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## Press Release

### **AKADEMIYA2063 and the Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO) Partner to Support Data and Knowledge Needs of African Farmers**

**Kigali, February 11, 2022**

AKADEMIYA2063, represented by its Executive Chairperson, Dr. Ousmane Badiane, and the Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO), represented by its President, Mr. Kolyang Palebele, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Friday, February 11, 2022. The MOU, signed during a virtual ceremony, will facilitate collaboration around the generation of data and knowledge for use by African farmers to drive evidence-based farming and investment decisions as well as effective engagement of farmers in policy dialogue, review, mutual learning, and mutual accountability processes of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP).

“AKADEMIYA2063 is thrilled to join forces with PAFO, to leverage our expertise and improve the agricultural policy landscape in Africa while driving stakeholder engagement at all levels of the agricultural value chain,” said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063’s Executive Chairperson. “We remain committed to facilitating the production and use of relevant data, analytics, and digital solutions to guide business decisions and advocacy efforts of farmers’ organizations and their members,” he added.

The partnership will also facilitate optimal participation of farmers’ organizations in CAADP processes, notably in mutual accountability processes such as agriculture Joint Sector Reviews (JSRs) and the CAADP Biennial Review (BR).

“This memorandum of understanding will facilitate collaboration between PAFO and AKADEMIYA2063 on a non-exclusive basis, in areas of mutual interest, the purpose of which is to improve policy environment for the agricultural sector and to build the capacity of African farmers' organizations to make evidence-based agriculture and investment decisions and to engage effectively in policy dialogue, mutual learning and accountability process under the CAADP”, said Mr. Kolyan Palebale, PAFO’s President.

The collaboration provides a framework for joint outreach events at regional and continental levels to advance the CAADP implementation agenda and mutual goals. It will also enhance the accessibility and utilization of existing AKADEMIYA2063 and PAFO knowledge products by farmers’ organizations.

## **About AKADEMIYA2063**

Established in 2020, 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 PAFO**

The Pan-African Farmers' Organization (PAFO) is a continental organization with a membership base composed of Regional Farmers Networks. PAFO is the voice of more than 80 million African farmers integrated into nearly 70 national organizations, unions, federations, cooperatives, associations, etc., present in more than 45 countries on the continent, and united in five regional networks operating at the heart of African agriculture: EAFF; PROPAC; ROPPA; SACAU and UMNAGRI.

PAFO's overall mission is to represent the interests of African farmers and promote the development of African agriculture.

Following from its vision and mission the main goal of PAFO is to promote solidarity and partnership between Farmers Organizations and producers; to ensure the economic and social empowerment of farmers; to participate in capacity building of farmers' organizations in Africa, through fundraising, institutional development, information and communication, exchange of experiences and dissemination of good agricultural practices. For more information, visit [www.pafo-africa.org](http://www.pafo-africa.org).

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