



African Institute for Economic
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61st

Meeting of the IDEP Governing Council

**Lessons learnt from the implementation
of the 2026 program**



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PART **1**: the context

Strategic Framework 2026-2030

1st Year of Implementation

Conceptual basis of the Strategic Framework 2026-2023



Vision

A structurally transformed and prosperous Africa driven by its own skilled people



Mission

- Equip African leaders and institutions with skills for effective policymaking
- Advance innovative research and knowledge-sharing
- Foster strategic collaboration and partnerships



Our Ambition for 2026-2030

To be the continent's prime institute for transforming development planning and economic governance capacity.



A transformed landscape is reshaping capacity needs

Three reinforcing forces make stronger, African-owned capacity development an urgent priority

1

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

Polycrisis is intensifying demand

Challenging circumstances worldwide require countries to plan, implement and assess development policies with greater speed and resilience

2

CONTINENTAL PRIORITIES

Africa's united voice is widening the agenda

Member States are seeking support in regional integration and emerging areas, including digital transformation, climate action and behavioral economics

3

DELIVERY REALITY

Local solutions must do more with less

Reliance on domestic resources is rising while limited funding, staffing pressures and UN reform increase expectations for efficiency and measurable impact

5x 2025 applications compared with 2020

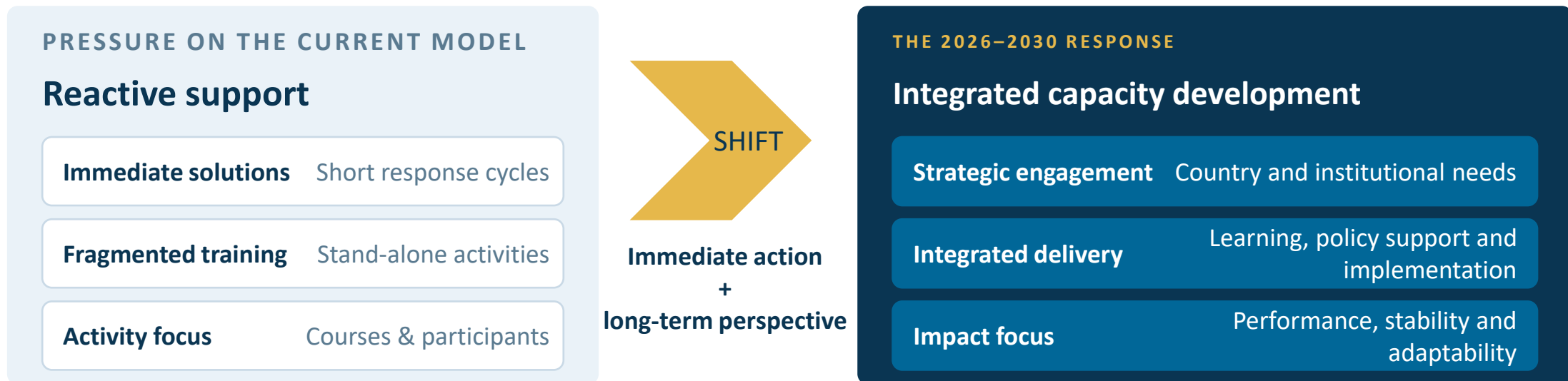
The call: reinforce countries' capacity collectively and individually



WHY CHANGE → WHAT CHANGES

The context calls for a paradigm shift

IDEP must connect immediate delivery with long-term institutional transformation



The Strategic Framework turns a transformed landscape into a coherent, African-owned platform for sustainable change



2026–2030

Strategic Repositioning

from *training center*



2026–2030



to *operational policy support instrument*

1

**Strategic Framework
2026-2030**

Input from TAC

**Adopted by IDEP GC 6
pillars:**

- development financing
- regional integration
- social inclusion
- natural resources & climate
- infrastructure, digital transformation

2

Shift in model

- Fragmented training
- Integrated capacity development approach

3

Theory of Change

- Applied research
- Policy advisory
- Training
- technical frameworks
- national validation
- implementation

