



ReSAKSS DATA CHALLENGE

Annual Newsletter



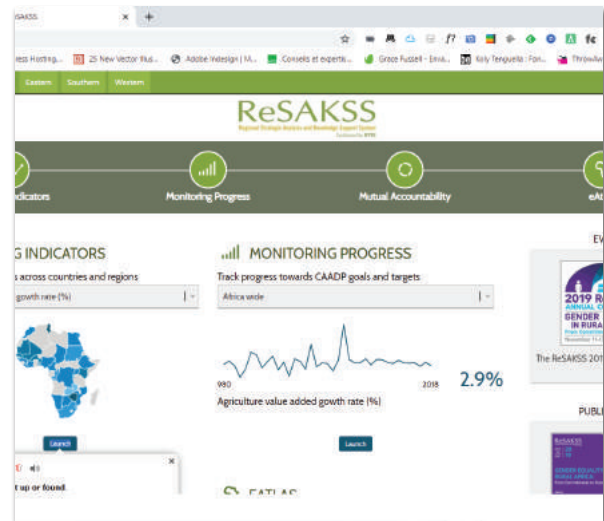
ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

- ♦ **The ReSAKSS Data Challenge** is a competition for enthusiastic data users to showcase their creativity and analytical skills using data and other resources on the ReSAKSS website to develop an innovative knowledge product or project that addresses a development challenge faced by Africa.

The ReSAKSS Data Challenge :

Aims to provide reliable data and numerous knowledge products on the ReSAKSS platform and encourage their use by actors in academia, business, policy, media, arts and the civil society at large. More specifically, the ReSAKSS Data Challenge seeks to:

- ♦ **Introduce the ReSAKSS platform and its associated tools to African audiences:** students, researchers, analysts, media specialists, artists, entrepreneurs, and anyone interested in social and economic development and related data and knowledge products;
- ♦ **Raise awareness about the available reliable data provided by the ReSAKSS website** and by the highly-disaggregated data available in the ReSAKSS Country eAtlases;
- ♦ **Encourage participants in the challenge to fully explore the range of data** and indicators on the ReSAKSS platforms;
- ♦ **Stimulate innovative use of data on African economies** to create knowledge, tools, and artistic products and services that will contribute to efforts to address matters of strategic importance to African society.



Explore the data on the ReSAKSS website: www.resakss.org



Dr.Ousmane Badiane seated with RDC ambassadors



Shenggen Fan, IFPRI DG, H.E. Josefa Sacko African Union Commissioner for Agriculture and Dr.Ousmane Badiane hand out awards to winners of the 2018 edition of the RDC Challenge

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

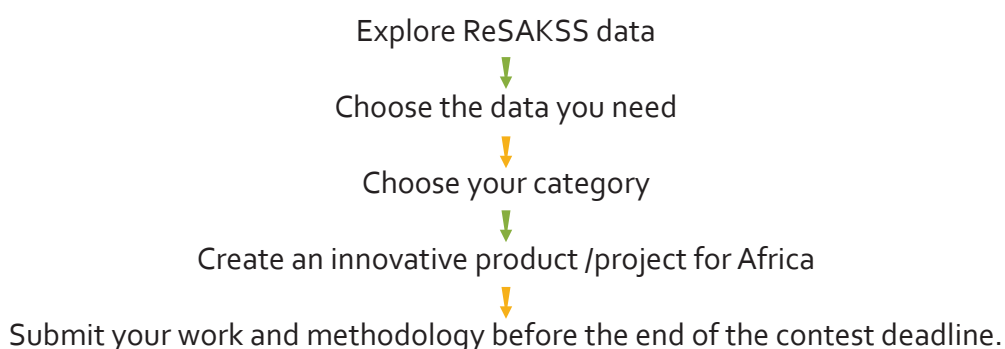
Target participants include but are not limited to researchers, analysts, students in all disciplines, artists, media specialists, coders, developers, high school teams, anyone in Africa and from the diaspora who is passionate about data and willing to create an innovative product or service relevant to social and economic development issues facing African countries.

