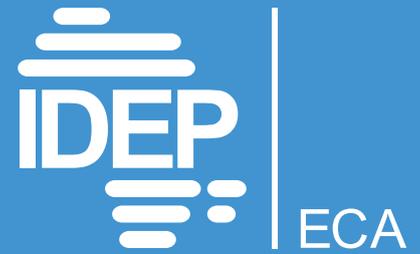


BRIEF

“Partnering with IDEP to build capacity for Africa’s structural transformation”



55 YEARS OF IMPACT
ANNÉES D'IMPACT

Since the turn of the century, Africans have borne witness to significant change, politically, economically, socially and environmentally. After decades of instability, African countries have seen impressive economic growth, increased stability and improved governance and declining poverty. Yet, the growth remains fragile, highly dependent on external factors, and despite these gains, the continent is largely underperforming and failing to capitalise on its rich natural and human resources.

Today, the development process in Africa is driven by overarching frameworks of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Agendas 2030 and 2063. Both Agendas clearly single out the role that human and institutional capacity development must play in the achievement of their respective development goals. The realisation of these agendas ultimately requires changes and adjustments in the way African countries conduct their development. Some of the main challenges they face include how to be more creative in mastering their development processes, full engagement with the world economy, rethinking relations within Africa as well as with the rest of the world, and translating economic gains into well-being, welfare and stability for all African citizens in a sustainable and inclusive manner. Going forward, our capacity to plan for development, design sound policy, implement effective strategy, and deliver on Africa’s potential will depend entirely on the quality of our human resources.

The world is changing; Africa is changing, and our institutions must catch up and keep up. There is an urgent need for the structural transformation of our institutions to ensure that progress is sustained. This transformation

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largely depends on a continuous investment into the capacity development of government, civil society and regional institutions. After 55 years of developing the capacity of African public officials and institutions, IDEP remains both a pioneer and a key resource for developing human capital within the continent.

IDEP’s commitment to capacity development

Mandated as the pan-African institution on the continent for the building, upgrading and/or updating of the technical aptitudes and proficiencies of midcareer and senior government officials in economic management and development planning, IDEP has been operational for 55 years. Over the years, IDEP has primarily functioned within its overarching mandate of accompanying African governments in their training and capacity development efforts in the fields of economic management and planning. To this end, it works closely with African governments on socio-economic development and planning to assess their needs and develop general, specialized, and tailor-made courses for mid-career and senior officials and various line ministries. In addition to its core training and capacity development mandate, the Institute also carries out associated policy research activities on various economic

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Capacity
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Knowledge
management



Policy
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Advisory
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Core activities

management and development planning themes. Furthermore, it undertakes policy advisory services at the request of Member States, these services being tailored to the particular needs of requesting governments. Finally, the Institute also organizes a regular series of policy dialogues, public seminars, and policy conferences.

Why partner with IDEP

- **Continuous support to civil servants:** IDEP is one of few Institutions officially mandated by African Governments to accompany them in their training and capacity development efforts. The strong combination of its mandate, continental reach, and extensive network of alumni offers IDEP's partners with the opportunity to contribute directly to both individual and institutional capacity on the continent, crucial to the African development agenda as strongly recognized by both Agenda 2030 and 2063.
- **Bridging the gender gap:** One of IDEP's objectives is to increase the number of women equipped with the capacity to positively affect development in their countries and advocate for gender mainstreaming in all aspects of development. Women's participation in training has been consistently over a third of participants over the last 5 years with the numbers set to grow. IDEP has also recently commenced offering trainings via eLearning, in the process unveiling a real opportunity to allow more women to benefit from its courses.
- **Knowledge management and policy impact:** Given its mandate, IDEP's has traditionally targeted civil servants and public officials for its activities. However, as the role of the private sector and civil society in development has become more and more prominent in recent years, IDEP's scope of policy research & dialogue, capacity strengthening and knowledge management offer a unique opportunity to enhance capacity development and policy thinking opened to, civil society, private sector, the youth, the media, parliamentarians, and executive-level civil servants, etc.
- **Extensive training resources and fully equipped facilities:** IDEP has 55 years of experience in delivering skills training in the domain of economic management

Thematic Focus

-  **Planning for development**
-  **Macroeconomic development**
-  **Regional integration**
-  **Social development**
-  **Natural resource management**
-  **Emerging issues**

and development planning. The Institute further benefits from well-equipped and functional training and conference facilities that are located in Dakar, Senegal. The team is also able to deliver training in other locations and online.

How to partner with IDEP

Potential partners can collaborate with IDEP through and any or a combination of the following ways:

- **Funding IDEP:** Partners can support IDEP by committing unrestricted funding to the IDEP programme for a specified period of time to be utilized in line with UN rules and regulations and reported on as mutually agreed.
- **Support to IDEP programme activities:** Partners can identify an activity of mutual interest within the IDEP training catalogue and annual plan and collaborate with IDEP in developing and/or implementing the activity. Partners can also approach IDEP to specifically design, and deliver an activity that fits within the IDEP mandate or the guiding development frameworks such as Agenda 2030 and 2063.
- **Joint activities:** Partners can collaborate directly with IDEP to jointly deliver activities of mutual interest in a predetermined resource-sharing arrangement. IDEP is particularly interested in working on knowledge generation and dissemination activities particularly with think tanks, academia and research institutions to influence policy.
- **Support to participants:** Partners can provide direct support to course participants and beneficiaries, such as contributing to training costs, or encourage the participation of specific groups: women, youth, civil society, private sector, etc. by covering the participation costs.

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