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## Press Release

### **AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute Sign MOU to Support Strategic Policy Issues for Africa's Socio-economic Transformation**

**Kigali, May 25, 2022** – AKADEMIYA2063 and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate collaboration around strategic policy issues that contribute to Africa's economic growth and sustainable development. Built on a history of collaboration, the AKADEMIYA2063-IFPRI partnership envisages an Africa with access to adequate data and analytical capacities to support policies and programs designed to end poverty, hunger, and malnutrition.

“AKADEMIYA2063 is pleased to partner with IFPRI, guided by a clear roadmap of regional and sub-regional policy issues linked to existing and novel programs and projects implemented by both organizations,” said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063's Executive Chairperson. “Our partnership with IFPRI is based on a shared vision for Africa's development and prosperity, strengthened by longstanding cooperation, and driven by scientific evidence and knowledge,” he added.

The partnership will provide technical support to the African Union's Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) implementation agenda, including the Biennial Review. In addition, it will facilitate collaboration around the Africa Agriculture Trade Monitor (AATM) and the Annual Trends and Outlook Report (ATOR)—flagship publications produced as a collaborative effort between AKADEMIYA2063 and IFPRI, as well as collaboration on the African Growth and Development Policy (AGRODEP) Modeling Consortium.

“This collaboration leverages the strengths of both institutions to deliver essential evidence and knowledge resources to African policy makers,” said Jo Swinnen, IFPRI Director General and Global Director of Systems Transformation at the CGIAR. “We are excited to partner with AKADEMIYA2063 to provide this support to efforts to end poverty, hunger, and malnutrition in Africa.”

Under the partnership, IFPRI and AKADEMIYA2063 will also take on other current and future regional and sub-regional programs and initiatives relevant to Africa's development agenda.

## **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 changing livelihoods for the better.

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 International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), a CGIAR Research Center established in 1975, provides research-based policy solutions to sustainably reduce poverty and end hunger and malnutrition. IFPRI's strategic research aims to foster a climate-resilient and sustainable food supply; promote healthy diets and nutrition for all; build inclusive and efficient markets, trade systems, and food industries; transform agricultural and rural economies; and strengthen institutions and governance. The Institute's regional and country programs play a critical role in responding to demand for food policy research and in delivering holistic support for country-led development. For more information, visit [www.ifpri.org](http://www.ifpri.org).

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