The ReSAKSS DATA challenge is an opportunity for researchers and analysts to experiment, discover new tools, and create a community of practice that will work with data in the most innovative way.

It will enable a diversity of innovators, whether from business, the media, or arts, to create content in line with their own vocation. It allows civil society organizations to develop content for advocacy. More generally, diverse communities with different backgrounds can come together and use data to generate knowledge and share their common interest in data.







STEPS TO TAKE PART IN THE CHALLENGE



THE FOUR COMPETITION CATEGORIES

The ReSAKSS Data Challenge offers four (4) categories of competition:

-  **Essay and Report**
-  **Visual Art**
-  **IT Product and Service**
-  **High School Project**

For more information

Please visit
www.resakks.org/challenge
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THE COMPETITION PRIZES

The prizes to win for each category are the following:

\$ 2000



\$ 1000



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Christine Sagna, winner of the 1st prize in the Essay and report category for the 2018 edition receives her team's award



H.E. André de Jesus Moda, Secretary of State for Forestry Resources at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Angola, and Dr. Ousmane Badiane hand out prizes to winners of the 2019 edition of the RDC.

ABOUT THE FIRST EDITIONS OF THE RESAKSS DATA CHALLENGE

The awards ceremony of the ReSAKSS Data Challenge 2018 was held during the ReSAKSS Annual Conference, organized by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in partnership with the African Union Commission. The conference, on the theme "Boosting Growth to End Hunger by 2025: The Role of Social Protection", took place at the African Union Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 24-26 October 2018.

The inaugural ReSAKSS Data Challenge 2018 was chaired by H.E Mrs. Josefa L.C. Sacko, Commissioner of the Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture at the African Union Commission (AUC-DREA), Dr. Shenggen Fan, Director General of IFPRI, and Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Director for IFPRI Africa.

The second edition awards ceremony was chaired by H.E André de Jesus Moda, Secretary of State for Forestry Resources at the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Angola, during the Annual Conference of ReSAKSS in Lomé, Togo in November 2019.



Christine Sagna, winner of the first prize in the Essay and report category for the 2018 edition, gives a thank you speech during the awards ceremony.



A VERY HIGH PROFILE CHALLENGE

The ReSAKSS DATA Challenge is actively promoted on social media. The hashtag **#ReSAKSSDataChallenge** is used as a key word to research any information related to the competition. Audiences are regularly informed about the Challenge on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram. Even Senegal's President H.E Macky Sall tweeted about the ReSAKSS Data challenge. For the first edition, he congratulated Jesus Ekie, the winner of the 1st prize in the IT Product and Service Category via his own Twitter account!

Now it's your time to follow us on our social media to keep updated on the RDC!





MEET OUR AMBASSADORS!

Keyti and Xuman are among the ReSAKSS Data Challenge ambassadors.

These brilliant artists are famous rappers from Senegal who have created a new concept - a news program called JT Rappé - aimed at making young people aware of the many issues plaguing African societies. They produced a special ReSAKSS Data Challenge JT Rappé on the importance of data for Africa's agriculture and economy. The video can be viewed on our website: www.resakss.org/challenge



WINNERS OF THE 2018 ReSAKSS DATA CHALLENGE

The 1st prize

IT Product and Service

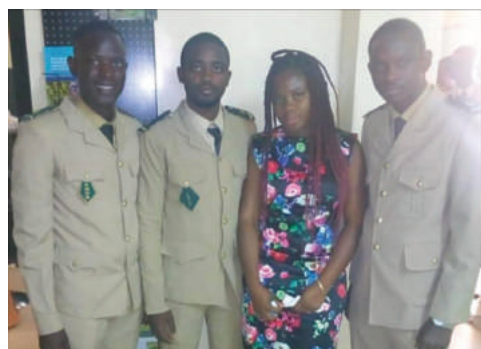
The first prize in the IT Products and Services Category was awarded to IT PhD Student, Ekie Y. Jesus from Cote d'Ivoire who developed a mobile application to facilitate access to the information, data and evidence-findings of the ReSAKSS program.



