High level conference to celebrate the 60th anniversary of IDEP

“Renewal of Development Planning: learning from 60 years of practice in Africa and Shaping the Future”

Wednesday 15 November 2023, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (hybrid)

Draft Programme

8.00 - 9.00: Arrival and registration of participants

9.00 - 9.30: Opening Ceremony

Master of Ceremony: Bakary Dosso, Head, Training and Research Division, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), UNECA

Welcome remarks
- Ms. Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director, United Nations African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, (IDEP), UNECA

Opening statements
- Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA).
- H.E. Ms. Fitsum Assefa Adela, Minister, Ministry of Planning and Development, Ethiopia. (TBC)

9.30 - 10.00: Tea/Coffee Break and Group Photo

10.00 - 11.30: First panel: Six decades of development planning in Africa: Tacking stock of experiences and capacities of African countries

Moderator: Mr. Said Adejumobi, Director, Strategic Planning, Oversight and Results Division (SPORD), UNECA

Panellists:
- Ms. Rosine Sori-Coulibaly, former Minister of Economy, Finance and Development, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Burkina Faso
- Mr. Mod Secka, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, The Gambia
- Mr. Thomas Chataghalala Munthali, Director General National Planning Commission, Malawi
- Dr. Kodjo Mensah-Abrampa, Director General, National Development Planning Commission, Ghana
Discussions

11.30 - 13.00: **Second panel**: Rethinking development planning in Africa: adapting approaches to the requirements of long-term visions and sustainable development

**Moderator**: H.E Mr. Amara Kallon, Minister of Public Administration and Political Affairs, Sierra Leone

**Panellists**:
- H.E. Mr. Ibrahima Sall, Former Minister of Planning of Senegal
- Dr. Robert Nkuna, Director General, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation of The Presidency, South Africa
- Ms. Sara Hamouda, Continental governance program officer in charge, M&E Directorate, APRM continental secretariat
- Mr. Abdelkrim Sudan, Chief of Division, Economic Development, Integration and Trade, African Union Commission (AUC) (TBC)

Discussions

13.00 - 14.00: **Lunch Break**

14.00 - 15.30: **Third panel**: Leveraging on strategic foresight for an agile, robust, and forward-looking development planning in Africa

**Moderator**: Ms. Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), UNECA.

**Panellists**:
- Mr. Nassim Oulmane, Acting Director, Technology, Climate, Natural Resource Division (TCND), UNECA.
- H.E Mr. Amara Kallon, Minister of Public Administration and Political Affairs, Sierra Leone
- Prof. Fiona Tregenna, University of Johannesburg, and Chair of industrial development National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa

Discussions

15.30 - 16.00: **Tea/Coffee Break**

16.00 - 16.30: **Closing remarks**
- H.E. Nemera Gebeyehu, State Minister, Ministry of Planning and Development, and member of IDEP Governing Council. (TBC)
Ms. Karima Bounemra Ben Soltane, Director, African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), UNECA

17.00 - 17.30: Scrolls of Appreciation to IDEP Alumni/partners