Presentation of IDEP

Background and mandate

The African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) is a Pan-African Institution created in 1962 by the General Assembly of the United Nations. IDEP began its operations in 1963. The institute is headquartered in Dakar (Senegal) and has 53 member States which are the following: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zimbabwe.

IDEP is a subsidiary body of the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). The institute is the unique continental institution mandated by governments to provide advisory services as part of its mission that it is performing with new challenges and numerous opportunities.

The institute’s mandate is to (1) train policy makers and development professionals, (2) provide direct advisory services for African governments and regional organizations, (3) promote original thinking and research on Africa’s policy issues, (4) become a centre of excellence with full intellectual freedom.

Activities

The main activities of IDEP are:

- providing training courses (short and long term) on various aspects of development and planning in order to equip to African policy makers and other stakeholders with the latest skills that will enable them to respond to emerging policy challenges;
- organizing conferences, seminars and workshops on pertinent African development issues;
- networking with like-minded institutions;
- acting as an interface between the research and policymaking communities;
- providing information and documentation services on economic development and planning.

IDEP’s data base on policy research and dialogue

The aims of this database is to provide IDEP with the contact details of resource persons for its activities of capacity building, training, policy research and dialogue in the following areas:

- Migration and Mobility within Africa and between Africa and the Rest of the World;
- Post-conflict Development Planning;
- Employment Targeting;
- Regional Cooperation and Integration;
- Natural Resources Management;
- Social Policy and Development;
- Technology Transfer.

Furthermore, although a large number of Africans that have an expertise or that are interested in development issues of the continent, have reflected and worked a lot on the economic, social and political policies of African governments and regional and sub-regional economic communities, the results of their work and ideas often remain
unknown. This lack of systematic and consolidated data on African experts hinders understanding of the influence of their knowledge on the definition of public policies in Africa.

It is therefore crucial to identify this expertise and support its development; and this is what IDEP seeks to do through the implementation of this data base.

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