.25 **Towards Gender Equality: A critical assessment of evidence on Social Safety Nets in Africa**
Neha Kumar, Senior Research Fellow, Poverty, Health, and Nutrition Division, IFPRI, USA

11.40 **General Plenary Discussion**

12.10 **Panel Discussion**
Moderator: **Samuel Benin**, Deputy Division Director, Africa Region, IFPRI, USA

Panelists:

Susan Kaaria, Senior Gender Officer, Food and Agriculture Organization for the United Nations, Italy

Roman Malumelo, Coordinator, Donor Committee in Agriculture and Donor Group in Private Sector Development, Malawi

Meredith Soule, Field Support Division Chief, USAID, USA

Bethule Nyamambi, Project Director, TrustAfrica, Senegal

12.50 **General Plenary Discussion**

13.10 **Lunch Break**

>>> **Main Restaurant**

PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING MALABO DECLARATION GOALS

Chairperson: **Boaz Blackie Keizire**, Head of Policy and Advocacy, AGRA, Kenya

14.00 **Tracking Key CAADP Indicators and Implementation**

John Ulimwengu, Africa-wide ReSAKSS Coordinator, Senior Research Fellow, Africa Region, IFPRI, USA

14.15 **2019 CAADP Biennial Review**

Samuel Benin, Deputy Division Director, Africa Region, IFPRI, USA

14.30 **Development & Implementation of Second Generation NAIPs: Status and Progress**

Ismael Fofana, Research Fellow, Africa Region, IFPRI, USA

14.45 **General Plenary Discussion**

15.15 **Coffee Break**

>>Main Lobby

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Claude Bizimana, SAKSS Coordinator, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda

Nailshebo Meebelo, National CAADP Expert, PEMConsult, Zambia

16.15 **General Plenary Discussion**

CLOSING SESSION OF THE 2019 RESAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Chairperson: **Noël Koutéra Bataka**, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Production and Fisheries, Togo

16.45 **Conference Conclusions and Way Forward**
Ousmane Badiane, Director for Africa, IFPRI, USA

17.00 **Closing Remarks**
H.E. Josefa L. C. Sacko, Commissioner, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission (AUC-DREA), Ethiopia
Sékou Sangaré, Commissioner, Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, ECOWAS, Nigeria
Noël Koutéra Bataka, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture Animal Production and Fisheries, Togo

17.30 **End of Day**

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