

TRAINING OF TRAINERS WORKSHOP ON  
AFRICAN REGIONAL INTEGRATION INDEX:  
Its Use for Policy Development and Analysis

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Announcement in Brief

**Course Type:** Short Term Course

**Programme Area:** African Regional Integration

**Date:** 1-2 July 2019

**Duration:** 2 Days

**Language:** English

**Location:** Dakar, Senegal

**Fee:** Applies to those interested but not offered a full or partial scholarship by IDEP  
USD 2,000 (Excluding air travel and subsistence costs),

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

**Application Deadline:** 15 May 2019

## INTRODUCTION

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In a rapidly evolving trade landscape, deepening regional integration is seen as a priority strategy by many developing nations, especially from the African and Arab regions. This is particularly critical to boost intra-regional trade, which is very low in the two regions as compared to other main regions, and support African and Arab countries in their much-needed structural transformation efforts. While the share of intra-regional trade is considerably higher in the Asia and Pacific region, it is concentrated and driven by only few economies in the region making deepening and broadening of economic cooperation and integration paramount for sustainable development.

Several integration frameworks have been set-up or are currently being envisaged in all three regions. However, to date, progress in regional integration has been uneven. Therefore, there is a need to assist Member States and regional organizations within each of the three regions to better assess and monitor performance on different aspects of integration and providing incentives and guidance to them for further progress.

In the African context, there is an urgent need to have accurate and updated data in virtually all areas. As such, immediate and relevant decision-making requires skills not only in assessing regional integration but also in understanding its various components.

The United Nation Economic Commission for Africa, the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) have produced the African Regional Integration Index (ARII), which is a tool for measuring and evaluating regional integration on the continent. It assesses the progress of regional integration in five areas of economic and social integration and offers many opportunities for use in policy formulation, analysis and targeted policy measures in relation to Aid for Trade and other areas.

In this context, one of the main components of this project is the capacity building of member States in monitoring and improving their performance in the area of regional integration.

## OBJECTIVES

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The major goal of this Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop is to create a large pool of experts in the measure of African regional integration. Specifically, the course aims at deepening the knowledge of participants on the African Regional Integration Index. This pool of experts will be equipped to act as trainers for African middle and senior managers in their respective member States on the African Regional Integration Index (ARII) and also in presential courses. Selected candidates could also be included in the IDEP panel of experts.

## SKILLS AND EXPECTED RESULTS

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At the end of this training, participants will have a good understanding and a good capacity utilization of the different components of ARII that would be achieved through the mastery of the user guide developed specifically to provide practical guidance on regional integration on the continent. In addition, they will be able to use and filter the information contained in the index so as to make more informed decisions.

## PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH

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The Training of Trainers workshop will adopt a participatory approach, facilitating interaction and discussions among the pool of participants/experts in identifying concerns related to measuring and monitoring regional integration trends in African countries and regions.

Each participant will be expected to give a brief presentation on a focus area from the following modules:

- The dimensions of the regional integration index
- The interpretation of the index (based on regional economic communities)

The purpose of the presentations is to assess the skills and knowledge of the participants as trainers who will be trained to train, in particular, middle and senior-level policy makers. Participants will also be expected to enrich their presentations with personal insights into the theory and practice of regional integration based on case studies and examples from their work or field of experience. Following the presentations, participants will be expected to get feedback from the audience and key trainers about the content of their presentations, using case studies. Participants will be guided during the Training of trainers workshop by key trainers to prepare them for their presentations.

## MODE OF DELIVERY

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- **Language:** The TOT workshop will be delivered in English
- **Duration:** Two (2) working days.
- **Number of participants:** A total number of fifteen (15) participants will be admitted into this TOT workshop.
- **Resource persons:** Experts with first-hand knowledge of regional integration and in particular in African Regional Integration index will deliver the TOT workshop

## METHOD OF APPLICATION

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Applications are on the basis of a form which all interested participants 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 (<http://www.uneca.org/events/idep>) and can be submitted online or downloaded for transmission by fax or as e-mail attachment.** Candidates are advised to complete all the relevant sections of the forms; incomplete applications will not be processed.

## Targeted APPLICANTS

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- Middle and senior managers and high level managers working in the field of / or responsible for monitoring and evaluation of regional integration in their country;
- Officials of national statistical agencies professionally interested in regional integration.
- Regional Economic Community Officers in Africa.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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- Deadline for Applications: **15 May 2019**
- Course Period: **1-2 July 2019**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Please note that only selected candidates will be contacted later.***