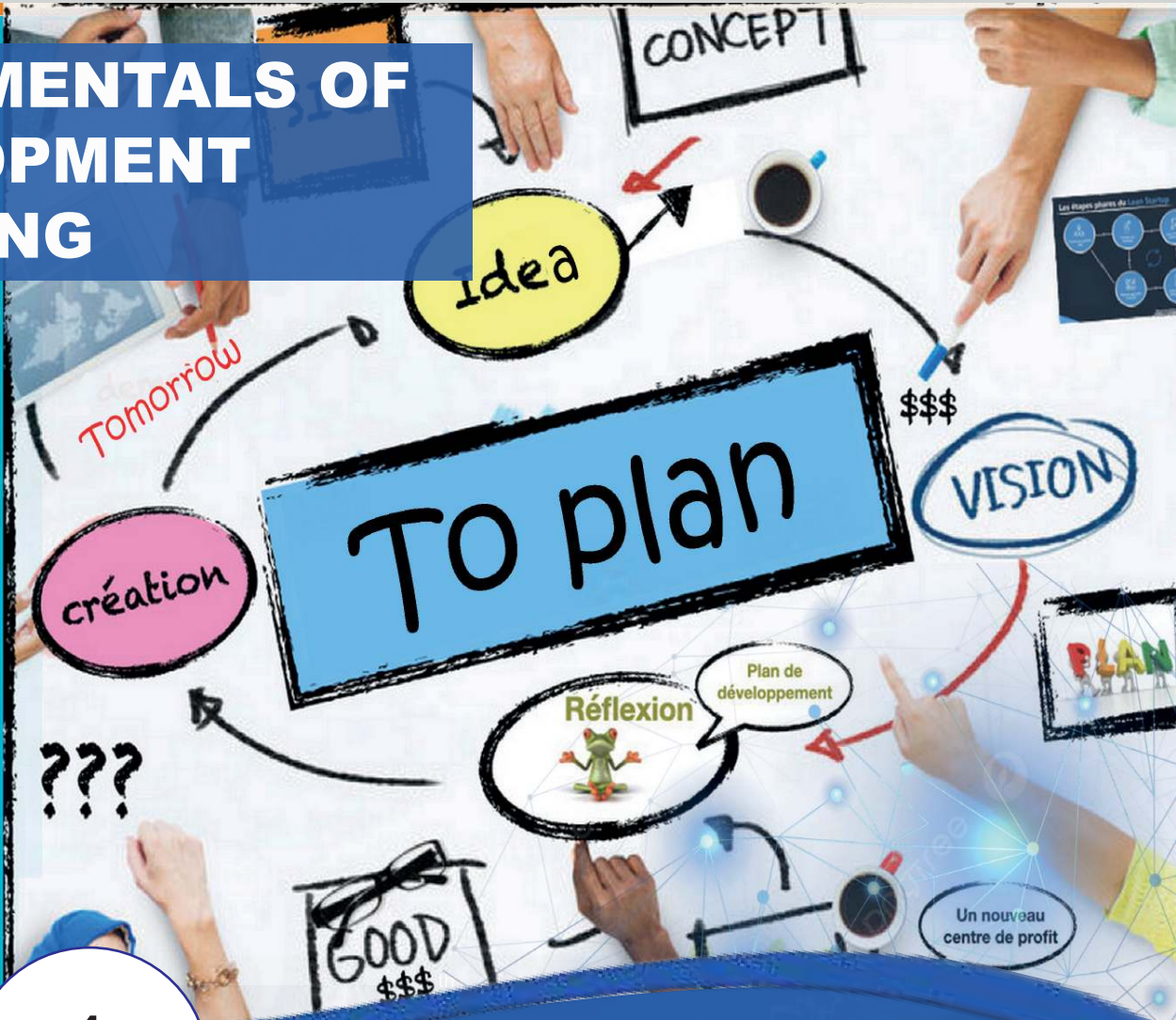


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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

ANNOUNCEMENT IN BRIEF

Programme Area : Planning

Beginning of the Course : 2nd September 2024

Duration : 4 Weeks

Language : English - French

Location : Web Based E-learning

Fee : Covered by UNECA

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PROGRAM RATIONALE

The African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) is excited to announce the launch of its flagship course on the **Fundamentals of Development Planning**. This initiative is part of our commitment to improving public sector management and development planning, aimed at supporting the structural transformation of member States in line with the objectives of the African Union's Agenda 2063 and the United Nations Agenda 2030.

In today's rapidly evolving global setting, African nations face multifaceted challenges that require innovative and effective development planning to foster sustainable growth and achieve the aspirations outlined in national, continental and global agendas.

