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AKADEMIYA2063 and the Environment for Development Partner to Advance Evidence-based Policymaking in Africa

KIGALI, July 3, 2026 — AKADEMIYA2063 and the Environment for Development (EfD) African Hub have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen evidence-based policymaking and support sustainable development across Africa. Under the agreement, AKADEMIYA2063 and EfD will collaborate on joint research, policy analysis, and knowledge generation across key sectors, including agriculture, climate change, biodiversity, and natural resource management, to advance the continent’s development priorities.

“Strategy development is where the work begins; successful execution is what delivers impact,” said **Dr. Debisi Araba**, Managing Director of AKADEMIYA2063. “Our mandate is to equip public institutions in African countries with the analytics and policy intelligence needed to implement Agenda 2063. Partnering with EfD enables us to combine complementary expertise and networks to strengthen evidence-driven policymaking across Africa.”

A key component of the partnership is policy engagement and knowledge sharing across key thematic areas at the national, regional, and continental levels. They will also develop and implement joint capacity-building initiatives for policymakers, researchers, the private sector, and other stakeholders.

“Through the EfD, we have built a strong network of African researchers and policy engagement platforms dedicated to addressing the continent’s most pressing environmental and development challenges,” said **Prof. Wisdom Akpalu**, President of the EfD African Hub Board. “This partnership with AKADEMIYA2063 creates an important opportunity to deepen the use of evidence in policymaking, strengthen institutional capacities, and generate practical solutions that support sustainable and inclusive development across Africa.”

AKADEMIYA2063 and EfD are committed to strengthening academic collaboration through training programs, knowledge exchange, supervision of graduate research, and engagement with universities and research institutions. The partners will also pursue joint resource mobilization to support research, policy analysis, capacity building, and outreach activities.



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About AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is a pan-African nonprofit 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 of African Union Member States to achieve the key goals of Agenda 2063: transforming national economies to boost economic growth and prosperity. For more information, visit www.akademiy2063.org.

About the Environment for Development African Hub

EfD African Hub is a pan-African capacity development, research, and policy engagement platform headquartered in Kigali, Rwanda. Operating within the broader Environment for Development (EfD)—a global network of environmental economics research centers—EfD African Hub works to strengthen African-led research capacity and evidence-based policymaking in support of sustainable development. As the coordinating node for EfD work across Africa, it supports the generation and application of rigorous, policy-relevant research on climate change, natural resource management, energy, biodiversity, and environmental governance. Through collaborative research programs, policy engagement, capacity-building initiatives, and knowledge-sharing activities, EfD African Hub contributes to inclusive growth, climate resilience, and the sustainable management of natural resources across the continent. For more information, visit <https://www.efdinitiative.org>.

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