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### **Rwanda’s Ministry of Environment and AKADEMIYA2063 Partner to Support the Implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Climate Change Initiative (CACCI)**

The Ministry of Environment, Rwanda and AKADEMIYA2063 have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support evidence-based policymaking and implementation around climate change. Signed last September, the agreement will facilitate cooperation between both parties, notably under the framework of the Comprehensive Africa Climate Change Initiative (CACCI). Funded by the United States International Development Agency (USAID) and implemented in partnership with the African Union, Michigan State University, AKADEMIYA2063, and the African Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ANAPRI, formerly ReNAPRI), [CACCI](#) is a joint climate initiative designed to provide support to partner country governments to achieve their commitments under the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. The collaboration kicked off with the [launch of CACCI Rwanda](#) during an event held in Kigali on January 12.

The Minister of Environment, Dr. Jeanne d’Arc Mujawamariya, welcomed the partnership as a new force working together to implement Rwanda’s climate action plan. In her own words, she mentioned: “ This Partnership is aligned with Rwanda’s NDC goal of cutting emissions by up to 38 percent by 2030, and we expect science-based information out of it to strengthen our policies. Capacity development and technology transfer are critical for fully implementing proposed mitigations and adaptation measures.”

Another critical component of this cooperation will be the provision of support toward the implementation of Rwanda's National Green Growth and Climate Resilience Strategy (GGCRS).

"We are pleased to partner with Rwanda's Ministry of Environment to support the country's climate action efforts, particularly through data and analytics to guide the planning and implementation of mitigation and adaptation programs," said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson at AKADEMIYA2063. "Through CACCI, AKADEMIYA2063 will work closely with the Ministry's technical departments and agencies and other key stakeholders to drive effective use of cutting-edge technological and analytical tools in addressing the effects of climate change", he said.

Through the agreement, AKADEMIYA2063 and the Ministry of Environment will leverage opportunities for joint research and publications on climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well as joint fundraising for research, capacity building, and outreach activities to promote the development and implementation of climate change policies based on comprehensive data.

### **About AKADEMIYA2063**

AKADEMIYA2063 is an Africa-based 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](http://www.akademiya2063.org).

### **About the Ministry of Environment, Rwanda**

The Ministry of Environment is the coordinating institution of Environment and Natural Resources Sector in Rwanda. It was established to ensure development of the environment. It must also ensure the safeguard of green and climate resilient for growth of the economy and ensure optimal and rational utilisation of Water Resources, Lands and Forests for sustainable national development. For more information, visit <https://www.environment.gov.rw/>.

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