

# ReSAKSS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

**Moving the Technology  
Frontiers in African  
Agrifood Systems**



 **January 20–22, 2026**

 **Virtual Event**  **12:00 – 15:30 GMT**

**AGENDA**

## Day 3 – January 22, 2026

### Investing in Innovation: Policy and Financing for Technology Deployment

3 hours

Time (GMT)	Session	Duration	Invited Speakers
12:00 – 12:05	Reflections on Days 2 and 3	5 min	<b>Dr. Paul Guthiga</b> , Head of ReSAKSS Unit, AKADEMIYA2063
12:05 – 12:50	<b>Cluster 4: R&amp;D, Seed Systems, Institutional Enablers, and Policy Dialogue</b>	45 min	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Menale Kassie</b>, Principal Scientist and Head, Social Sciences and Impact Assessment Unit, icipe; 2025 ATOR Co-Editor</p> <p><b>8-minute Presentations on Chapters 12, 13, and 14</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Nurturing Africa's Agricultural Transformation: The Role of Investment in Research and Development (R&amp;D)</i> – <b>Dr. Gert-Jan Stads</b>, Alliance Bioversity-CIAT</li> <li><i>Policy and Regulatory Frameworks for Development of Seed Systems in sub-Saharan Africa</i> – <b>Dr. Moti Jaleta</b>, Principal Scientist, International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)</li> <li><i>The Role of Digitally Enabled Smallholder Producer Organizations (SPOs) in Promoting Emerging Agricultural Technologies in Africa</i> Smallholder Producer Organizations – <b>Dr. Fidele Eric Sessou</b>, Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited reactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Discussant 1: Prof. Ed Mabaya</b>, Senior Research Associate, Cornell University, and The African Seed Access Index (TASAI)</li> <li><b>Discussant 2: Dr. Joe DeVries</b>, President, Seed Systems Group</li> <li><b>Discussant 3: Ms. Sylvia Kyeyune</b>, CEO, Sterling Seeds Ltd</li> </ul>

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12:50 – 13:00	Break: 10 min		
13:00 – 13:50	<b>Feature Session:</b> <i>Innovative Financing for Agrifood Technologies : Reflections on Financing Pathways</i>	50 min	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. Katrin Glatzel</b>, Director, Global Strategy and Programs, AKADEMIYA2063</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Spurring Innovation and Science Policy in Africa</i> – <b>Dr. Tom Kariuki</b>, CEO, Science for Africa Foundation</li> </ul> <p><b>Invited Reactions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Ms. Cecilia D'Alessandro</b>, Policy Analyst, ECDPM</li> <li><b>Mr. Akim Daouda</b>, Manager, Sovereign Wealth Fund of Gabon</li> <li><b>Mr. Daniel Njiwa</b>, Director, Inclusive Markets, Trade and Finance, AGRA</li> <li><b>Mr. James Irungu Mwangi</b>, Co-Founder and CEO, Africa Climate Ventures</li> </ul>
13:50 – 14:35	<b>Insights and Implications for the Implementation of CAADP 2026–2035 under Kampala</b>	45 min	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu</b>, Former Director, Knowledge Systems, AKADEMIYA2063</p> <p><b>10-minute Presentation on Chapter 18</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Tracking Key CAADP Indicators and Implementation Processes</i> – <b>Mr. Wondwosen Tefera</b>, Senior Associate Scientist, AKADEMIYA2063</li> <li><b>Discussant 1:</b> <b>Ms. Jalwau Ahmadu Bello</b>, Special Assistant on Food Security and Climate Change to the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, Nigeria</li> <li><b>Discussant 2:</b> <b>Dr. Hamady Diop</b>, CAADP Post-Malabo Process Coordinator</li> <li><b>Discussant 3:</b> <b>Ms. Hannah Scheuermann</b>, Advisor, Global Project Sustainable Agricultural Systems and Policies (AgSys), German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)</li> </ul>



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14:35 – 14:55	<b>Closing High-Level Panel:</b> <i>From Innovation to Impact</i>	20 min	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Debisi Araba</b>, Managing Director, AKADEMIYA2063</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Ayo Sotinrin</b>, Managing Director, Bank of Agriculture, Nigeria</li><li>• <b>Dr. Paul Garaycochea</b>, Director for Sustainable Supply Chains, Agriculture and Food Systems, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ)</li><li>• <b>Dr. Martin Fregene</b>, Director of Agriculture and Agro-Industry, African Development Bank (AfDB)</li><li>• <b>Dr. Segenet Kelemu</b>, Executive Director, PanAfrican Programs, Mastercard Foundation</li></ul>
14:55 – 15:00	<b>Conference Closing Remarks</b>	5 min	<b>Dr. Debisi Araba</b> , Managing Director, AKADEMIYA2063

