



2023 AGRODEP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

“Building Resilient African Food Systems
amid Health, Conflict & Climate Disruptions”

 March 21–23, 2023

 Nobleza Hotel, Kigali–Rwanda

 Join us Online

CONCEPT NOTE

About AGRODEP

The African Growth and Development Policy (**AGRODEP**) Modeling Consortium is a program of AKADEMIYA2063 that facilitates the use of economic modeling tools and promotes access to data and capacity building to drive Africa's economic development. To achieve this, AGRODEP provides training, research grants, and networking opportunities to a group of Africa-based experts, supporting collaboration with international researchers.

Since its establishment in 2010, the AGRODEP Modeling Consortium has sought to build a critical mass of first-class modeling experts within Africa's research community that can respond to the emerging and long-term demand for analytical knowledge on the continent. The goal of AGRODEP is to create a group of modelers that would take a leading role in the study of strategic development questions and the broader economic growth and policy debate facing African countries, including helping meet the analytical needs of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) implementation agenda. Since its creation, the membership of AGRODEP has grown to reach more than 230 experts across 30 African countries.

Objectives of the Conference

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, AGRODEP regularly held technical meetings and outreach events to promote scientific exchange among experts and interaction with policy practitioners, the latter in collaboration with leading organizations at the country, regional, and continental levels. AKADEMIYA2063 will resume this activity, starting with the organization of an AGRODEP Members Conference in March 2023. The main objectives of this conference include reviewing progress in AGRODEP activities, sharing research outputs, and strengthening the AGRODEP membership. More specifically, the 2023 Conference will seek to:

#1 Remobilize, strengthen and reconnect its members in their various networks, while helping them align their research interests with the most current and pressing development agendas to transform and build resilient food systems in Africa;

Offer members an opportunity to share their research work and most recent productions through presentation and discussion of their latest findings. As such, members will present illustrative practices, innovative research as well as new developments relevant for Africa's food systems transformation agenda;

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#3 Facilitate capacity assessment and provide networking opportunities to enable researchers to take a leading role in addressing strategic development issues facing Africa;

Offer current and prospective AGRODEP partners a platform to share their relevant ongoing work, as well as immediate opportunities of direct interest to AGRODEP members.

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AGRODEP members are invited to submit papers relevant to issues of economics development in Africa. Topics include but are not limited to:

- » Impact of COVID-19 in Africa
- » International trade
- » Value chain and financing analysis
- » Natural resource management
- » Climate change
- » Energy efficiency
- » Food security and nutrition
- » Food system transformation
- » Agricultural policy
- » Agribusiness development
- » Poverty and inequality
- » Gender and youth inclusivity
- » Database development
- » Micro-econometrics
- » Economic modeling
- » Impact evaluation
- » Livestock economics
- » Labor economics
- » Remote Sensing
- » Artificial Intelligence and machine learning
- » Credit risk modeling
- » SPS and food safety issues
- » Public health policy

Conference Date

The **AGRODEP** Annual Conference will be organized by AKADEMIYA2063 from **March 21-23, 2023**. The format of the conference will be hybrid, combining in-person and virtual participation.

Target Audience

The last **AGRODEP** Annual Conference was held in 2019 as an in-person event attended by more than one hundred researchers and actors representing several institutions and various interest groups. The 2023 Conference will bring together key actors from the AGRODEP network, including members and partners, to exchange on cutting edge economic modeling and research tools, access to data sources, training, research grants, and networking opportunities to enable them to take a leading role in addressing strategic development issues facing Africa.

Submission Requirements

For the 2023 **AGRODEP** Annual Conference, members of the various AGRODEP networks and partners are eligible to submit papers. The following types of papers can be submitted in English or French:

- » *Peer Reviewed Papers*: published research in academic journal or book that has undergone a peer review process.
- » *Working Papers*: including research papers that have not been published in a journal or gone through a peer review process. Working papers can be in various stages of completion.

Abstract Submission

Applicants are invited to submit a long abstract by December 20 2022. The long abstract gives a summary of the paper and should include:

1. Introduction: motivation, research problems, and the overall objective.
2. Methodology: approach used and data requirements.
3. Results: discussion on key (expected) findings.

References

Abstracts for submissions should be no longer than **1000** words. All submissions need to include 3 keywords. Decisions on abstract acceptance will be made by **January 20, 2023**.

Final Paper Submission

Authors of accepted abstracts are invited to submit full papers to be included in the conference proceedings via an online platform. Final papers must be uploaded through the platform by **February 28, 2023**.

Registration

[Register to attend online.](#)

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