4

Co-creation

- Hackathons
- technical workshops
- cross-sector policy dialogues

5

One ECA

- ECA training arm

6

Continental anchoring

Aligned with

- Agenda 2063
- SDGs
- Pact for the Future

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PART **2**: the program

Key areas of intervention

Key areas of intervention – 2026 ABP

2025

Mainstreaming risk management into policy planning and development

Integration of social protection into development planning and economic analysis

Development of a future-ready workforce



2026

Integration of social protection into development planning and economic analysis

Development of a future-ready workforce

Strengthened Localized Development Planning and Development Financing

Agenda **2063** The Africa we Want



UN 2.0
Quintet
of Change



Early progress is visible, reach must now convert into outcomes

3,725

learners reached by September 2026

240

policymakers engaged

1st

year of Strategic Framework
implementation



What the numbers do tell us

Demand is strong, high-level policy reach is material,
and blended delivery can operate at continental scale



What the numbers do not yet tell us

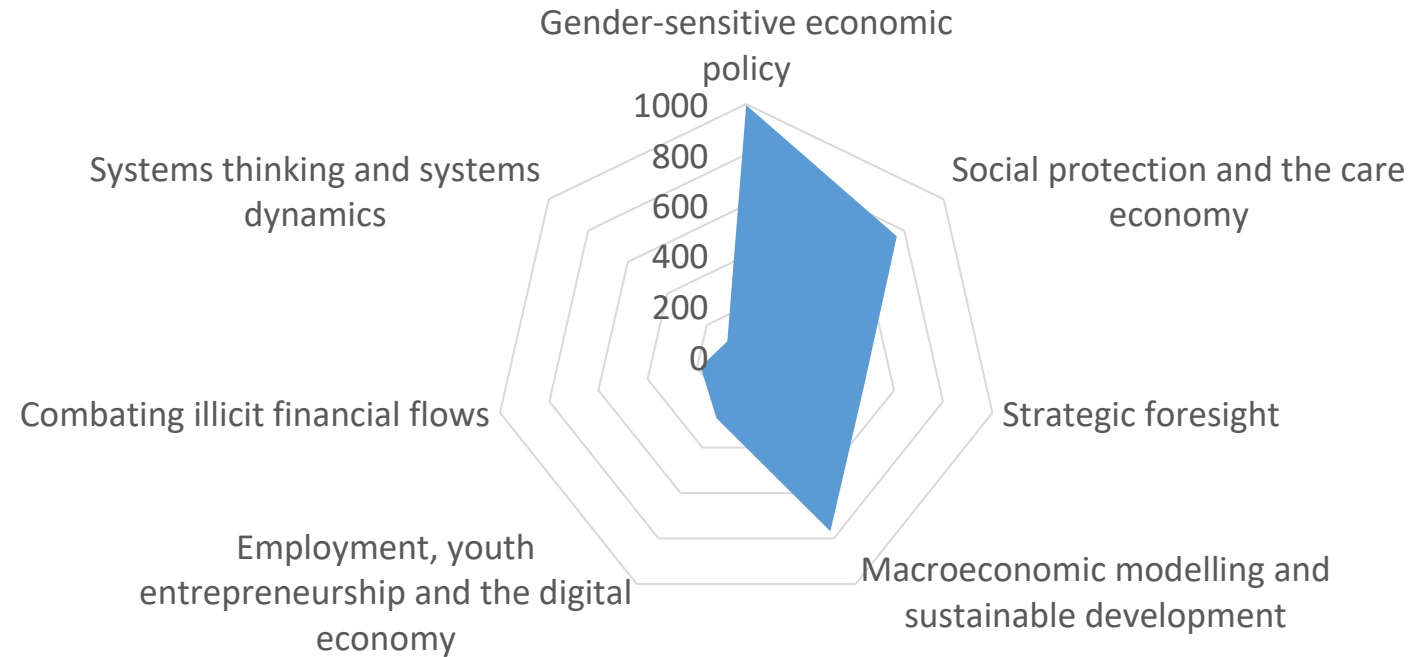
Whether institutions changed practice, adopted
reforms, improved planning quality or sustained
implementation



Trainees per course

The demand and retention rates:

