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Moving the Technology Frontiers in African Agrifood Systems



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

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

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

