

OVERVIEW

“ IDEP Knowledge Management and e-Learning ”



55 YEARS OF IMPACT
ANNEES D'IMPACT

Created in 2016, IDEP's "Knowledge Management and ICT" division seeks to make knowledge resources available to African policy makers, researchers, students, and in general anyone interested in African's development and maintains a special emphasis on knowledge resources generated by the ECA and IDEP.

The IDEP Library

Established in 1963, the IDEP Library has been at the forefront of providing quality information and documentation services to a large and diversified audience of trainees, research and teaching staff, visiting fellows, government officials, university academics, postgraduate students, and the general reading public. The library is home to the most original collection of development documents concerning postcolonial Africa. For example, most original copies of all the development plans elaborated by African countries since independence are available in the library. The library is also home to the biggest collection of dissertations produced by senior African development planners and policy analysts who have passed through the Institute's master's degree programme.

The IDEP Library plays a leading role in serving as a liaison centre for the UN and partner organizations. It has also served as a repository in Senegal for the World Bank and IMF publications. Besides, concerted efforts are made on a continuing basis to acquire and maintain core books and periodicals on IDEP's major programme areas as well as leading economic management and development themes. More than

2,000 users visit the library each year, including 1,200 scholars and researchers. The ECA Library as a member of the UN libraries consortium, grants the IDEP Library access to numerous databases for in-house use. The institutional acquisition policy places emphasis on cooperation and networking with other libraries around the world.

The IDEP Library collection consists of books, journals, pamphlets, CD-ROM databases and publications from the UN System, the World Bank, the IMF and the OECD. Other resources include bibliographies and Internet-based on-line databases. Given IDEP's mandate and mission, the library seeks to position itself as a premier centre of information and data resources. In this way, the library is able to play its role fully as a key resource for the attainment of IDEP's institutional priorities.

In 2017, a digitization project was initiated and is currently run with 3,300 titles of publications available with a target of 5,800 at the end. The resources concerned by this project are the publications produced by African member states and the whole collection of IDEP published materials.

IDEP Library resources & visitors



2,000 visitors per year



Over 56,000 resources



Over 20,000 resources online



Over 45,000 annual visitors to online library

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IDEP e-Learning programmes

Successfully launched in 2016, the IDEP eLearning programme aims at offering five (5) interactive bilingual courses per year, with a minimum of 100 persons per course (50 per language), leading to an extra 500 beneficiaries per year. The eLearning programme currently offers different types of online courses:

Static courses

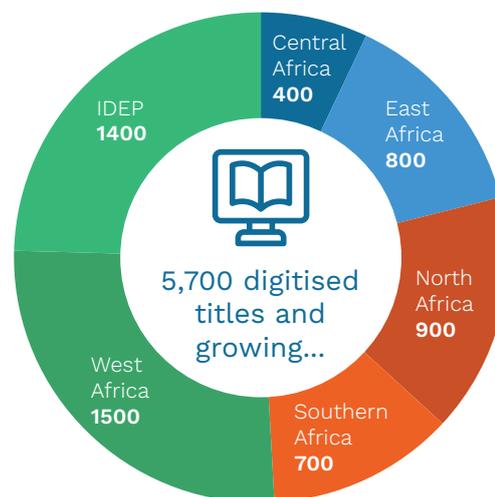
Principally driven and managed by the IDEP library, these take the form of tutorials on research methodology. In addition, some courses are enriched with some forms of audiovisual content, including video clips from IDEP's own rich collection; interviews of experts in various fields; the audio-video recording of monthly development seminars and high level dialogues.

Online Non-Interactive modules

These non-interactive courses are built on the catalogue of courses currently offered by IDEP as short courses (1-2 weeks duration) and at the end, provide for participants to evaluate themselves and obtain certification. These types of courses can also be used as pre-requisite training and evaluation for subsequent in-house courses.

Online Interactive Courses

These courses will be interactive in nature and thus require additional support for asynchronous moderation and support, using both the pool of experts available to IDEP as well as IDEP's own Training Division. There will also be evaluation and subsequent certification: these evaluations will be performed by moderators and resource persons.



What former trainees say about IDEP courses*

“ 85% of respondents surveyed felt the knowledge earned during their training would **facilitate planning activities** in their institutions ”

“ 84% of respondents surveyed **applied knowledge** gained to influence or directly feed into **policy development** ”

“ 90% of respondents recommended diversifying IDEP's **training** to include e-learning ”

“ **Over 96%** of respondents would recommend IDEP's **online training** to other colleagues or friends ”

* Data taken from an online survey completed by 259 former trainees towards identifying a suitable distance learning approach for IDEP.

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Example of online courses

Industrialization through Trade

4 weeks: Bilingual

Regional integration and trade

5 weeks: English