

Press Release

AKADEMIYA2063 and the Institute of Policy Analysis and Research Partner to Drive Evidence-based Policymaking and Capacity Development in Rwanda

KIGALI, March 7, 2025 – AKADEMIYA2063 and the Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR)-Rwanda have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen policy research, enhance data-driven decision-making, and strengthen institutional capacities in Rwanda. The partnership will provide a structured framework for collaboration in support of Rwanda's economic and agrifood system transformation.

"AKADEMIYA2063 is pleased to collaborate with IPAR-Rwanda to advance policy research and capacity development in Rwanda," said **Dr. Getaw Tadesse**, Acting Managing Director at AKADEMIYA2063. "Through this partnership, we will leverage data and analytics to generate actionable insights to guide effective policy formulation and implementation and help advance Rwanda's development objectives."

AKADEMIYA2063 and IPAR-Rwanda will work together in key areas, including mobilizing local knowledge centers in Rwanda through a *Local Analysis Network* to respond to knowledge demand by providing access to timely and credible data to guide the policy and strategy formulation cycle. With a commitment to promoting a culture of policy dialogue in Rwanda, key interventions will include strengthening platforms for review, reporting, mutual learning, and accountability. Additionally, the collaboration will focus on strengthening local researchers' technical and institutional capacities to generate data and analytics needed to inform policy design and implementation, as well as monitoring and evaluation.

"We are very happy to sign this MoU with AKADEMIYA 2063, with strong confidence that it will turn into a sustainable and mutually beneficial collaboration," said **Ms. Eugenia Kayitesi**, Executive Director of IPAR-Rwanda. "By combining both institutions' experience and capacities, we expect to leverage our shared ambitions in policy research and analysis to influence policy formulation and implementation not only at local level, but also to impact change at regional and continental levels," she stressed.

Other areas of cooperation include promoting knowledge-sharing through joint publications and events, joint fundraising for research and outreach activities, and facilitating the mentorship of interns to build the next generation of policy analysts and researchers in Rwanda.

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.

About IPAR-Rwanda

The Institute of Policy Analysis and Research (IPAR-Rwanda) is Rwanda's leading independent think tank with a reputation for high-quality, cutting-edge research and policy publications. IPAR Rwanda's mission is to enhance evidence-based policymaking through research and policy analysis, promote a culture of dialogue and debate to improve policy, and impact change in Rwanda. IPAR-Rwanda became fully operational in May 2008. Since its establishment, it has conducted and published research works in a wide range of fields around five themes, namely: Economic Growth & Transformation; Environment and Natural Resources; Agriculture and Rural Development; Social Development and Governance. For more information, visit www.ipar.org.rw.

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