The African Union's Agenda 2063 is a strategic framework adopted in 2013, for the socio-economic transformation of the continent over the next 50 years. Agenda 2063 aims to transform Africa into a global powerhouse, rooted in Pan-Africanism and the African Renaissance, delivering inclusive and sustainable development for the continent. The 2nd Ten-Year Implementation Plan of Agenda 2063 (STYIP) outlines seven strategic priorities (moonshots) and actions for 2024-2033 to accelerate continental integration and sustainable development. It focuses among other on accelerating economic growth, fostering African integration, enhancing public institutions, promoting peace and African culture and values, and advancing social and environmental goals to achieve Africa's long-term vision of prosperity and unity.

At the global Agenda 2030, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which call for action to end poverty, improve health and education, reduce inequality, spur economic growth, tackle climate change, and preserve oceans and forests.

The complexities of development planning in Africa are shaped by demographic trends, economic volatility, environmental changes, technological advancement, social challenges, unavailability of sufficient up-to-date data and geopolitical shifts. Africa's population is expected to nearly double by 2050, presenting both significant opportunities for economic growth and challenges in providing adequate services and infrastructure. Rapid urbanization requires thoughtful planning to ensure sustainable and inclusive urban development. Climate change poses a critical challenge, with Africa being particularly vulnerable to its impacts despite contributing minimally to global greenhouse gas emissions. Development planning must integrate climate resilience and adaptation strategies to mitigate the adverse effects on agriculture, water resources, and livelihoods. Economic volatility, driven by internal and external factors, underscores the need for robust economic planning and diversification strategies. African economies must cope with fluctuations in global commodity prices, trade dynamics and investment flows, while tackling internal challenges such as insufficient development financing, infrastructure, skills gap and problems of governance. Geopolitical shifts, including evolving global power dynamics and regional conflicts, also influence development planning. Effective governance and regional integration are essential for stability and development.

In this context, a well-informed, capable public sector is paramount to steer development initiatives.

The Fundamentals of Development Planning course is designed to equip public sector professionals with the necessary knowledge and skills to direct and shape the future of their nations.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course aims to build participants' capacity in the development policy planning process.

Specifically, the course will enable participants to:

- Have up-to-date knowledge of the historical and contemporary dynamics of development thinking and policy planning;
- Have a good understanding of the prerequisites, stages and dimensions of development planning;
- Have basic skills in designing development plans;
- Explore alternative institutional arrangements and mechanisms for development planning, globally and across Africa;
- Share knowledge and experience of development planning and long-term national visions on the continent;
- Gain insight into new trends and approaches to development planning.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

The course consists of the following key modules:

- **Module 1:** Definition, history and renewal of development planning
- **Module 2:** Prerequisites, stages and dimensions of development planning
- **Module 3:** Building a development plan: the fundamentals
- **Module 4:** Institutional arrangements and financing mechanisms
- **Module 5:** Monitoring and evaluating the development plan.

Please note that a face-to-face workshop is scheduled later this year. Successful participants in the online training will take part. They will be selected upon various criteria, including performance.

METHODOLOGY

This online course will run from **September 2 to 27, 2024**. Virtual sessions are also planned for more interaction between the teaching team and participants. The latter will be able to self-assess their understanding of the learning material through integrated quizzes and exercises.

Additional resources, including suggested readings, bibliographies, internet links and optional readings are provided for participants who wish to deepen their knowledge of a course topic. The course is taught in English and French. The teaching team, consisting of a Course Director and a Tutor, will provide daily online assistance to participants at scheduled times. An Internet connection is required to interact with the Course Director and Tutor.

The course will run over a period of four (04) weeks. The 4th week will be dedicated to a final assessment or exam that will evaluate the participants' knowledge.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The course will target middle and senior -level officials working in ministries responsible for development planning, the economy and finance. The course adopts an inclusive approach, so that officials from sectoral ministries and departments as well as representatives of the private sector and non -governmental organizations are also concerned .

ACCEPTANCE TO THE COURSE

Until the registration deadline, participants are accepted to the course on a rolling basis and subject to availability of slots. Please refer to the paragraph below to see priority target group. Applications must be completed exclusively on IDEP online application platform at <http://idep-applications.uneca.org/>

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

A Certificate of Completion will be issued by IDEP to all participants who successfully complete the course-related self-assessments presented for each module.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Access to internet is an essential condition for participation. The following specifications, as a minimum in terms of hardware and software, are required to take this e -Learning course, please consult your Network Administrator or Systems person to ensure that you have the following:

- Platform: Windows 95, 98, 2000, NT, ME, XP or superior; Mac OS 9 or Mac OS X; Linux
- Hardware: 64 MB of RAM, 1 GB of free disk space
- Software:
 - Adobe Acrobat Reader
 - Adobe Flash Player
 - Microsoft Office (Windows or Mac) or Open Office
 - Browser: Google chrome, Firefox 36 or higher or Internet Explorer 7 or higher
- Modem: 56 K
- Note that JavaScript, Cookies and Pop -ups must be enabled

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