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AKADEMIYA2063 and the Nigerian Meteorological Agency Partner to Strengthen Climate Intelligence for Food Security

ABUJA & KIGALI, August 10, 2026 — AKADEMIYA2063 and the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) have joined efforts to strengthen climate intelligence for food security in Nigeria. Formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed in Abuja on July 28, the agreement establishes a framework for collaboration in artificial intelligence (AI), climate and weather data analytics, climate information services, and evidence-based research to support risk monitoring, early warning systems, and informed decision-making, ultimately strengthening climate resilience, agricultural productivity, and food security.

The MoU was signed on behalf of NiMet by Prof. Charles Anosike, Director-General and CEO, and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and on behalf of AKADEMIYA2063 by Dr. Debisi Araba, Managing Director.

“This partnership with NiMet is about turning data into decisions,” said **Dr. Debisi Araba**, Managing Director of AKADEMIYA2063. “By combining our AI, remote sensing, and crop forecasting expertise with NiMet’s meteorological strength, we are building the tools African policymakers need to act on climate risk before it becomes a crisis, thereby protecting food security and driving sustainable development across the continent.”

Under the partnership agreement, NiMet and AKADEMIYA2063 will co-develop climate-food information systems, including dashboards and AI-enabled decision-support tools, to enhance early warning capabilities, sectoral planning, and coordinated national resilience efforts. These interventions will strengthen NiMet’s institutional and technical capacity in climate data generation, forecasting, analysis, and communication of climate information to support decision-making at national and subnational levels.

“This partnership with AKADEMIYA2063 marks an important step in strengthening the use of climate information to safeguard food security and build resilience in Nigeria,” said **Prof. Charles Anosike**, Director-General and CEO of the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). “By combining NiMet’s meteorological expertise with AKADEMIYA2063’s advanced data analytics, artificial intelligence, and agricultural forecasting capabilities, we will enhance access to timely, actionable climate intelligence

for farmers, policymakers, and other stakeholders, supporting better planning, early warning, and climate-smart decision-making across the country.”

To advance the partnership, the two organizations will establish a Joint Technical Committee to identify priority areas for collaboration, develop joint initiatives, and coordinate activities under the MoU. The partners will also pursue resource mobilization for analytics, capacity strengthening, and outreach to expand their collective impact on climate resilience, agricultural productivity, and food security in Nigeria.

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 analytics 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.akademiya2063.org.

About the Nigerian Meteorological Agency

The Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) is the national agency responsible for providing weather, climate, and water-related information and services in Nigeria. Through meteorological observations, forecasting, early warnings, climate services, and research, NiMet supports decision-making across key sectors, including agriculture, aviation, disaster risk reduction, water resources, health, environmental management, and others. The Agency plays a critical role in strengthening climate resilience, safeguarding lives and livelihoods, and supporting sustainable development in Nigeria. For more information, visit <https://nimet.gov.ng/>; contact info@nimet.gov.ng.

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