



PRESS RELEASE

New Partnership to Reinforce Agricultural Support Systems Across Africa

KIGALI & MONTROUGE, March 2, 2026 — AKADEMIYA2063 and the *Fondation pour l'agriculture et la ruralité dans le monde* (FARM) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to advance the development and dissemination of data, analytics, and decision-support tools for agrifood systems transformation across Africa. The partnership establishes a structured framework for joint research and analysis to assess both the quantitative and qualitative dimensions of agricultural support, informing institutional action and policy reforms to strengthen and scale impact.

"We welcome this partnership with FARM Foundation, which reflects AKADEMIYA2063's commitment to mobilizing expertise to accelerate Africa's development ambitions," said **Dr. Debisi Araba**, Managing Director of AKADEMIYA2063. "At a time when constrained resources are reshaping traditional development support, we must rethink cooperation to ensure we are prepared and equipped to respond to the continent's evolving needs. Preparation requires strong institutional infrastructure, robust capacities, and effective systems, and this partnership provides a practical platform to advance that agenda."

FARM Foundation and AKADEMIYA2063 will collaborate to advance research and evidence generation through targeted initiatives, including contributions to the Global Observatory of Public Support to Agriculture, which monitors and evaluates public agricultural policies to provide insights into the evolution of public action in the sector.

"Public support to agriculture is a decisive lever for accelerating agrifood transformation across Africa, yet it remains difficult to measure and compare consistently. By partnering with AKADEMIYA2063, a leading African policy and research institution shaping the continent's agrifood strategies, we strengthen the Global Observatory of Public Support to Agriculture and our collective capacity to generate robust evidence and practical tools that can guide reforms and scale impact," said **Dr. Matthieu Brun**, Scientific Director of FARM.

Under the agreement, the two organizations will pursue joint knowledge-sharing initiatives—ranging from conferences, symposia, and workshops to policy dialogues, side events, and learning forums—focused on strategic priorities and emerging areas of shared interest. The partnership will also support joint resource mobilization for policy research and analysis, capacity building, and outreach.

About AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is a pan-African 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. AKADEMIYA2063's overall mission is to create, across Africa, 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. For more information, visit www.akademiya2063.org.

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About FARM Foundation

FARM (Foundation for Agriculture and Rural Development in the World) is a public-interest non-profit dedicated for more than two decades to promoting sustainable agriculture, particularly in the Global South. FARM advances new frontiers in research, advocacy, and partnerships to inform both public and private actors on pathways toward balanced agricultural development, integrating economic, social, and environmental priorities. For more information, visit <https://fondation-farm.org/en/>.

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