African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

61st Meeting of the IDEP Governing Council

Note on the GC Membership

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Membership of the Governing Council
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Governance of IDEP

The Statute of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) establishes the Governing Council (GC) as the prime oversight and decision-making organ of the Institute. The GC's role is to give effect to the directions established for the work of the Institute by the ECA Conference of Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

The GC is composed of 13 members as follows:

- The Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) or his representative as the Chairperson of the GC
- A permanent seat for the Government of Senegal, as IDEP host country
- A permanent seat for the representative of the Africa Union Commission
- 10 members representing the 5 sub-regions of Africa, 2 per sub-region

The 10 members of the Governing Council who serve as representatives of African Governments are appointed by the Economic Commission for Africa Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (COM) on the basis of equal representation of the five subregions of the African continent.
They are appointed on a voluntary basis, in cognizance of their individual commitment and professional competencies, and with regard to their experience in affairs connected with the work of the Institute.

All members appointed by the Conference from the five subregions of the African continent and the member appointed on the recommendation of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission serve for an initial period of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one additional term only. Vacancies occurring owing to disability or resignation are filled for the interim period by the Conference.

The revision of membership of IDEP GC is planned to be approved during COM 2027.

Membership of IDEP Governing Council

Current membership

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

* Members having served 2 terms

Proposed membership

Criteria and steps for GC membership renewal:

- Members who have served 2 terms will be replaced
- Members who have served 1 term will be asked to confirm their willingness and readiness to serve a second term.
- They will be invited to serve for a second term to ensure business continuity
- In the absence of confirmation, they will be replaced
- IDEP/ECA will submit a proposal for the new membership to the ECA COM Bureau
- The proposal for new members will be based on rotation and participation in previous memberships

As a result, the proposed composition of IDEP GC that will be submitted to the next meeting of ECA COM Bureau will be as follows:

Sub Region	**Members**	
Central Africa	NEW	**CAR**
East Africa	NEW	NEW
North Africa	NEW	**Mauritania**
Southern Africa	**Botswana**	**Mozambique**
West Africa	NEW	NEW