



2020 ReSAKSS Conference Agenda

Day 1 –Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Date & Time	Session & Theme	Speakers
Day 1 –Tuesday, November 3, 2020	Plenary Session I–Sustaining Africa’s Agrifood System Transformation: The Role of Public Policies	Chairperson: Dr. Djimé Adoum, Executive Secretary, Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS)
7:00–7:30 (US EST) 12:00–12:30 (GMT) 15:00–15:30 (EAT)	Opening Session of the 2020 ReSAKSS Conference Welcome and Opening Remarks	Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063 Dr. Johan Swinnen, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Ms. Maura Barry, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development (USAID) H.E. Amb. Josefa L. C. Sacko, Commissioner, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission (AUC-DREA)
7:30–7:50 (US EST) 12:30–12:50 (GMT) 15:30–15:50 (EAT)	Presentation 1–Overview of the 2020 Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR)	Dr. Danielle Resnick, Senior Research Fellow, Development Strategy and Governance (DSGD), IFPRI
7:50–8:05 (US EST) 12:50–13:05 (GMT) 15:50–16:05 (EAT)	Presentation 2– The Past, Present, and Future of Agriculture Policy in Africa	Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063
8:05–8:35 (US EST) 13:05–13:35 (GMT) 16:05–16:35 (EAT)	Panel Discussion	Moderator: Dr. Djimé Adoum, Executive Secretary, CILSS Panelists: Honorable Sékou Sangaré, Commissioner, Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)



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		<p>Mr. Claude Bizimana, Chief Executive Officer, National Agricultural Export Development Board, Rwanda</p> <p>Mrs. Elisabeth Nsimadala, President, Pan-African Farmers’ Organization (PAFO)</p> <p>Dr. Atsuko Toda, Director for Agricultural Finance and Rural Development, African Development Bank (AfDB)</p> <p>Dr. Simeon Ehui, Regional Director, Sustainable Development, West and Central Africa, World Bank</p>
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9:10–9:30 (US EST) 14:10–14:30 (GMT) 17:10–17:30 (EAT)	Presentation 1– Mutual Accountability in African Agricultural Transformation (10min) Presentation 2– Aligning Macroeconomic Policies for Agricultural Transformation in Africa (10min)	Dr. John M. Ulimwengu, Senior Research Fellow, Africa Region, IFPRI Professor Njuguna Ndung'u, Executive Director, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)
9:30–9:40 (US EST) 14:30–14:40 (GMT) 17:30–17:40 (EAT)	<i>Comments from Discussants</i> Presentation 1 (5min) Presentation 2 (5min)	Dr. Samuel Benin, Deputy Division Director, Africa Regional Office IFPRI Professor Célestin Monga, Visiting Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
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7:00–7:10 (US EST) 12:00–12:10 (GMT) 15:00–15:10 (EAT)	Day 1 Recap and Day 2 Program	Ms. Tsitsi Makombe, Director, External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063
7:10–7:30 (US EST) 12:10–12:30 (GMT) 15:10–15:30 (EAT)	Presentation 1– Policies for Competitive and Sustainable Agricultural Production Systems: A Case Study of Ghana’s Recent Mechanization Interventions (10min) Presentation 2– Irrigation to Transform Agriculture and Food Systems in Africa South of the Sahara (10min)	Dr. Hiroyuki Takeshima, Senior Research Fellow, DSGD, IFPRI Dr. Claudia Ringler, Deputy Division Director, Environment and Production Technology Division (EPTD), IFPRI
7:30–7:40 (US EST) 12:30–12:40 (GMT) 15:30–15:40 (EAT)	<i>Comments from Discussants</i> Presentation 1 (5min) Presentation 2 (5min)	Professor Nobel Banadda, Professor and Chair, Department of Agricultural and Bio Systems Engineering, Makerere University Dr. Assefa Admassie, Lecturer, Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University
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8:00–8:20 (US EST) 13:00–13:20 (GMT) 16:00–16:20 (EAT)	Presentation 1– Seed Policies and Regulatory Reforms (10min) Presentation 2– Fertilizer Policies and Implications for African Agriculture (10min)	Dr. David Spielman, Senior Research Fellow/Program Leader-Rwanda, DSGD, IFPRI Dr. Gashaw T. Abate, Research Fellow, Markets, Trade, and Institutions Division (MTID), IFPRI
8:20–8:30 (US EST) 13:20–13:30(GMT) 16:20–16:30 (EAT)	Comments from Discussants Presentation 1 (5min) Presentation 2 (5min)	Dr. Edward Mabaya, Senior Research Associate, Department of Global Development, Cornell University Professor Thomas Jayne, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University
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Day 2 – Wednesday, November 4, 2020	Plenary Session IV– Policies for Inclusive Development of Modern Food Value Chains	Chairperson: Dr. Ismahane Elouafi, Director General of the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture
9:50–10:20 (US EST) 14:50–15:20 (GMT) 17:50–18:20 (EAT)	<p>Presentation 1– Policy Responses to Rapidly Transforming Midstream Value Chain Segments in Africa: The Case of the Millet Sector in Senegal (10min)</p> <p>Presentation 2– Institutions of Collective Action and Smallholder Performance: Evidence from Senegal (10min)</p> <p>Presentation 3– Why Food Safety Matters to Africa– Making the Case for Policy Action (10min)</p>	<p>Dr. Getaw Tadesse, Director, Bilateral Programs, AKADEMIYA2063</p> <p>Dr. Fleur Wouterse, Principal Researcher, Global Center on Adaptation</p> <p>Dr. Steven Jaffee, Lecturer, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Maryland</p>
10:20–10:35 (US EST) 15:20–15:35(GMT) 18:20–18:35 (EAT)	<p><i>Comments from Discussants</i></p> <p>Presentation 1 (5min)</p> <p>Presentation 2 (5min)</p> <p>Presentation 3 (5min)</p>	<p>Professor Tom Reardon, Professor, Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University</p> <p>Mr. Ishmael Sunga, Chief Executive Officer Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)</p> <p>Professor Sheryl Hendriks, Department Head, Director of the Institute for Food Nutrition and Well-being, University of Pretoria</p>
10:35–10:55 (US EST) 15:35–15:55 (GMT) 18:35–18:55 (EAT)	<p>Plenary Discussion</p>	



