



African Institute for Economic
Development and Planning

59th

Session of the IDEP Governing Council

Report of the Director

Interventions and achievements since 58th GC

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Introduction

Inform about the key interventions and achievements from 30 November 2021 (58th GC) to June 2023

A period characterized by



- Lingering effects of COVID-19
- Post-COVID recovery dynamics in countries
- Socio-economic impacts of Russia-Ukraine crisis
- Dwindling ODA
- Regional conflicts and insecurity
- Climate impacts

Adaptation
measures



- Adapted training and research activities to consider the impact of the various crisis
- Skill-based approach to adequate workforce development, focusing on upskilling and reskilling
- After a period of 100% Elearning, gradual resumption of on-site trainings



Introduction

2021

Focus on social inclusion with a strong youth and gender component

Launch of the Young Economic Network



1013 Young economists from 88 universities of 29 African countries

2022

Focus on integration of risk in development planning:

- Risk management
- Risk mainstreaming in development planning processes
- Debt management

Key achievements: Training

Pan African Initiative for Digital Transformation of TVET and Skills Development Systems in Africa
PANAFRICAN TRAINING FOR LEADERS: GRADUATION CEREMONY - FIRST COHORT | 103 PARTICIPANTS FROM 8 PRESELECTED COUNTRIES

Online: 19th, August 2021
10h00 - 11h00 GMT

UNDER THE MENTORSHIP AND EFFECTIVE PRESENCE OF:

- UNESCO: Dr. Dimasi Sangha
- UNECA/IDEP: Dr. Karima Bouamra Ben Soltane
- OP-LIFE: Dr. Mona Laroussi
- EDWISS: Dr. Abdoulaye Manga

Logos: UNESCO, UNECA/IDEP, OP-LIFE, EDWISS, IFCP, IDEP, AUDA-NEPAD, European Union

Call for Applications
EMERGING DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR ENHANCING POST-2020 CLIMATE AND CARBON MARKETS

Duration: 5 weeks

Beginning of the training: 21st November 2022

Application Deadline: 7th November 2022

Commission REGISTER NOW <https://idep-applications.uneca.org/>

CARBON MARKET READINESS PROS AND CONS TOWARD ACCELERATING THE ATTAINMENT OF THE TWO AGENDAS

Duration: 5 weeks

Coming soon REGISTER NOW <https://idepappreciations.uneca.org/>

Beginning of the training: 20th September 2022

Application Deadline: 15th September 2022

TOWARDS AN EFFECTIVE AFRICAN CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA)

Date: 22nd September - 27th September 2022

Yes: Hotel Médinaour Dakar, Sénégal

YERS UNE ZONE DE LIBRE-ÉCHANGE CONTINENTALE AFRICAINE EFFICACE (ZLECAF)

Date: 22 Septembre - 27 Septembre 2022

Lié: Hotel Médinaour Dakar, Sénégal

Call for Registration / Appel à candidatures

The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

WHERE DO WE STAND? How Can Parliaments and other From-State Actors Contribute?

La Zone de Libre-Echange Continentale Africaine (ZLECAF)

OÙ EN SOMMES-NOUS? Comment les parlements et autres acteurs non étatiques peuvent-ils contribuer?

Coming soon

Bientôt INSCRIVEZ-VOUS

Debut de la formation: 28 Jan 2022

Deadline des candidatures: 31 Jan 2022

Call for Applications

REVISITING FISCAL POLICIES TO STRENGTHEN RESILIENCE AND POST COVID RECOVERY

Duration: 4 weeks

Coming soon REGISTER NOW <https://idep-applications.uneca.org/>

Beginning of the training: 13th February 2022

Application Deadline: 14 February 2022

FUNDAMENTALS OF NATURAL RESOURCES GOVERNANCE IN WEST AFRICA FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS, JOURNALISTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY MEMBERS

Duration: 3 weeks

Coming soon REGISTER NOW <https://idep-applications.uneca.org/>

Beginning of the training: 29th August 2022

Application Deadline: 12th August 2022

A certificate will be issued by IDEP to all participants who have successfully completed the course-related assessment tests provided for each module.



