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## Press Release

### **AKADEMIYA2063 & CNDN Host Seminar to Facilitate Dialogue on Africa's Nutrition & Vulnerability Status for enhanced Crisis Preparedness & Response Capacities**

**Dakar, March 9, 2023** – AKADEMIYA2063 and the Conseil National de Développement de la Nutrition (CNDN), Senegal, are hosting a seminar on March 9 to drive high-level stakeholder dialogue on Africa's nutrition status and promote evidence for better crisis preparedness. Themed "Better understanding community-level nutrition and vulnerability status for enhanced crisis preparedness and response capacities," the [event](#) will provide a platform to exchange with key stakeholders and development partners on the data and analytics needed to deploy better-informed programs and instruments to anticipate and respond to shocks when they occur and ascertain protections for the most vulnerable communities.

"We are pleased to be hosting yet another policy dialogue to contribute to issues of strategic importance to Africa's development agenda," said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063's Executive Chairperson. "Nutrition status is a critical indicator of the overall state of a community. It provides insights into the level of poverty and malnutrition, disease prevalence, environmental degradation, and livelihood conditions. Conducting research and generating data in this area is therefore crucial to understanding vulnerability and building the continent's response capacity. AKADEMIYA2063 is delighted to contribute to conversations in this sector in partnership with CNDN," he added.

Discussions will focus on research evidence and trends in programmatic interventions to improve nutrition outcomes across the continent.

For Mrs Aminata Diop Ndoye, Executive Secretary of the *Conseil National de Développement de la Nutrition*, "the main lesson learned from the shocks to which populations have been exposed over the past three years is the capacity to anticipate and identify policy and programmatic responses that vary from country to country. Particularly when it comes to preserving the nutritional status of populations, which can be rapidly impacted by these types of shocks, today's conversation will enable us to discuss ways and means of reducing populations' vulnerability in all its dimensions".

This event comes on the heels of a [four-part policy webinar series](#) on nutrition and food security organized by both organizations in 2022 in support of the African Union Year of Nutrition themed, “Strengthening Resilience in Nutrition and Food Security on The African Continent: Strengthening Agro-Food Systems, Health and Social Protection Systems for the Acceleration of Human, Social and Economic Capital Development.” The seminar will take place in Dakar, Senegal and [online](#).

### **About AKADEMIYA2063**

AKADEMIYA2063 is a pan-African 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](http://www.akademiya2063.org); follow us online @AKADEMIYA2063.

### **About the Conseil National de Développement de la Nutrition (CNDN), Senegal**

The National Council for Nutrition Development (formerly *Cellule de Lutte contre la Malnutrition*) was created in 2001 by the Senegalese government. Placed under the authority of the Minister Secretary General of the Government, it ensures the coordination and monitoring of the implementation of the national nutrition policy. It develops appropriate strategies for the implementation of national nutrition programs, ensures their proper implementation as well as their monitoring and evaluation. Chaired by the Minister Secretary General of the Government, it is composed of representatives of key technical ministries involved in nutrition (Health, Education, Agriculture, Industry, Trade, etc.), representatives of the National Assembly, CESE, HCCT, Associations of Mayors, Departments, and civil society.

Through its National Executive Secretariat (NES) and Regional Executive Offices, the Executive Secretariat of the National Council for Nutrition Development (ES/NDC) assists the government in defining the national nutrition policy and strategies.

The National Nutrition Development Policy (PNDN) and the Multisectoral Nutrition Strategic Plan (PSMN), elaborated by CNDN, are part of the government's plan to strengthen the institutionalization of nutrition at all levels by establishing the multisectoral approach as a key guiding principle for their implementation. The objective is to ensure effective and efficient management of the country's nutritional issues and challenges.

CNDN also coordinates and implements large-scale nutrition projects and programs nationwide. Its projects and programs are executed through an implementation mechanism that relies on a network of community-based focal points who deliver community nutrition services. They are in charge of providing the communities with an optimal nutritional status and materializing the government's vision in terms of nutrition which is "a country where each individual enjoys an optimal nutritional status by adopting the appropriate behaviors". To ensure effective monitoring of the implementation of interventions, CNDN relies on the governance bodies set up for this purpose. These include regional, departmental, and local nutrition development committees (CRDN, CDDN, CLDN). For more information, visit [www.cndn.sn](http://www.cndn.sn)/Facebook /Twitter: @cndnsenegal

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