Day 2 – Wednesday, November 4, 2020	Parallel Symposia	Chairperson and Moderator: Dr. Debisi Araba, Managing Director, Africa Green Revolution Forum (AGRF)
11:00–12:00 (US EST) 16:00–17:00 (GMT) 19:00–20:00 (EAT)	Symposium 1– The 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit: Relevance for Africa and African Perspectives Keynote Address– <i>The 2021 United Nations Food Systems Summit: Relevance for Africa and African Perspectives</i> Comments from Discussant General Discussion	Mr. Adam Gerstenmier, Chief of Staff, United Nations Food Systems Summit 2021 Dr. Apollos Nwafor, Vice President of Policy and State Capability Division, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) Rapporteur: Ms. Julia Collins, Senior Associate Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063
	Symposium 2– Lessons and Actions for Effectively Rebuilding Africa’s Agrifood Systems Following the COVID-19 Pandemic	Chairperson and Moderator: Mr. Alain Sy Traoré, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS
	Keynote Address– <i>Lessons and Actions for Effectively Rebuilding Africa’s Agrifood Systems Following the COVID-19 Pandemic</i> Comments from Discussant General Discussion	Dr. Holger A. Kray, Practice Manager for Agriculture and Food Security, World Bank Dr. Martin Fregene, Director, Department of Agriculture and Agro-Industry, AfDB Rapporteur: Ms. Leysa Maty Sall, Associate Scientist, Department of Capacity and Deployment, AKADEMIYA2063



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7:00–7:10 (US EST) 12:00–12:10 (GMT) 15:00–15:10 (EAT)	Day 2 Recap and Day 3 Program	Dr. Katrin Glatzel, Director, Policy Innovation, AKADEMIYA2063
7:10–7:30 (US EST) 12:10–12:30 (GMT) 15:10–15:30 (EAT)	Presentation 1– The Competitiveness of African Agriculture: Revisiting Trade Policy Reform in Africa (10min) Presentation 2 – Political Economy of Agricultural Policy in Africa: Implications for Agrifood System Transformation (10min)	Dr. Antoine Bouët, Senior Research Fellow, MTID, IFPRI Dr. Danielle Resnick, Senior Research Fellow, DSGD, IFPRI
7:30–7:40 (US EST) 12:30–12:40 (GMT) 15:30–15:40 (EAT)	Comments from Discussants Presentation 1 (5min) Presentation 2 (5min)	Dr. Nadia Hasham, Trade Policy Expert, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) Professor Christian Henning, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kiel
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8:00–8:20 (US EST) 13:00–13:20 (GMT) 16:00–16:20 (EAT)	Presentation 1– Skills Development for Value Chain Actors in African Agriculture (10min) Presentation 2 – The Enabling Environments for the Digitalization of African Agriculture (10min)	Dr. Oliver Kirui, Senior Researcher, Department of Economic and Technological Change, Center for Development Research (ZEF), University of Bonn Dr. Heike Baumüller, Senior Researcher, Center for Development Research, University of Bonn
8:20–8:30 (US EST) 13:20–13:30(GMT) 16:20–16:30 (EAT)	Comments from Discussants Presentation 1 (5min) Presentation 2 (5min)	Dr. Ibrahim Gourouza-Magagi, Regional Director of the GrowAfrica, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD Professor Muhammadou M.O. Kah, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost and Professor of Information Technology and Computing, American University of Nigeria
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Day 3–Thursday November 5, 2020	Plenary Session VI—Progress Toward Achieving CAADP Goals	Chairperson: Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, African Union Commission, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (AUC-DREA)
9:00–9:20 (US EST) 14:00–14:20 (GMT) 17:00–17:20 (EAT)	Presentation 1— Tracking Key CAADP Indicators and Implementation Processes (10min) Presentation 2— Promoting CAADP Mutual Accountability through the Biennial Review Process (10min)	Ms. Tsitsi Makombe, Director, External Relations, AKADEMIYA2063 Dr. Greenwell Matchaya, Senior Researcher, ReSAKSS Coordinator for Southern Africa, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
9:20–9:30 (US EST) 14:20–14:30 (GMT) 17:20–17:30 (EAT)	Comments from Discussants Presentation 1 (5min) Presentation 2 (5min)	Dr. Joseph Karugia, ReSAKSS Coordinator for Eastern and Central Africa, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) Dr. James Oehmke, Senior Adviser, Food Security and Nutrition, Policy, USAID
9:30–9:50 (US EST) 14:30–14:50 (GMT) 17:30–17:50 (EAT)	Plenary Discussion	
Day 3–Thursday November 5, 2020	Plenary Session VII—Closing Session of the 2020 ReSAKSS Conference	Chairperson: Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, African Union Commission, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (AUC-DREA)
9:50–10:15 (US EST) 14:50–15:15 (GMT) 17:50–17:15 (EAT)	Closing Remarks	Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063 Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, Director, African Union Commission, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (AUC-DREA)