Focus



socio-economic policy analysis, formulation, management & development planning

 Empowerment of women & young people 

 Climate change

 Opportunities & challenges stemming from the establishment of the AfCFTA

 Innovative financing mechanisms to support Countries' recovery

 Natural resource governance

 Macroeconomic modelling & Risk management



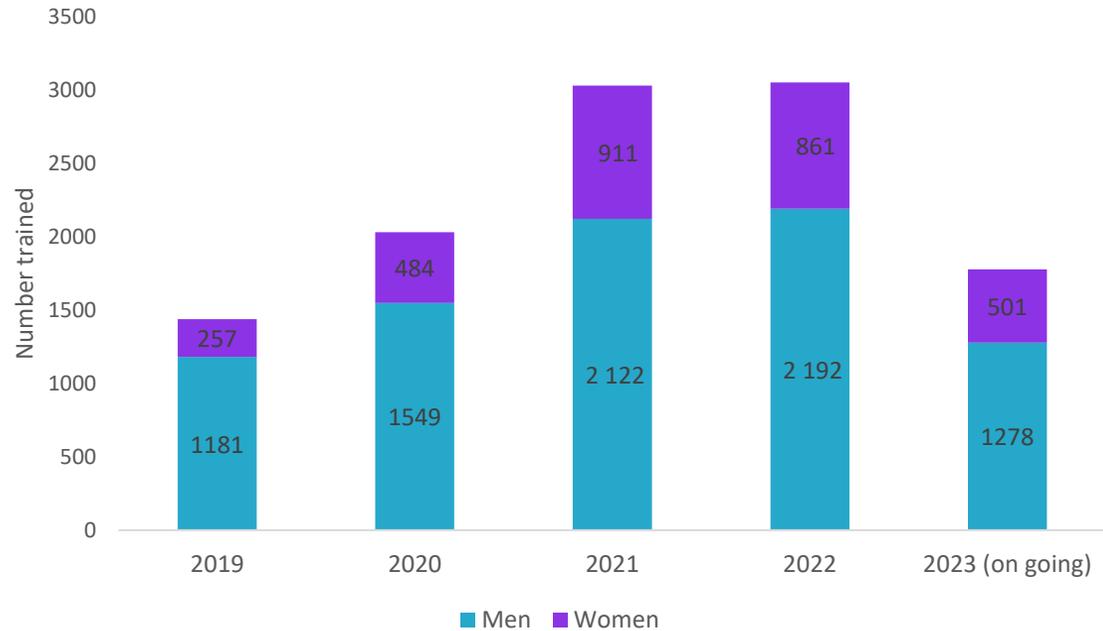
106 courses

- 9 in-person; 97 on-line
- public officials and non-state actors
- 3033 beneficiaries, 911 women, 49 countries in 2021
- 3053 beneficiaries, 861 women, 51 countries in 2022



Numbers





Evolution of the number of trainees

IMPACT ASSESSMENT



75 % of the surveyed trainees asserted having used the skills and knowledge acquired for effective public policies planning and implementation

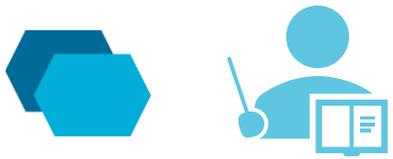
5 national policies for building more inclusive and resilient economies were developed in Botswana, Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, the Comoros, and Madagascar

Regular support to the Gambia



Some examples

- Data analysis for sustainable development
- Territorializing of development
- Project management
- Policies to promote the nexus between peace/security and development
- Macroeconomic and structural policy options to accelerate economic diversification and job creation
- Macroeconomic modelling for sustainable development planning
- Energy statistics and balances evaluating public policy
- eEnergy policy planning
- Mineral Law and Governance
- Policy and legislation for the operation of road corridors
- Agricultural policy in Africa
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Digital transformation to accelerate youth agri-entrepreneurship
- Youth Employability and Entrepreneurship
- Post Covid-19 Low Carbon Transition
- Climate Information and Services for long term planning and decision making
- Blue economy
- AfCFTA
- Free Movement and Regional Integration
- The African Regional Integration Index
- Gender, trade, and development
- International trade policy and trade Negotiations



Master's programme

- 5 years collaboration agreement with the University of Johannesburg on 18-month Master of Philosophy programme in **industrial policy** came to an end. 5 cohorts trained
- Joint evaluation conducted by an independent consultant to assess the performance of the programme, identify impact, lessons learned and steps to ensure the sustainability of the outcomes achieved
- Findings of the evaluation jointly reviewed, weaknesses and strengths pointed out, actions to undertake, for a better and smooth running of the partnership
- Both parties agreed to renew partnership for 4 cohorts over 5 years