- Vary % subjects and delivery modes
- High and increasing



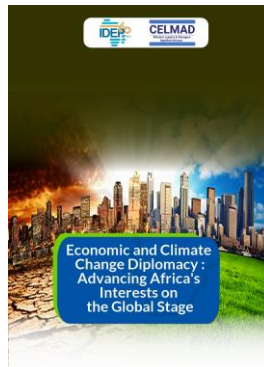


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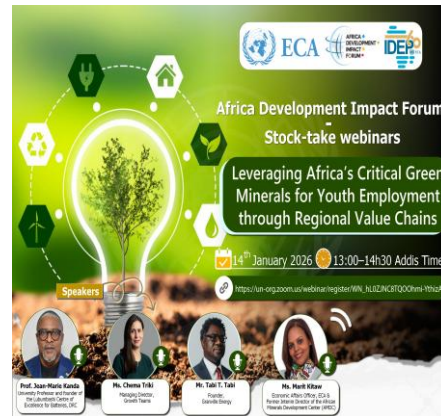
On-line training & development seminars



3,700+ trained, January - September 2026



20th - 24th APRIL, 2026
Addis Ababa - Ethiopia



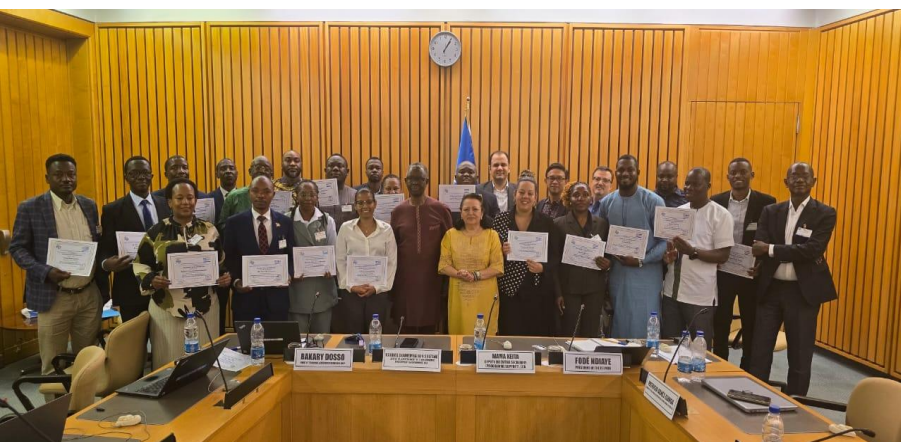
2026

12 IDS on-line

Meeting of IDEP Governing Council



IDEP closer to its Member States



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Le Pôle Sud veut bâtir une stratégie de développement au plus près des réalités territoriales

Les acteurs territoriaux du Pôle Sud sont réunis à Agadir pour quatre jours de réflexion autour du diagnostic territorial et de la mise en œuvre d'un schéma d'aménagement et d'un schéma de développement adaptés. Organisé du 2nd septembre au 2nd octobre, ce séminaire de production du Plan de Développement du Pôle Sud entend placer les acteurs des territoires concernés au cœur du processus de planification.

La rencontre vise à enrichir le diagnostic territorial des services de l'État à partir des données disponibles et des perceptions des acteurs territoriaux sur le développement et l'aménagement. Les intervenants dans les régions du Maroc ont été sélectionnés sur la base de critères précis. Les travaux ont été co-animés par le directeur général de l'Agence Maroc TALE, pour la partie thématique de l'aménagement, et le directeur général de Développement communautaire, pour la partie économique. La Faculté du Pôle Sud, qui a organisé le séminaire, a été dirigée par son chef de file, la planification régionale.

Le séminaire a permis de recueillir les perceptions des acteurs territoriaux sur les enjeux de développement et d'aménagement. Les données recueillies ont été synthétisées et ont servi de base à la planification régionale.

