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AKADEMIYA2063 and the Rwanda Environment Management Authority Launch Partnership to Support Climate Mitigation and Adaptation through Food Systems

Kigali, January 12, 2022 – In view of implementing the African Union Commission (AUC) resolution to support African Union (AU) member states to comply with their obligations under the Paris Agreement, [AKADEMIYA2063](#) and the [Rwanda Environment Management Authority](#) (REMA) are partnering 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 AU, Michigan State University, AKADEMIYA2063, and the African Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ANAPRI, formerly ReNAPRI), the CACCI project will provide targeted countries with the capacity and expertise to develop their measurement, reporting, and verification mechanisms (MRV). It will also support the five-year review of countries' collective progress toward the long-term goals as a contribution to the global evaluation of the Paris Agreement.

Through the CACCI project, AKADEMIYA2063 will support Rwanda in meeting its commitments under the Paris Agreement on climate change. This support will focus on designing and implementing programmatic policies and investments to support sustainable and inclusive growth and promote climate mitigation and adaptation across their food systems, notably through Rwanda's climate action and its National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).

The AKADEMIYA2063-REMA partnership will be marked during the [launch of CACCI Rwanda](#), slated for January 12 in Kigali.

"AKADEMIYA2063 is pleased to partner with REMA in our efforts to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation in Africa and around the world," said Dr. Ousmane Badiane, AKADEMIYA2063 Executive Chairperson. "The CACCI project, which we are implementing with the support of USAID, is a timely response to Africa's capacity needs to accelerate progress in climate action across the continent. This partnership with REMA will avail the scientific expertise and research capacity required to provide high-quality support to accompany Member States in achieving their NDC and NAP targets," he added.

The project objectives will be attained through three main components, namely: Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) implementation support, M&E and mutual accountability, and capacity building.

According to the Director General of REMA, Juliet Kabera, the CACCI project is an excellent opportunity to complement national efforts in climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well as mobilizing climate finance.

“The partnership between REMA and AKADEMIYA2063 in the CACCI project is an important step towards the implementation of Rwanda’s climate actions in our NAPs. We are hopeful that this project will contribute to ongoing interventions to build the resilience of our economy to the effects of climate change and provide solutions to protect our farmers from the negative effects of climate change that need to be even more holistic and innovative.”

Rwanda is responsible for just 0.003 percent of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Yet, it is among the world’s most vulnerable countries according to the ND-GAIN Index, Rwanda is ranked 124 on the Climate Vulnerability Index, and the future climate outlook predicts more extreme climate change impact (longer warm days, erratic rains, and severe storms) – by 2050.

About AKADEMIYA2063

AKADEMIYA2063 is an Africa-based non-profit research organization with headquarters in Kigali, Rwanda, and a regional office for West and Central Africa in Dakar, Senegal. Inspired by the ambitions of the African Union's Agenda 2063 and grounded in the recognition of the central importance of solid 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 populations’ 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. Visit www.akademiya2063.org.

About REMA

The Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) is an institution mandated to facilitate coordination and oversight of the implementation of national environmental policy and subsequent legislation. Overall, REMA is responsible for ensuring that environmental issues and climate change are integrated into Rwanda's development.

REMA's mission is to promote and ensure the protection of the environment and sustainable use of natural resources through decentralized governance structures and seek a national position to emerging global issues with a view to enhancing the well-being of the Rwandan people. Its vision is for all sectors of Rwandan society to value and undertake sound environmental management

and rational use of natural resources in order to contribute to the national aspirations for sustainable development.

Specifically, the entity is mandated to mainstream environmental concerns and climate change across all sectors to improve performance and productivity, reduce Rwanda's vulnerability to climate change, control pollution, and ensure compliance with environmental regulations for sustainable development. Visit www.rema.gov.rw.

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