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AKADEMIYA2063 and the Centre de Suivi Écologique (CSE) Senegal Launch Partnership to Support the Promotion of Climate Mitigation and Adaptation through Food Systems

Dakar, October 17, 2022 – AKADEMIYA2063 and the Centre de Suivi Écologique (CSE) Senegal have partnered to support African Union (AU) Member States in meeting their commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. This support will include the design and implementation of programmatic policies and investments that drive sustainable and inclusive growth and promoting climate mitigation and adaptation through their food systems, with a focus on Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs). This partnership was developed under the framework of the Comprehensive Africa Climate Change Initiative (CACCI), a project funded by the United States International Development Agency (USAID), and implemented in partnership with the African Union, Michigan State University, AKADEMIYA2063, and the Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI).

"AKADEMIYA2063 is delighted to partner with CSE to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation efforts in Africa and the world over," said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063's Executive Chairperson. "The CACCI project, which we are implementing with the support of USAID, is critical to Africa's progress as we mobilize initiatives to drive climate action across the continent. AKADEMIYA2063 and CSE possess unique scientific expertise and research capacity, which we intend to leverage to accompany Member States in achieving their targets with regards to NDCs and NAPs," he added.

These objectives will be attained through three main components, namely: NDC and NAP implementation support, M&E and mutual accountability, and capacity building.

"The development of monitoring tools capable of supporting this effort and at the same time informing sectoral policy processes are of the utmost importance", said Professor Cheikh Mbow, Director General of CSE. He is committed to "work in close collaboration with all actors at the national level, convinced that all the actions planned within the framework of this initiative will allow an intelligent, professional, and fast execution of this program, to the great satisfaction of the government and its partners."

The partnership was launched during an event on October 17, 2022, at Radisson Blu hotel in Dakar.

About AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is an Africa-based non-profit research organization with headquarters in Kigali, Rwanda, and a regional office for West and Central Africa in Dakar, Senegal. Inspired by the ambitions of the African Union's Agenda 2063 and grounded in the recognition of the central importance of solid knowledge and evidence-based systems, the vision of AKADEMIYA2063 is an Africa with the expertise we need for the Africa we want. This expertise must be responsive to the continent's needs for data and analysis to ensure high-quality policy design and execution. Inclusive, evidence-informed policymaking is key to meeting the continent's development aspirations, creating wealth, and improving populations' livelihoods.

AKADEMIYA2063's overall mission is to create, across Africa and led from its headquarters in Rwanda, state-of-the-art technical capacities to support the efforts by the Member States of the African Union to achieve the key goals of Agenda 2063 of transforming national economies to boost economic growth and prosperity.

Following from its vision and mission, the main goal of AKADEMIYA2063 is to help meet Africa's needs at the continental, regional and national levels in terms of data, analytics, and mutual learning for the effective implementation of Agenda 2063 and the realization of its outcomes by a critical mass of countries. AKADEMIYA2063 strives to meet its goals through programs organized under five strategic areas—policy innovation, knowledge systems, capacity creation and deployment, operational support, and data management, digital products, and technology—as well as innovative partnerships and outreach activities. For more information, visit www.akademiya2063.org.

About CSE

The *Centre de Suivi Écologique* was created in 1993 with the status of a public utility association that brings together Senegal's Government, the private sector, donors, NGOs, and others. It is placed under the technical supervision of Senegal's Ministry of the Environment and is endowed with a legal personality allowing it to enjoy an administrative and financial autonomy.

Its main mission is to **“contribute to the sustainable management of knowledge, natural resources, and environment, through the production and dissemination of products and services aiming to help the Government, local authorities, private sector, civil society, research and development institutions, producer organizations and development partners in their decision-making process.”** Beyond its technical interventions in the field of environment, CSE must focus on the hotspots of the Senegalese Government and on the strategic interests of the nation, by contributing either to the implementation of programs related to sustainable development or to communities and ecosystems' fight for resilience, using geomatics among other tools.

CSE offers its partners and clients a range of products and services adapted to their needs. Its contribution is important because the environment and geomatics affect several sectors of economic and social activity. This reality makes it even more essential to have a catalyst organization that can bring together a wide range of interests for the development of Senegal and the sub-region (www.cse.sn).

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