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AS PER GC RECOMMENDATION

Face to Face Trainings & Advisory Services



Promote innovation and evidence-based development planning



Deepen impact in key development priorities: localization of development & social protection

2026

Validation of the Management and Functional Review Report Mission	19-23 January	Sierra Leone – Advisory Service
Gender and Economic Policy Management Initiative Course (GEPMI)	09-20 February	Malawi – Face to Face
Climate and Economic Diplomacy	09-13 February Dakar	Senegal - Face to Face
Climate and Economic Diplomacy	19-24 April Addis Ababa	Ethiopia - Face to face
Social Protection	10-21 Août	Dakar - Face to Face
Pikine VLR	On-going - started in April	Senegal – Advisory Service
Pôle Casamance	29 Sept – 02 Oct, Ziguinchor	Senegal – Advisory Service
Smart Cities Planning	22 Sept	Benin & Ghana - for the elaboration of subnational policy document

Country engagement converted Council guidance into tangible institutional products



Country ownership anchors relevance and implementation.

Sierra Leone

Management and Functional Review, national validation and a roadmap toward a Public Service Academy

Senegal

Social protection, care economy and localized planning, linking national priorities with territorial delivery
Support for subnational policy document particularly pole Casamance document ongoing



Network of Directors for Planning

- Consolidated the African Network of Directors General of Planning
- Promoted the exchange of experiences and best practices in national development planning policies
- Advanced the integration of the care economy into national development strategies
- Strengthened the linkages between development planning, financing of productive social investments, and the demographic dividend
- Presented IDEP's Master's Programme in Development Planning and its new capacity-development offerings
- Define a common roadmap for the Network of Directors General of Planning



Annual meeting as a side event of ECA-COM Starting COM 2027



Case 1: Sierra Leone shows the path from diagnosis to institutional reform

Challenge

Strengthen public administration capability and modernise the institutional platform for civil-service learning



Lesson for IDEP

The strongest results emerge when advisory support is co-produced with national institutions and concludes with an agreed reform pathway, not only a report

Case 2: Senegal connects national priorities with local implementation



Capacity development becomes more relevant when policy, territory and delivery actors learn together

Social protection & care economy

Build shared technical understanding

Peer learning & needs assessment

Identify concrete capability gaps

Webinars, hackathons & master classes

Broaden participation and generate solutions

Policy support

Help translate learning into a draft strategy or policy



The Saly Retreat transformed a meeting into a continental planning mechanism

African Network of Directors General of Planning

THE SALY DECLARATION



Consolidate

A standing peer network for Africa's planning leaders



Exchange

Practical experience and tested approaches across countries



Integrate

Care economy, productive social investment and demographic dividend



Mobilise

A common roadmap linking planning, financing and delivery

Strategic value: the network gives IDEP a demand-sensing, peer-learning and dissemination channel at the center of national planning systems



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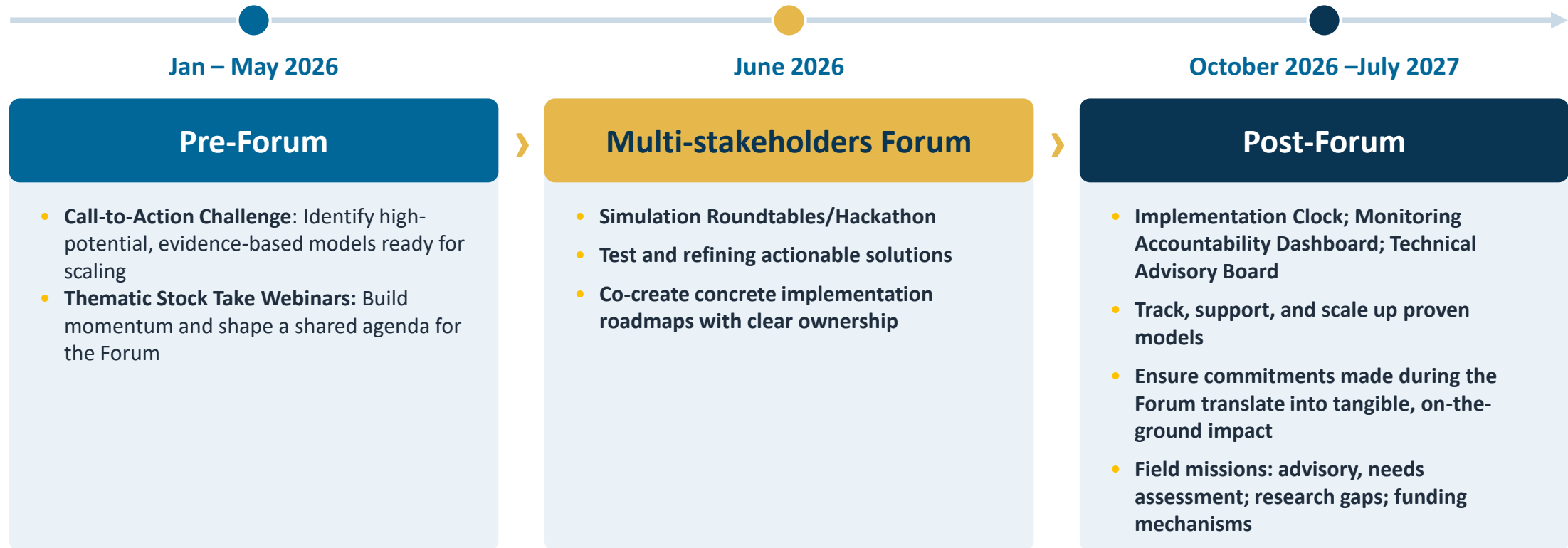
PART 3: involving the youth

