Board Seminar

Launch of AKADEMIYA2063’s Five-year Strategy (2021-2025) for Transforming African Economies

Wednesday, October 06, 2021
9:00 - 10:40 Kigali Time|03:00-06:45 US EST
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Abstract & Objectives

The progress made by Africa over the past 20 years is unmatched by any world region. Africa was able to overcome tremendous challenges and reverse years of stagnation by improving the quality of governance and policymaking. In particular, policies have become progressively better as they have become more informed by evidence-based analysis and subjected to more open and inclusive dialogue and review. This has in turn permitted African countries to reap the benefits of higher-quality planning and implementation in terms of better development outcomes. Strong leadership and a strategic focus at the continental level through initiatives such as the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) have strengthened the practices of mutual accountability and inclusive, evidence-based policy formulation, implementation, and review.

Nonetheless, Africa continues to face enormous challenges from the adverse effects of climate change, growing youth unemployment, poor adoption of and access to modern technologies, to the lack of timely and high-quality data to inform decision-making and limited capacities for policy analysis and implementation. Addressing these challenges, including the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, require urgent and concerted effort to strengthen Africa’s culture of evidence and review while improving its data systems and institutional capacities needed to generate and use evidence required for well-informed policymaking and implementation.

Through its core programs, its operational support to countries and development partners, its digital platforms and services, its extensive partnerships, and its communications and outreach activities, AKADEMIYA2063 aims to accelerate the development and mobilization of African expertise to achieve the continent’s aspirations of transforming economies and boosting prosperity.

On October 6 AKADEMIYA2063, will host a Board of Trustees Seminar to launch its 5-year strategy for implementing its mission to provide data, policy analysis, and capacity strengthening support to enable African countries to achieve the African Union’s Agenda 2063 goals of inclusive and sustainable development and economic prosperity. The seminar will enable AKADEMIYA2063 to exchange with partners and stakeholders in Rwanda on its Africawide activities and plans for collaborating with Rwandan organizations working on similar objectives.
## PROGRAM

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<td><strong>Chair : Mr. Vickson Ncube, AKADEMIYA2063 Board Member</strong></td>
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| 09:00 – 09:10 | **1. Welcome Statements (10 mins)**  
• Dr. Ousmane Badiane - Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063  
• Dr. Gerardine Mukeshimana - Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources |
| 09:10 – 09:30 | **2. Presentation of AKADEMIYA2063’ strategy (20 mins)**  
• Dr. Ousmane Badiane - Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063 |
| 09:30 – 10:00 | **3. Panel discussion (30 mins)**  
Moderator:  
Mr. Claude Bizimana - Chief Executive Officer - National Agricultural Export Board  
Discussants:  
• Mr. Jean Claude Musabyimana, Permanent Secretary - Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, Rwanda  
• Prof. Alexandre Lyambabaje, Vice Chancelor – University of Rwanda  
• Mr. Mago Yusuf Murangwa, Director General – Rwanda National Institute of Statistics  
• Col. Francis Ngabo, Chief Executive Officer - Rwanda Space Agency |
| 10:00 – 10:15 | **4. Q & A Session (15 mins)** |
| 10:15 – 10:40 | **5. Closing statements (25mins)**  
• Mr. Vickson Ncube, AKADEMIYA2063 Board Member  
• Dr. Ousmane Badiane - Executive Chairperson, AKADEMIYA2063  
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