Program for French speaking countries



Key achievements: Research





- 5 high-level policy and 23 Development seminars
- 1500 participants, researchers, and decision-makers – 500 women
- Reflect on policy-related issues and recommend operational solutions towards achieving Agendas 2030 and 2063

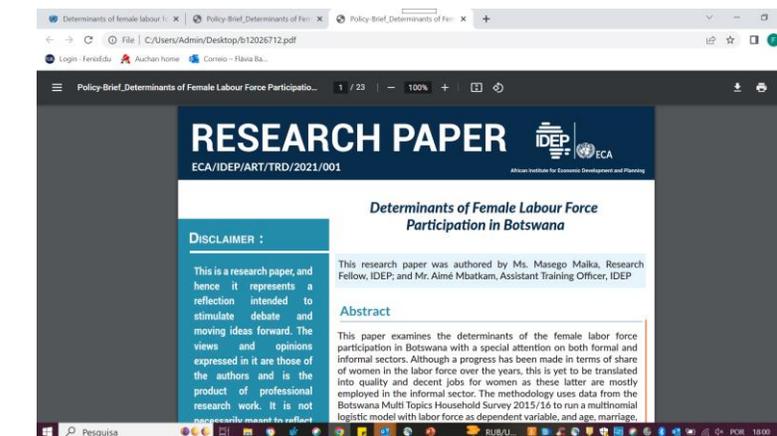
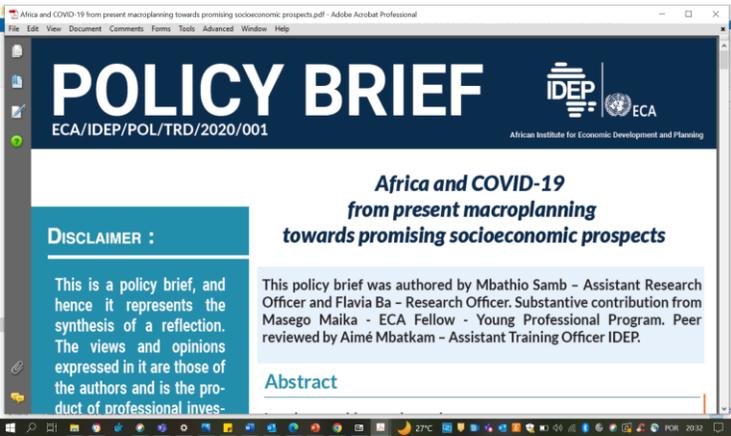
Think Tank role



- 2021 and 2022 (end date: 2023) research project on “*Debt, taxation and financing for development: immediate responses to global emergencies and efficient planning*”
Objective: tools towards efficient financial planning, as an immediate response to the socio-economic impacts of Covid-19
 - 10 West-African countries: Benin; Côte d’Ivoire; Ghana; Guinea; Liberia; Mali; Niger; Nigeria; Sierra Leone; Senegal
- Research on “Migration, employability and integration of young people: the case of Senegal” (Gender, Youth Employment and Social Inclusion project)
- 3 ECA fellowships (2021-2022). The fellows worked in the areas of women employment; coastal erosion and environmental migration; new and traditional mechanisms for financing for development

Fellowship

Publications 2021-2022



Key achievements: Knowledge resource centre





“Knowledge in Box”

Since 2017, 6,000 titles digitized

In 2022, IDEP created a portable library of digitized publications

The “Knowledge in box” >>> documentation accessible without an Internet connection

