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AGRODEP RESILIENCE INDEX MEASUREMENT AND ANALYSIS (RIMA) NETWORK

*Promoting Evidence-based Policymaking among
Africa-based Resilience Researchers & Practitioners*

CONCEPT NOTE

Introduction

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has been at the forefront of resilience analyses since the late 2010's, notably with the development of the Resilience Index Measurement and Analysis (RIMA) methodology, which has proven effective in measuring resilience for project monitoring and evaluation as well as needs assessment. In 2022, FAO and AKADEMIYA2063 have joint efforts to establish a network bringing together Africa-based practitioners and researchers working on resilience. The AGRODEP-RIMA network main target is active researchers (in particular, young researchers).

This initiative will be launched and operationalized by FAO and AKADEMIYA2063, as part of the broader support to the AUC agenda.

The AGRODEP-RIMA Network will be hosted in the AGRODEP modelling consortium and will include (i) a data section, (ii) a RIMA description and procedure section, (iii) a Shiny RIMA link and (iv) a chatting option that gives the opportunity to users to teamwork and share experiences.

The FAO RIMA and AKADEMIYA2063 experts will oversee the animation and monitoring of the network. Capacity building activities will be extended to academicians and other practitioners involved in resilience assessment. At a later stage, the network will facilitate a wide community of practice gathering experts, researchers and government officials who are using RIMA beyond CAADP/Malabo BR reporting in their daily work.

New and existing AGRODEP members who are interested in resilience analysis will find a community of practice to foster skills and carry out collaborative research and outreach activities. Other partners, including scientific Journals, Institutions and Universities will have the opportunity to collaborate with a strong community of local experts on the resilience agenda.





Benefits of Membership for Active Researchers

The RIMA network sets out to assist active researchers (especially young researchers), who are conducting/ interested in conducting resilience analyses in Africa. For example, they will be provided with support for publication of their research producing empirical evidence on resilience using RIMA, as well as for the organization of conferences for the dissemination of their work. In addition, the researchers will be invited to contribute to Special Issues with academic journals. The data mapping exercise developed by FAO (mentioned above) will allow researchers to access available datasets easily and rapidly on several African countries to engage in empirical studies for publication purpose. It will be possible to expand the types of services to be offered to researchers once the network is operational.


Eligibility Criteria


- All existing AGRODEP members already meet the criteria for RIMA membership
- Prospective members must hold a PhD obtained in the last 15 years, or an MSc plus relevant experience
- Prospective members must be based in Africa
- Prospective members must hold the [Shiny RIMA](#) badge delivered after following a training on RIMA – A training on Shiny RIMA will be organized in 2023 for final selection of eligible members

Short-term Plan

A short-term objective is to launch the AGRODEP RIMA Network and organize a first training session with members during the Q2 of 2023.

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