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Statutory issues

Draft revised statute of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

Note by the secretariat

1. By its resolution 2013/2 of 5 July 2013, the Economic and Social Council endorsed the updated statute of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning of the Economic Commission for Africa, as set out in the annex to that resolution.

2. At its fifty-third[1] and fifty-fourth[2] meetings, the Governing Council of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning considered the new statute of the Institute and proposed modifications to the text, in addition to some editorial changes.

3. The proposed modifications were made in order to clarify and to reflect appropriately the following:

(a) The respective roles and selection process of the members of the Governing Council and the Technical Advisory Committee;

(b) The continuity of the participation of the 10 members nominated by African Governments;

(c) The appointment by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, as Chair of the Governing Council, of the Institute's staff;

(d) Clarification of the role of the Governing Council in the selection of the Director of the Institute.

4. The proposed revised text was submitted to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for consideration and endorsement during its forty-ninth session.

5. By its resolution 942 (XLIX) of 2 April 2016, the Conference recommended that the Governing Council should further consider the revised statutes of the African Institute for Economic Development, on the basis of the approved amendments.

* E/ECA/COE/37/1

[1] Brazzaville, 19 June 2014.

[2] Addis Ababa, 5 February 2016.

6. At its fifty-fifth meeting, held in Addis Ababa on 14 March 2017, the Governing Council further considered the revised statutes as amended and endorsed the text as it was.

7. Accordingly, the revised text as amended and set out in the present note was submitted to the Conference for endorsement at its fiftieth session, which was scheduled to be held in Dakar from 23 to 28 March 2017. In the light of the adjournment of that session, the revised text is being resubmitted to the Conference for endorsement at its fifty-first session, to be held in Addis Ababa from 11 to 15 May 2018. The endorsed text will then be submitted to the Economic and Social Council for consideration and adoption.

Annex

Statute of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (revised draft)

Article I
Purpose and functions of the Institute

1. The primary purpose of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning shall be the specialist training of the officials of those services and institutions in Africa responsible for economic policy design and management, and development planning, monitoring and evaluation. Such training shall include appropriate research support activities. The Institute shall also organize workshops, seminars and policy dialogues of varied duration on practical problems of national, regional and international development pertinent to its training mandate and the needs of African Governments.

2. The four core functions of the Institute shall be:

(a) To provide at its headquarters or at any other location in Africa training courses, encompassing short and postgraduate programmes of varying duration, on various aspects of economic policy design and management, and development planning, monitoring and evaluation;

(b) To organize in African countries, in cooperation with the appropriate national services, subregional and regional bodies and international specialized agencies, seminars and policy dialogues of varying duration on practical problems relating to national and continental economic management, development and planning;

(c) To provide advisory services at the request of Governments, in close concert and collaboration with the relevant programme divisions of the Economic Commission for Africa, insofar as its training programme allows;

(d) To establish and maintain documentation, which will be made available throughout Africa in hard-copy and electronic formats to researchers, national institutions and subregional and regional organizations working in the field of economic planning and development.

3. In undertaking these four core functions, the Institute should take into account the paramount importance of promoting and safeguarding the economic independence of African countries.

Article II
Site of the Institute

1. The headquarters of the Institute shall be situated in Dakar.

2. The host Government shall provide, in agreement with the United Nations, adequate premises, facilities and services as required for the efficient operation of the Institute.

Article III
Status and organization of the Institute

1. The Institute is and shall operate as a subsidiary body of the Economic

Commission for Africa.

2. The Institute shall have its own governing council and budget. It shall be subject to the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations, except as may be otherwise provided for by the General Assembly. It shall also be subject to the financial rules, the staff rules and all other administrative issuances of the Secretary-General, except as may be otherwise decided by him or her.

3. In addition, there shall be a technical advisory committee, a director and support staff.

Article IV
Governing Council

1. The Governing Council shall be the prime oversight and decision-making organ of the Institute and shall act to give effect to the broad directions established for the work of the Institute by the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development of the Economic Commission for Africa.

2. The Governing Council shall be composed as follows:

(a) The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, who shall be the Chair of the Governing Council;

(b) Ten representatives of African Governments, two each from the five subregions of the continent (Central Africa, East Africa, North Africa, Southern Africa and West Africa);

(c) One representative of the Government of Senegal, as the host country;

(d) One representative of the African Union Commission;

(e) The Director of the Institute, in an ex-officio capacity, who serves as the Secretary of the Governing Council.

3. The 10 members of the Governing Council who serve as representatives of African Governments shall be appointed by the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on the basis of equal representation of the five subregions of the African continent.

4. The 10 members of the Governing Council who serve as representatives of African Governments shall serve on a voluntary basis. Once appointed, membership shall not be transferable or delegated except in circumstances envisaged under paragraph 7 of the present article.

5. The member of the Governing Council designated by the African Union Commission shall be recommended by the Chairperson of the Commission from among the elected officials of the Commission for appointment by the Conference.

6. 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 shall serve for a period of three years and shall be eligible for reappointment for one additional term only.