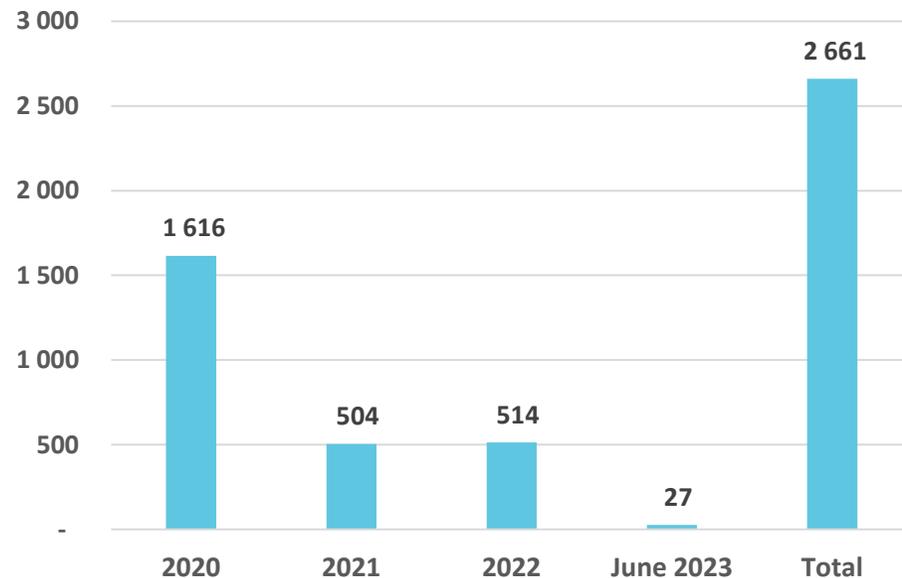


Digital Library

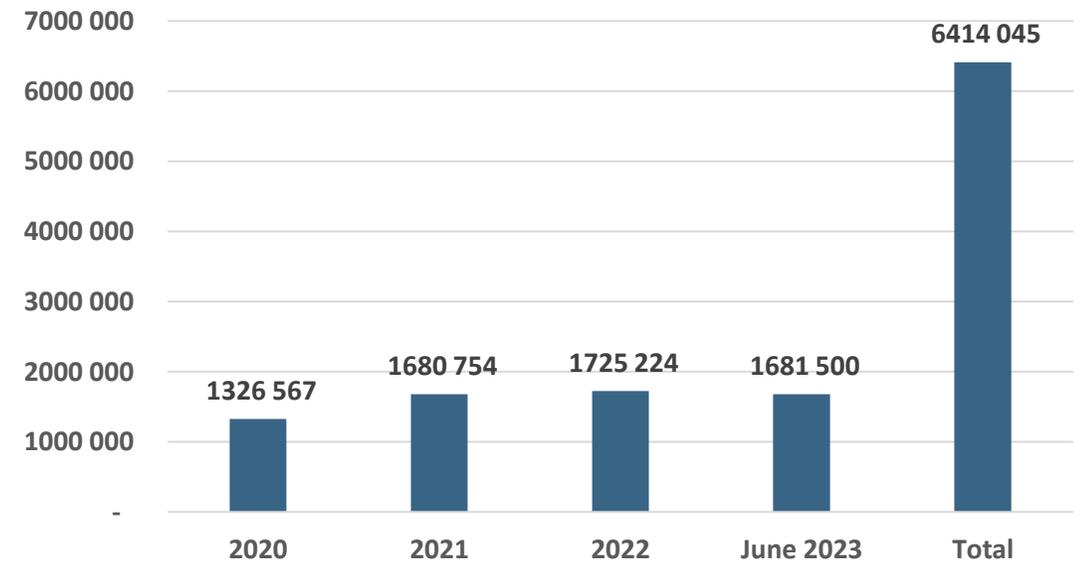
During COVID-19 pandemic, all user services were provided online

Bilingual bibliographies & webographies provided to online trainees and webinar participants: 25 in 2021, 18 in 2022

New records



Download frequency



Conclusion & Prospects for 2023-2024





Finalisation of the membership of IDEP Governing Council

Sub Region	Members	
Central Africa	Equatorial Guinea (*)	CAR
East Africa	Rwanda	Ethiopia
North Africa	Sudan (*)	Mauritania
Southern Africa	Botswana	Mozambique
West Africa	Guinea (*)	Ghana (*)

Permanent members:
Senegal and **AUC**

(*) 2nd term



Evaluation of the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan

Design of the 2024-2024 Strategic Plan

Inaugural meeting of IDEP GC: July 2023

Meeting to review 2024-2029 Strategic Plan: December



- ▶ More tailor-made capacity building activities for Member States & RECs
- ▶ Better participation of Lusophone countries
- ▶ Resuming progressively in-situ activities to strengthen hands-on learning
- ▶ Resource mobilization strategy to recover arrears & more regular contributions from Member States
- ▶ Increase of the UN Grant
- ▶ Preparation of the move to the UN Common House in Diamniadio





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Thank You

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