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7-8 October 2026 – Dakar, Senegal

Draft Annotated Programme of Work

Day 1

09:00-09:30 **Arrival of the Members of the Council and registration**

Arrival and registration of the GC Members and participants at IDEP Conference Room. Members participating on-line will be connected.

Agenda Item 1

09:30-10:00 **Opening**

The Director of IDEP, as the Secretary of the Governing Council, welcomes the participants and introduces the programme of the meeting.

The Deputy Executive Secretary for Programme support of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa will chair the 61st meeting of IDEP Governing Council on behalf of the Executive Secretary of the ECA. She will welcome the participants, make opening remarks and officially open the session.

Agenda Item 2

10:00-10:15 **Round of introductions**

The members of the Governing Council and the Observers will introduce themselves.

Agenda Item 3

10:15-10:20 **Adoption of the agenda of the 61st meeting of IDEP Governing Council**

The members of the Council are invited by the Chairperson to examine and formally adopt the draft agenda of the meeting.

Agenda Item 4

10:20-10:30 **Adoption of the report of the 60th meeting of the Governing Council**

The draft report of the 60th meeting of the Council was prepared and circulated to the members who participated in the meeting. The Chairperson will ask whether there are further comments and invite the members of the Council to formally approve the report.

Coffee break

10:20-10:45

Agenda Item 5

10:45-11:30 **Matters arising from the report of the 59th meeting of the Governing Council**

IDEP representative will summarize the actions taken on key matters arising from the 60th meeting of the Council as per the document circulated.

The Chairperson will open the floor for questions and comments.

Agenda Item 6

11:30-13:00 **Lessons learnt from the implementation of the 2026 programs**

The Director of IDEP will make a presentation of the main achievements, key messages and lessons learnt from the implementation of the 2026 program, in the context of the Strategic Framework 2026-2030. Strategic areas of intervention; initiatives that provided member-states with advisory support; activities on capacity development and policy-oriented research will be addressed.

The Chairperson will invite the Members of the Governing Council to comment on what has been implemented so far and make recommendations for the way forward.

Lunch break

13:00-14:30

Agenda Item 7

14:30-15:30 **IDEP's financial sustainability and Partnerships for Implementation**

IDEP representative will present an analysis of the Institute's financial performance; a roadmap for financial sustainability and partnerships for the implementation of the Strategic Framework 2026-2030.

The Chairperson will invite the Members of the Governing Council to comment and make recommendations on IDEP's mid and long-term financial sustainability, as well as a stronger partnership strategy.

Agenda Item 8

15:30-17:15 **IDEP Business Model**

Mr. Hakim Ben Hammouda, the consultant who designed IDEP new Business Model, will present a summary of the key recommended components of the new model, with the view of maximizing the impact of IDEP Strategic Framework 2026–2030.

IDEP representative will present the actions taken by the Institute to implement the main recommendations of the new Business Model.

The Chairperson will invite the Members of the Governing Council to comment and make recommendations for the way forward.

Agenda Item 9

17:15-17:30 **Wrap-up of Day 1**

The Chairperson will summarize the outcome of the discussions of day 1 and highlight the main recommendations, then close the day.

Day 2

09:15-09:25 **Opening**

The Chairperson will welcome the participants and introduce the programme of Day 2.

Agenda Item 10

09:25-10:45 **Presentation of the program of work for the last quarter of 2026 & 2027**

IDEP representative will present the activities planned for the last quarter of 2026 as well as those programmed for 2027.

The Chairperson will invite the Members of the Governing Council to comment and make recommendations for the way forward.

Coffee break

10:45-11:15

Agenda Item 11

10:45-11:15 **Move to Diamniadio**

IDEP representative will present the key elements related to the move to the new UN House in Diamniadio.
The Chairperson will invite the Members of the Governing Council to comment and ask questions.

Agenda Item 12

11:15-11:45 **Governing Council Membership Renewal**

IDEP Director will present a proposition for the membership renewal of the Governing Council.
The Chairperson will invite the Members of the Governing Council to comment and ask questions.

Agenda Item 13

11:20-11:30 **Date and venue of the next Session**

The Members of Governing Council will discuss the date and venue of the 62nd Session of IDEP Governing Council.

Agenda Item 14

11:30-11:45 **Any other Business**

The Chairperson will invite the Members of the Governing Council to discuss any other business over the items previously addressed.

Agenda Item 15

11:45-12:30 **Closing**

The Chairperson will invite the Director of IDEP to make few concluding remarks
The Chairperson will summarize the main points discussed during IDEP 61st Governing Council session and its main recommendations then declare the session closed.

Lunch and networking

12:30