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Press Release

AKADEMIYA2063 Hosts 2023 AGRODEP Conference to Reactivate Network of Africa-based Economic Modelers

Tuesday, March 21, KIGALI – AKADEMIYA2063 is hosting a three-day conference on March 21-23 in Kigali, Rwanda, to relaunch the activities of the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium program. Themed “Building Resilient African Food Systems amid Health, Conflict and Climate Disruptions,” the conference will review progress in AGRODEP activities and provide a platform for sharing research outputs, in a bid to remobilize, strengthen, and reconnect its members in their various networks.

“We are delighted to convene the 2023 AGRODEP conference with renewed commitment to the pressing issues related to Africa’s development agenda,” said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063 Executive Chairperson and AGRODEP Board Chair. “Since its inception in 2010, AGRODEP has provided a rich, quality pool of over 230 African experts across 30 countries who are taking a leading role in the study of strategic development questions and the broader economic growth and policy debate facing African countries, including supporting the analytical needs of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) implementation agenda. This conference will provide a platform for the promotion of scientific exchange among experts and interaction with policy practitioners across the continent. It will also serve as an opportunity to strengthen the bridge between research and programmatic interventions to advance Africa’s food systems transformation agenda,” he added.

The conference will feature a wide range of plenary and panel sessions, with presentations from AGRODEP experts and other stakeholders on topics including, but not limited to, agricultural policy, climate change, the impacts of COVID-19 in Africa, database development, economic modeling, food security and nutrition, food systems transformation, impact evaluation, international trade, micro-econometrics, SPS and food safety issues, and value chain and financing analysis.

About the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium

Established in 2010, AGRODEP is an initiative led by AKADEMIYA2063. Its goal is to create and enable a critical mass of world-class modelers across Africa, currently more than 230 from 30 countries, to take a leading role in addressing strategic development issues across the continent, including helping meet the analytical needs of the CAADP implementation agenda.

AGRODEP promotes the use of advanced economic modeling tools, facilitates access to data sources, provides training and research grants, and supports collaboration between African and international researchers. Since its establishment, AGRODEP has gained recognition as a leading network of African experts, and AGRODEP members have been asked to join efforts to assess progress under the African Continental Free Trade Area, support the design of evidence-based National Agriculture Investment Plans, and assess the impact of continental initiatives such as the New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition, among others.

The overarching goal of AGRODEP is to enable and support African experts to study strategic development questions facing African countries as a group, as well as, to engage them in the broader agricultural growth and policy debate. To date, AGRODEP has delivered more than 30 training courses on data analysis and economic models and tools to 348 participants. For more information, visit www.agrodep.org.

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. Inclusive, evidence-informed policymaking is key to meeting the continent's development aspirations, creating wealth, and improving livelihoods.

AKADEMIYA2063's overall mission is to create, across Africa and led from its headquarters in Rwanda, 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.

Following from its vision and mission, the main goal of AKADEMIYA2063 is to help meet Africa's needs at the continental, regional and national levels in terms of data, analytics, and mutual learning for the effective implementation of Agenda 2063 and the realization of its outcomes by a critical mass of countries. AKADEMIYA2063 strives to meet its goals through programs organized under five strategic areas—policy innovation, knowledge systems, capacity creation and deployment, operational support, and data management, digital products, and technology—as well as innovative partnerships and outreach activities. For more information, visit www.akademiya2063.org.

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