



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

### Announcement in Brief

**Type :** Short Term Course  
**Program Area :** Planning  
**Beginning of the course :** 18 January 2021  
**Duration :** 6 Weeks  
**Language :** English & French  
**Location :** Web Based E-Learning  
**Fee :** Covered by UNECA  
**Application Deadline :** 11 January 2021  
**Specific target audience :** planners / Economists  
**Website :** <http://services.unidep.org/e-idep/>  
**Applications :** <https://www.unidep.org/?apply>



## PROGRAM RATIONALE

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The world is hardly hit by an unprecedented crisis due to COVID-19 pandemic. This sanitary crisis, which affects millions of people worldwide, has also adverse impacts on global economies, especially on the least developed countries. In the context of the implementation of global development agendas such as 2030 Agenda of United Nations, this situation needs to be addressed urgently to help achieve the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This requires a proactive development planning process that adopts a holistic approach and includes all the sectors of an economy.

The post-COVID-19 thinking should be on the design of development policies to cope with a similar shock in the future and mitigate its effects on the economy. In addition, these measures should be aligned with the existing continental development initiatives such as Agenda 2063. The 6th session of the Africa Regional Forum on sustainable Development held in Zimbabwe in February 2020, was an opportunity to share lessons and accelerate the implementation of both the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 of the African Union. Therefore, the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development plans must be in accordance with regional and global frameworks.

In order to implement these recommendations, capacity building is fundamental. It is against this backdrop that a digital training programme on sustainable development planning is organized to equip African development planners and policy makers with relevant planning skills.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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The course aims at strengthening the capacities of African government officials and development planners involved in the planning process and provide them with the required tools for designing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating relevant and resilient development plans, aligned with continental and global development agendas.

## METHODOLOGY

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This self-paced course will be delivered from 4 January 2020 to 12 February 2021. Participants are able to self-assess their understanding of learning materials through built-in quizzes and exercises. Additional resources, including suggested readings are provided for participants who wish to deepen their knowledge of a course topic. The course will be delivered in English and French. The pedagogical team made up of a Course Director and the tutor will provide daily on-line assistance to participants at scheduled times. An Internet connection is required to interact with both Course Director and tutor.

The course will run over a period of six weeks. The seventh week will be dedicated to a final evaluation or exam that will assess participants' knowledge. Additional resources such as bibliographies, web links and optional readings are provided for participants who wish to deepen their knowledge of the course topic.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

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The course will target mid-level to senior planners, economists and other policy makers involved in the formulation, implementation and monitoring of national development plans and international development frameworks.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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### Acceptance to the Course

Applicants to the course are expected to have, as a minimum, a bachelor's degree preferably where courses related to statistics, planning, project management, monitoring and evaluation. In addition, two years of work experience will be required. Women candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Until the registration deadline, participants are accepted to the course on a rolling basis and subject to availability of slots.

Applications must be completed exclusively on IDEP online application platform at <https://www.unidep.org/?apply>

### 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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