The 2nd prize

Essay and report

The second prize in the Essay and Report Category was awarded to a team of Senegalese students from ISFAR (Senegal's Agricultural and Rural Training Institute). The 4 team members include: Christine Valentine Noella Sagna, Elhadji Ibrahima Biteye, Sidoine Senghor, and Abdou-laye Sene. Using ReSAKSS data, their project proposes a new method to protect endangered plant species in the region of Bambey in Senegal.



The 3rd prize

High School Project

The third prize for the High School Project category was won by Nigerian national Oreoluwa Olorode, student from the International School at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. The fifteen year old contestant, Mr. Olorode made an ingenious video addressing issues faced by the African continent and used ReSAKSS data to illustrate his statements.





WINNERS OF THE 2019 ReSAKSS DATA CHALLENGE

The 1st prize Essay and Report Category

A team of Uganda's Makerere University students, namely Paddy Nsubugga, Ibrahim Kimeko and Aruhuura won the Gold prize in this category. Their submission addressed clean water scarcity in Luweero district in Uganda.



The 1st prize Visual Arts Category

In this Category, the Gold prize went to a Tinka William George, a final year Medical Student from Uganda. His work titled: "Improving Africa's Employment Rates and Decreasing its Hunger Issues" showcases his video editing skills while stressing various issues relevant to the African continent.



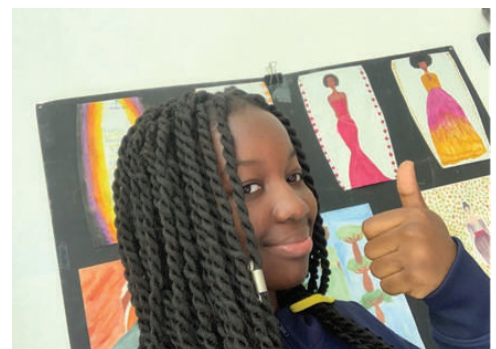
The 2nd prize Essay and Report Category

The runners-up (Silver prize) in the Essay and Report Category were Thierno Seydou Nourou Sy, Alpha Amadou Diallo, Ibrahima Ndong and François Nicolas A. Sagna – 4 Senegalese students from ISFAR (Senegal's Agricultural and Rural Training Institute). Their winning application is a project on biochar organic fertilizer.



The 2nd prize High School Project Category

In the High School Project Category, Marieme Mbengue student from the Senegalese American Bilingual School (SABS), won the Silver Prize for her video about hunger in Senegal.



The 3rd prize High School Project Category

Also in the High School Project Category, Aicha Toure Sama, student from the Senegalese American Bilingual School (SABS), was awarded the Bronze Prize for her Essay on deforestation.





ABOUT ReSAKSS

Established in 2006 under the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS) supports efforts to promote evidence- and outcome-based policy planning and implementation. In particular, ReSAKSS provides data and related analytical and knowledge products to facilitate benchmarking, review, and mutual learning processes.

The International Food Policy Research Institute facilitates the overall work of ReSAKSS in partnership with the African Union Commission, the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, the regional economic communities, and Africa-based CGIAR centers.

The ReSAKSS website www.resakss.org provides continental, regional and national level data and related analytical and knowledge products on the CAADP implementation agenda. This includes a variety of resources: data, charts, maps, technical reports, and other publications related to African economies. The data and other resources available on ReSAKSS cover agriculture, environment, health, economic growth, nutrition, climate change, poverty, and other topics.

The ReSAKSS eAtlas platform, featured on the ReSAKSS website, is a country-level geographic information system (GIS) based mapping tool. It provides high-quality disaggregated and subnational data on agriculture, socioeconomics, demography, health, infrastructure and biophysics for 23 African countries.

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