

IDEP's research programs complement its training efforts and respond to the needs of policymakers. These programs guide course content and adapt it to evolving development agendas, positioning IDEP as a think tank for policy change

Key Services



High-Level Policy Dialogues

A platform for structured debates among African policymakers, researchers, and development practitioners. These dialogues, lasting 1-2 days, focus on Africa's structural transformation and sustainable development, involving about 40 participants per event



Development Seminars (IDS) Series

A forum for mutual learning and knowledge exchange between researchers and policymakers. These 3-hour seminars feature presentations by senior scholars and engage 40-60 participants from various sectors



Fellowship Programs

- Visiting Fellowship for Policy Researchers: Promotes knowledge sharing and mutual learning on the African development agenda. Fellows contribute to strengthening the knowledge base on key areas of economic development and planning
- Visiting Fellowship for African Policy Officials: Offers officials from governments and regional institutions a period of concentrated reflection to produce policy papers
- Intra-African Study Visit Program: A two-week study tour for mid-career and senior policymakers to promote cross-border learning and apply lessons to their work

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Research Programmes

Young Economists Network (YEN)

Investing in Africa's future
ECA Young Economists Network (ECA-YEN)

Created in 2022, the YEN aims at empowering and engaging a new generation of skilled young macroeconomic modelers in order to: support macroeconomic analysis at national, sub-regional and regional levels; promote the establishment of a strong technical Macroeconomic Policy Research Units (MPRUs); support countries for a more effective achievement of the 2030 and 2063 goals

Events and initiatives

Africa Day:

- 2024 – *“Leveraging digital technologies for an inclusive, sustainable and fit-for-purpose education in Africa”*
- 2023 – *“The African Continental Free Trade Area and the Single African Air Transport Market”*
- 2019 – *“Refugees, Returnees, and Internally Displaced: Towards Sustainable Solutions to Forced Displacement in Africa”*
- 2018 – *“Winning the fight against corruption in Africa”*

Development Seminars and Policy Dialogues

2024

- International Women's Day with IDEP Alumni – *“Invest in Women: Advancing Gender and Care-Sensitive Social Protection to Accelerate Progress”*
- The imperatives of Economic Transformation in Africa
- Green Technologies for MSMEs – Opportunities for a resilient youth

2023

- High level conference – 60th anniversary of IDEP: *“Learning from 60 years of practice in Africa and Shaping the Future”*

- IDEP Special Session – African Economic Conference 2023: *“Leveraging on strategic foresight for an agile, robust, and forward-looking sustainable industrial development in Africa”*
- Development Seminar – *“Revisiting fiscal policies in managing risk to build resilience”*

2022

- Conference IDEP-STE CIA – *“Partnerships for accelerating Agri-business in Africa”*
- Experts Group Meeting – *“The aftermath of the COVID-19 outbreak: macro-economic situation of Africa and financing for sustainable development”*

2021

- High Level Policy Dialogue – *“Digital agribusiness – For a sustainable industrialization: The role of economic planning and capacity building towards a resilient economic recovery”* (COM2021 Side event)
- Development Seminar on the African Union theme of the Year Day – *“Youth and Arts, Culture And Heritage: Levers for Building the Africa We Want”*

2020

- Development Seminar – *“Keeping Supply Chains in Place: The Importance of Cooperation Between LLDCs and Their Transit Partners”* (UNECA, African Union, UNCTAD, FAO)
- Development Seminar – *“Transformative Youth Volunteerism to accelerate the delivery of the SDGs”*

2019

- Development Seminar – *“Financing the SDGs”*
- Development Seminar – *“Localizing the SDGs”*

2018

- Development Seminar – *“The new approaches to planning for a better achievement of the objectives of agendas 2030 and 2063”*

