

## IN MEMORIAM DR. DJIMÉ ADOUM January 1, 1958 – December 15, 2023



Member, AKADEMIYA2063 Board of Trustees

## Dear Partners and Colleagues,

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of our dear friend, Member of AKADEMIYA2063's Board of Trustees, Dr. Djimé Adoum, on December 15, 2023. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues during these difficult times, with prayers for comfort and strength.

Djimé was a founding member of AKADEMIYA2063's Board of Trustees, where he served since 2020, leveraging his expertise in sectoral strategies, design, programming, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation.

From March 2021 to August 2023, he served as High Representative of the Coalition for the Sahel, where he led initiatives to develop a coalition that provides a more collective response to the challenges of the Sahel region, alongside forming a community of shared interests.

Prior to that, he held the position of Executive Secretary of the Permanent Interstates Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (Comité permanent Inter-États de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel – CILSS) from 2013 to 2020, where he worked tirelessly to engage new technical and financial partners, attracting considerable investments in the climate change mitigation, food security, livestock, and irrigation sectors.

Former Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation in his country, Chad from 2011 to 2013, Dr. Adoum served in various strategic capacities in Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, South Africa, and the USA.

Holder of a Bachelor's, Master's, and a PhD in Agronomy and Plant Physiology and Agrodissemination, a topic close to his heart was the modernization of the production and processing sectors to create wealth and employment for youth and women.

Djimé's life, contributions, and passions will forever remain engraved in our memories as we mourn the loss of a strategic thinker dedicated to agricultural advances for the greater good.

Rest in peace, Djimé.

Ousmane Badiane (PhD, Dr. h.c.)
Executive Chairperson and Board Chair, AKADEMIYA2063

