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President of AMDIN Prof. Ludeki Chweya (L) and Secretary General of AAPAM Dr. George Scott (R) during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding to jointly advocate for robust capacity development in Africa. Looking on is Director Linkages and Collaborations Dr. Prisca Oluoch and Ms. Halima Aden.

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Two continental organizations have partnered to further Africa's capacity development needs and strengthen synergistic alliances across Africa.

Banking on their experience and capacity, the African Association for Public Administration and Management (AAPAM) and African Management Development Institute

Network (AMDIN), through their leaders, have vowed to unify efforts to advocate for, inter alia, the implementation of capacity building and of development action plans that focus on public administration.

A Memorandum of Understanding that was signed on 11th February, 2022 by the President of AMDIN Prof. Ludeki Chweya and Secretary General of AAPAM Dr.

George Scott at the Kenya School of Government sealed the two organization's joint quest to enhance and advance liaison between organizations in public administration and management to augment development in Africa.

Additionally, the partnership acknowledges the need for competent practitioners, academics and researchers who play a part in the progression of the continent.

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Besides capacity development, the two organizations intend to collaborate in research, facilitation of the participation of representatives in various technical and non-technical meetings of the African Union, development of joint publications as well as joint participation in other relevant continental programmes.

Prof. Ludeki Chweya said that working with strategic organizations is the hallmark of the future of capacity development in the continent.

“Collaboration among African countries and between organizations fortifies the ability of their public service to achieve the national interests and aspirations,” Prof. Chweya noted.

He applauded AAPAM’s stellar experience and reputation throughout Africa in matters public

administration and management noting that it will make a major contribution to the success of the partnership.

“The African Management Development Institute Network is privileged to glean from AAPAM’s experience and success,” he said.

AAPAM Secretary General Dr. Scott drew attention to the need to integrate francophone African countries in the AAPAM-AMDIN capacity development programmes as well as the inclusion of the diaspora in order to completely strengthen the African public service. He noted that AAPAM was shifting its focus from ministries and the civil service to other stakeholders such as the private sector, industries, citizens and the youth.

He said that the partnership will utilize innovative ways to promote

activities and ensure efficiency and effectiveness.

AMDIN has a membership of twenty public African management development institutes and schools, and research institutions within the scope of governance, public administration and public policy in Africa. Some of the members include the Kenya School of Government, Ghana Institute of Management (GIMPA), Lesotho Institute for Public Administration and Management (LIPAM), Uganda Management Institute (UMI) and Rwanda Management Institute (RMI).

The intent collaboration of these organizations enhances synergy and transformation in public service of African countries.



Prof. Ludeki Chweya and Dr. George Scott sign a Memorandum of Understanding at KSG Lower Kabete. Together with them are Dr. Prisca Oluoch and Ms. Julie Mutunga.