AKADEMIYA2063 and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition Partner to Support Evidence-based Policymaking to Improve Nutritional Outcomes Across Africa

Kigali, July 31, 2023 – AKADEMIYA2063 and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support evidence-based policymaking and implementation around food systems transformation and improved nutritional outcomes in Africa. Ratified last May, the agreement will serve as a framework for cooperation between the two organizations to leverage opportunities for joint research, analysis, technical assistance, capacity building, and outreach initiatives toward addressing malnutrition and food system disruptions in Africa.

"AKADEMIYA2063 is pleased to join forces with the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition to help strengthen data, analytics, and evidence-driven policymaking toward building resilient food systems in Africa," said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson at AKADEMIYA2063. "The partnership will allow us to bring our combined expertise in supporting policy and programmatic interventions aimed at unlocking Africa's food systems transformation," he added.

Under the agreement, AKADEMIYA2063 and GAIN will collaborate to develop, test, and implement methodologies, metrics, and digital decision-support tools that address malnutrition in all its forms, food system disruptions, vulnerability, and resilience to aid in guiding and informing policy and investment decisions in Africa.

Lawrence Haddad, Executive Director of GAIN, also welcomed the agreement, noting "GAIN is excited to partner with AKADEMIYA2063 to strengthen data-driven decision-making and evidence-based policies for the advancement of resilient and more nutritious food systems in Africa. For us AKADEMIYA2063 represents exactly the kind of African leadership needed at this time to make transformative policy and programmatic interventions better grounded, and to power Africa's policy community to the forefront of food system innovation and growth".

Other areas of collaboration will include conducting joint fundraising for research, technical assistance, capacity building, and outreach activities (symposia, seminars, workshops, and conferences) aimed at improving nutritional outcomes and strengthening food systems in Africa.

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.

About the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)

The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) works to make nutritious and safe foods more available for all people - especially those most vulnerable to malnutrition – and to do this in an environmentally sustainable way. GAIN partners with governments, businesses and civil society and works across many Asian and African countries. For more information, visit www.gainhealth.org.

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