Young Minds, African Solutions: Yen Activites &
Africa Development Impact Forum (ADIF) 2026





ADIF Process





FROM FORUM RESULTS TO MEASURABLE DELIVERY

ADIF 2026: Main Outcomes and Implementation Clock

MAIN OUTCOMES

96%

participant satisfaction

9

youth-led solutions

5

finalists entering implementation

- **Implementation-first platform**
Shifted the conversation from recommendations to accountability, partnership and delivery
- **Shared agenda for jobs**
Five priorities link entrepreneurship, AI and digital transformation, AfCFTA, future skills and green industrialization
- **Youth as solution providers**
The Hackathon created a pipeline for mentorship, partnership brokering and scaling
- **Evidence and partnership base**
Five months of pre-Forum webinars strengthened technical depth and cross-sector collaboration

IMPLEMENTATION CLOCK

Co-owned mechanism to convert commitments into implementation

1

Communities of Practice

2

Monitoring & stock takes

3

Strategic partnerships

4

Technical support, coaching & learning

IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

SEP 2026

Governance & endorsement

OCT-DEC

Mentorship Labs & launch of CoPs

JAN-MAR 2027

Advanced support & visibility

APR-JUN 2027

Assessment, report & next cycle

Immediate decision: endorse the roadmap and governance, appoint the ICC, then launch the first mentorship and Communities of Practice cycle



Young economists @ADIF 2026: before, during and after the Forum



Pre-Forum (Webinars)

- Promote high-growth youth entrepreneurship
- Unlock regional value chains within the AfCFTA to empower youth-led enterprises
- Skills development, education and work preparedness in Africa
- Green industrialization and critical minerals
- Industries of the future: transformative and labor-intensive sectors
- Creative industries and job creation

OBJECTIVE

Agree on shared priorities for the Forum



During the Forum

- Two fellows, YEN members, helped organize the Forum
- Nine participants took part in the Youth Dialogue on different Global Financial Architecture themes

OBJECTIVE

Scale up job-creating solutions and build partnerships to deliver them



Post-Forum

- Creation of Communities of Practice (CoPs)
- Webinars on Global Financial Architecture
- Policy briefs
- YEN Annual Report: progress on the ADIF 2026 recommendations and recommendations for the coming years

OBJECTIVE

Turn ADIF 2026 commitments into action and track progress

Post ADIF side event
@ COM 2027





Youth Dialogue on Global Financial Architecture Reform

Through the YEN, IDEP is empowering the next generation of African leaders to shape the continent's financing and development future

Engaging Africa's youth on development finance and economic transformation

- Address key issues including debt sustainability, cost of capital, climate finance, and illicit financial flows

Strengthening youth participation in Africa's reform agenda

- Build understanding of Africa's common positions on Global Financial Architecture (GFA) reform
- Empower young economists to contribute to policy dialogue and advocacy



Youth Dialogue under ADIF

- Convene youth leaders, policymakers, and experts to discuss solutions for Africa's financing challenges
- Translate technical reform proposals into youth-led messages and recommendations





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