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Press Release

Dr. Moumini Savadogo Appointed Managing Director of AKADEMIYA2063

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Kigali, August 1, 2023 – AKADEMIYA2063 is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr. Moumini Savadogo as its Managing Director. The organization's Board of Trustees made the announcement early today following a unanimous decision.

Dr. Savadogo, a Burkinabé national, is a transformational leader, senior executive manager, and scientist with over 30 years of experience in the public and private sectors, delivering expertise in agricultural systems, climate change, energy, environmental governance and diplomacy, sustainable development, and nature conservation. Prior to this appointment, he served as Executive Director and Diplomatic Head of Mission at the West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted land use (WASCAL) since 2018.

Commenting on his appointment, Dr. Savadogo said, "I am very grateful to the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to join such a world-class and timely established African-based international organization dedicated to providing the needed science-asked services for transformative actions towards the **Africa we want**".

With over 55 publications on agriculture, animal production systems, natural resources management, biodiversity, policy, and climate change, Dr. Savadogo's interventions over the last 15 years have focused strongly on science-policy interfaces and advocacy, featuring fundraising, stakeholder engagement and management of governing bodies, and science-policy brokerage activities.

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Moumini Savadogo as AKADEMIYA2063's new Managing Director and excited for the challenges and milestones which lie ahead," said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063's Executive Chairperson. "Dr. Savadogo's appointment comes at a strategic time, as we join decision-makers across the continent to define Africa's post-Malabo agenda, a crucial exercise which will be pivotal to accelerating the continent's development goals".

"Under his capable leadership, we are confident that AKADEMIYA2063 will continue to grow in leaps and bounds as we implement our five-year strategy for transforming African economies, supplying the requisite evidence-based knowledge to support African Union Member States with state-of-the-art capacity creation toward the achievement of the Agenda 2063 goals," he added.

Dr. Savadogo holds a PhD in Agriculture and Environmental Sciences from Wageningen University and Research (The Netherlands) and an MSc., Engineer of Rural Development, from the University of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso). A certified executive business administrator, chartered

environmentalist, and leader, the Rhodes Scholar is also the Chair of the West African steering committee on the Green Hydrogen Atlas under the Go Green Go Africa initiative.

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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