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## Press Release

### **AKADEMIYA2063 and KIT Royal Tropical Institute Sign MOU for Impact Research Partnership in Support of Evidence-based Policymaking, Implementation, and Evaluation**

**Amsterdam, October 21, 2022** – AKADEMIYA2063 and KIT Royal Tropical Institute have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for strategic cooperation in strengthening Africa-based expertise and leadership in support of impact-driven, evidence-based policymaking, implementation, and evaluation. The MOU framework sets out to facilitate cooperation that leverages opportunities for joint research, technical assistance, capacity building, and outreach activities targeting African students, analysts, researchers, and policymakers. The MOU was signed during an event held at KIT Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam on October 20, 2022.

"AKADEMIYA2063 is excited to join forces with KIT Royal Tropical Institute to help strengthen data and analytical capacities toward better policy design, implementation, and impact evaluation," said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063's Executive Chairperson. "This partnership with KIT Royal Tropical Institute presents a unique opportunity for our organizations to leverage our scientific expertise to widen the pool of African researchers working to contribute to the continent's development goals, by providing platforms for training, knowledge exchange, joint research, and outreach," he added.

The thrust of the cooperation will be the development of training and capacity-building activities to be implemented under the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium, a core program of AKADEMIYA2063 and host to a network of over 230 African experts.

"Making impact, by making impact measurable: that is what this partnership is about," said Mark Schneiders, CEO of KIT Royal Tropical Institute. "By combining our expertise in the field of impact assessment and management, we stand stronger in our commitment to contribute to sustainable economic development," he added.

Other projected activities include joint fundraising for research, technical assistance, facilitating knowledge sharing and professional development of staff through secondments and staff exchanges between AKADEMIYA2063 and KIT, and organizing and participating in joint symposia, policy dialogues, seminars, workshops, and conferences related to areas of mutual interest.

## **About AKADEMIYA2063**

AKADEMIYA2063 is an Africa-based non-profit research organization with headquarters in Kigali, Rwanda and a regional office in Dakar, Senegal. Inspired by the ambitions of the African Union's Agenda 2063 and grounded in the recognition of the central importance of strong 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 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](http://www.akademiya2063.org).

## **About KIT Royal Tropical Institute**

Based at a national heritage site in Amsterdam, KIT Royal Tropical Institute is an independent center of expertise, education and hospitality dedicated to sustainable development. We assist governments, NGOs, and private corporations around the world to build inclusive and sustainable societies, informing best practices and measuring their impact. Guided by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations, our experts work across several impact areas including public health systems, epidemiology, sexual and reproductive health and rights, agricultural innovation, food value-chains, gender relations, and inclusive finance. The knowledge we generate is disseminated through assessment and advisory services, research, teaching, training, and agenda-setting events.

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