



DATA ANALYSIS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS & NOMINATIONS¹

Announcement in Brief

Course Type: Short Term Course

Programme Area: Data Analysis

Date: 29 April – 10 May 2019

Duration: 2 Weeks

Language: Bilingual (English & French)

Location: Dakar, Senegal

Fee: \$2,500 (Excluding air travel and subsistence costs)

Scholarships: Yes (IDEP offers a limited number of partial and full scholarships)

Application Deadline: 15 March, 2019

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BACKGROUND

The re-birth of development planning in Africa's economic management, alongside the investment of effort in the formulation of long-term national visions, is occurring at a time when institutions of public policy in most countries of the continent are yet to fully recover from the significant losses of talents and skills which they experienced during the crises, stabilisation and adjustment years of the 1980s and 1990s. Although major investments are being made by governments across the continent to re-build institutional capacities as part of broader state renewal efforts, the progress registered to date is still uneven both across ministerial departments and agencies, and with regard to different types of professional skills. Planning institutions have found themselves tasked with assuming or resuming a central role in the management of long-term national development even as they are struggling to, among other things, enhance the skills base of their officials. A frequently-cited area of need centres on data collection and analyses for development planning. It is a particularly important area of need given that no meaningful development planning can take place without reliable data that is collected using methodologically sound approaches and well-designed instruments, and which is analyzed equally soundly both for current needs and future projections. Equally, in the context of the implementation of United Nations 2030 agenda adopted in 2015, reliable data are necessary to monitor the progress made by the various member States through Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) during High Level Political Fora. The VNRs aim to facilitate the sharing of experiences as well as strengthening policies and institutions of governments for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE

The overarching objective of the course is to contribute to the development of a critical mass of highly skilled middle and senior policy officials and decision makers who will be suitably or better equipped to collect and/or analyze data for the purpose of national, sub-regional, and regional sustainable development planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. More specifically, the course will provide training on different methods and types of data collection and analyses. The course content covers a range of both theoretical and practical issues in data collection and analysis in relation to the monitoring of SDGs. Softwares which can be deployed to undertake complex analyses will be demonstrated and their uses taught.

EXPECTED RESULTS

A comprehensive understanding by participants of the different methods and instruments available for collecting and analysing data.

CONTENT

Among the topics that will be covered in the course and which are expected to contribute to the achievement of its objectives are:

- Introduction to SDGs and VNRs;
- The Role of statistics in development planning;
- Statistical concepts and exploratory analysis of data used for monitoring SDGs;
- Introduction to time series analysis and econometrics method for monitoring SDGs.

PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH

The pedagogical approach will combine lectures, roundtables, and simulation exercises. It will emphasise practical applications through the use of case studies and group discussions. Group work will also be employed for peer learning and to impart knowledge and skills.

Participants will be assessed throughout the programme by various experts/trainers. Based on overall performance for each participant, three (3) types of certificates will be awarded:

- **Certificates of Competence** (with a classification of Excellent, Very Good or Good),
- **Certificates of Participation**
- **Certificates of Attendance.**

MODE OF DELIVERY

- **Language:** The course will be delivered in English and French (simultaneous interpretation services will be available)
- **Duration:** Two (2) weeks.
- **Number of participants:** A total number of twenty-five (25) participants will be admitted into this short course.
- **Resource persons:** The course will be delivered by a group of experts invited by IDEP to lead the programme. These resource persons are top-level professionals with a good understanding of Development in Africa, and a first-hand knowledge of Data Collection and Analysis tools.

METHOD OF APPLICATION AND NOMINATIONS

Applications and nominations are on the basis of a form which all interested candidates are expected to complete and send back to IDEP along with their CV and copies of the main pages of their passport. **The forms are available on the IDEP website and can be downloaded for transmission by fax or as e-mail attachment. Alternatively, candidates can complete an online application form which also accessible on the IDEP Website.** Candidates are advised to complete all the relevant sections of the forms as incomplete applications will not be processed.

TARGET PARTICIPANTS

- Middle and senior level policy officials and managers directly connected with or responsible for planning, designing, managing, monitoring and evaluating development in their countries.
- Officials of national statistical agencies with a professional interest in development.

COURSE TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

The cost of this course is USD 2,500 (this fee excludes air travel and subsistence costs). Please note that IDEP offers a limited number of partial and full scholarships to those admitted to participate in its

programs. Thus, self-sponsored candidates are also encouraged to apply to this capacity development and training programme. Please note that priorities are given to self-sponsored applicants.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for Applications and Nominations: **Friday 15 March 2019**
- Course Period: **29 April – 10 May 2019**

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- *Kindly note that only selected participants will be contacted.*