7. Membership shall be based on the principle of continuity. When an African Government wishes to change its representative before the end of the term, the proposed change shall be communicated to the Chair of the Conference and the Chair of the Governing Council.

8. The Governing Council shall:

(a) Adopt general principles and policies governing the operations of

the Institute, including the general conditions of admission to the Institute's programmes;

(b) Review and approve the annual work programme and budget of the Institute;

(c) Approve the courses offered by the Institute and the requirements for admission to them on the advice of the Technical Advisory Committee and the Director;

(d) Contribute to the determination of the type and nature of the certificates to be awarded at the end of the training courses offered by the Institute;

(e) Examine and approve the Director's annual report on the work and progress of the Institute, including the budgetary and financial report for the preceding year;

(f) Present an annual report on the work of the Institute, including a complete audited report in respect of all income and expenditure, to the Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development at its annual session;

(g) Oversee the general administration of the Institute and make such recommendations as it may deem appropriate;

(h) Constitute a Technical Advisory Committee of 10 members to work with it and the Director of the Institute on the quality and relevance of programmes.

9. The Governing Council shall hold two ordinary sessions every year to adopt a budget and a programme of activities, review the management report and statement of accounts, approve the development of new programmes and ensure the good administration of the Institute. It may hold an extraordinary session at the request of the Chair or one third of its members. The Governing Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article V
Technical Advisory Committee

1. The Technical Advisory Committee shall be composed of:

(a) Ten representatives of African Governments, two each from the five subregions of the continent, as provided for in article IV, paragraph 2 (b);

(b) The Director of Economic Affairs of the African Union Commission;

(c) The Director of the Institute.

2. Members of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Governing Council on the recommendation of the Chair of the Council and shall normally be requested to serve for at least three years at a time.

3. They shall be appointed on a voluntary basis, in cognizance of their individual commitment and professional competences, and with regard to their experience in affairs connected with the work of the Institute.

4. The Director of the Institute shall be the Chair of the Technical Advisory Committee.

5. The Technical Advisory Committee shall be responsible for giving technical advice with regard to the design of the training and related programmes and activities of the Institute. It shall do so with an eye to quality, relevance, timeliness, impact and sustainability.

6. The Technical Advisory Committee shall be convened at least once a year by its Chair. At its meeting, the Committee shall formulate recommendations to be submitted to the Governing Council on the current and future work programme of the Institute. It shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article VI
Chair of the Governing Council

The Chair of the Governing Council shall:

(a) Convene the Council and propose its agenda;

(b) By delegation of authority from the Secretary-General, appoint the Director and other staff of the Institute;

(c) With the approval of the Council, solicit and receive support for the work of the Institute from the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental agencies, African Governments, non-governmental organizations and other sources.

Article VII
Director

1. The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, through delegation of authority from the Secretary-General, shall appoint the Director of the Institute in accordance with the relevant United Nations rules and regulations. A search and selection committee established by the Chair of the Governing Council, in consultation with the members of the Council, shall propose suitable candidates for consideration.

2. The initial appointment of the Director shall be for three years, renewable for succeeding periods of three years, each subject to a satisfactory evaluation of the performance of the incumbent in accordance with established United Nations rules and procedures.

3. The Director will be assisted by professional and general support staff appointed in accordance with the rules and procedures governing United Nations staff appointments.

4. The Director shall have the responsibility for the organization, direction and administration of the Institute. In accordance with the policies laid down by the Governing Council, the Director shall:

(a) Submit the programme and budget of the Institute to the Governing Council for approval;

(b) Carry out programmes and effect disbursements as provided for in the budget, through which funds have been allocated;

(c) Submit annual reports on the activities of the Institute to the Governing Council, together with a complete report on revenue and expenditure for the preceding period;

(d) Submit the names of senior personnel for approval and appointment by the Secretary-General or the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, depending on the level of the posts to be encumbered;

(e) Select and appoint personnel of the Institute other than those referred to in subparagraph (d) above, after consultation with the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa;

(f) Make the necessary arrangements with other national and international organizations for the use of the services offered by the Institute, it being understood that arrangements with national organizations will be made with the approval of the Governments concerned.

Article VIII
Cooperation with the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa

The secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa shall, within the limits of its resources, assist the Institute in every possible way in order to facilitate its work. In particular, from time to time it shall provide the Institute with experienced staff to give lectures, assist in supervising research within the Institute's postgraduate training programmes and participate in workshops, seminars and policy dialogues.

Article IX
Financial resources and rules governing the financial management of the Institute

The Institute shall derive its finances from contributions made by African Governments and by the United Nations. The Institute may derive additional resources in cash or in kind from the funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and institutions, and Governments and non-governmental organizations. Acceptance by the Institute of offers of such assistance shall, in every case, be subject to the decision of the Chair of the Governing Council, in consultation with the Director of the Institute, in accordance with the basic aims of the Institute and the relevant provisions of the rules governing the financial management of the Institute. The Chair of the Governing Council shall report on the matter to the Council at its next session.