



Press Release

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AKADEMIYA2063 and the Initiative for the Adaptation of African Agriculture (AAA) Sign MOU to Support Evidence-based Climate Adaptation in Africa

Kigali, Rwanda, November 19, 2021 –AKADEMIYA2063 and the Initiative for the Adaptation of African Agriculture (AAA) recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to collaborate in promoting the adaptation of African agriculture to climate change and advancing Africa’s food system transformation and food security. In particular, the two organizations have agreed to conduct joint research on climate adaptation to enable evidence-based policy and investment planning in Africa.

Under the agreement, AKADEMIYA2063 and the AAA Initiative will work together to strengthen capacities for collecting, monitoring, reporting, and analyzing data on agricultural production systems and climate adaptation efforts. Furthermore, the two organizations will leverage artificial intelligence and big data to monitor and analyze agricultural production and climate variables and to quantify climate adaptation efforts.

“On behalf of AKADEMIYA2063, I am very pleased to sign this MOU with the AAA Initiative and look forward to each of our organizations bringing our expertise, influence, and networks to bear as we support African countries with developing evidence-based climate adaptation and resilience programs,” said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson for AKADEMIYA2063.

In addition to leveraging opportunities for joint research and publications on climate change and adaptation, AKADEMIYA2063 and the AAA Initiative will also work together in organizing and participating in events to promote African agriculture adaptation and transformation and in jointly fundraising for their climate related activities.

“We hope that the partnership with AKADEMIYA2063 will contribute in an efficient way to support adaptation to Climate Change and will be an opportunity to conduct joint research on other strategic and emerging research topics of common interest,” said Ms. Abir Lemseffer, General director of AAA Initiative Foundation.

About AKADEMIYA2063: AKADEMIYA2063 is an Africa-based non-profit organization with headquarters in Kigali, Rwanda, and a regional office in Dakar, Senegal. AKADEMIYA2063's mission is to provide data, policy analysis, and capacity-strengthening support to enable the AU Member States to achieve economic transformation and shared prosperity. More broadly, AKADEMIYA2063 leverages science, generates knowledge, and strengthens capacities to help advance the African Union's Agenda 2063.

AKADEMIYA2063 is home to three longstanding Africawide programs—(1) the Regional Strategic Analysis and Knowledge Support System (ReSAKSS), (2) the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium, and (3) the Malabo Montpellier Panel (MaMo Panel)—that provide data and analysis in support of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). For more information, please visit: www.akademiya2063.org

About the AAA Initiative: The AAA Foundation was established in 2019 to carry the AAA Initiative which was launched during the COP22 held in Marrakesh during November 2016, with support of 37 African countries. The main objectives of the AAA Foundation are to contribute to food security in Africa, to improve the living conditions of vulnerable farmers by promoting adaptation practices to climate change, building the capacity of actors and channeling financial flows to the most vulnerable farmers. The AAA was given an official role by the African Union (AU) in February 2020.

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