

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

## FUNDAMENTALS ON FISCAL POLICIES AND BEST PRACTICES IN MACRO-PLANNING

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### Announcement in Brief

## Fundamentals on fiscal policies and best practices in macro-planning

Course Type : On-line Course

Programme Area : Macroeconomic planning and  
Financing for Development

Date : 6th – 17th december 2021

Duration : 2 Weeks

Language : Bilingual ( English - French )

**1** Application Deadline : 22nd November 2021

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## PROGRAM RATIONALE

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the world economy has been hit severely. In particular, developing countries that were already suffering from the debt burden fell in a stressful situation with respect to the mobilization of sufficient resources to address the negative impact of the crisis on health, social and economic systems. This situation highlights the efforts required in macroeconomic planning to cope with emergencies in Africa. The United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has made a substantial work on the requirements for an economic and social recovery across the continent after the COVID-19 outbreak. In the same vein, the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), and the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) recently launched a research project – “Debt, taxation and financing for development: immediate responses to global emergencies and efficient planning” - aiming at developing analytical and operational tools towards (a) – the efficiency of budget planning as an immediate response to the social and economic impacts of COVID-19 in the Sub-Saharan countries; (b) - financing for development by means of domestic resource mobilization towards responsive health systems and medical research (via debt management and efficient fiscal systems); (c) – ways of channeling financial resources stemming from debt alleviation into immediate responses to global emergencies, with the main focus at COVID-19. The countries of focus of this study are Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone and Senegal.

Whereas the project’s research outputs will consist in publications related to the above-mentioned countries as well as an on-line training on effective fiscal policies and best practices in macroeconomic planning for immediate responses to emergencies such as COVID-19, the current on-line course is one of the “hands-on-approach” component of the project “Debt, taxation and financing for development: immediate responses to global emergencies and efficient planning”, currently at a fully implementation stage, on both training and research components.

## OBJECTIVES

The course aims to strengthen the capacity of African policy makers on the best practices in terms of macroeconomic planning and fiscal policies for effective and immediate response to emergencies such as COVID-19.

Specifically, the training will focus on the role and functioning of fiscal policy with regard to sustainable development with some concrete experiences in Africa based on the results of the country-case studies. The course will also look at the nexus between fiscal policy and macro-planning and highlight some best practices in this regard.

## CONTENT

The course will cover the following topics:

- The core functions of the fiscal policy
- An overview of fiscal policies in Africa- country case studies
- Revenue mobilization and spending for an effective fiscal policy
- Fiscal policy and macroeconomic plan - best practices

## SKILLS TO BE IMPARTED

At the end of the course, participants will have among others:

- A clear understanding of the role of fiscal policy
  - An overview of fiscal policy implementation in Africa with some country case studies
  - An understanding of effective revenue mobilization and spending to effectively implement a fiscal policy
  - An understanding of the role of fiscal policy in macroeconomic planning in the short and long term
- Best financing practices in a context of global health emergencies

## PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH AND MODE OF DELIVERY

The course will be run as an interactive online course. In line with the IDEP and ECA pedagogical philosophy. The presentation of the course modules will combine a knowledge-building component with country case studies designed to impart core skills. It will also benefit from results of the empirical work carried out in the ten countries of focus.

## CERTIFICATE AND 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.

## TARGET AUDIENCE

The course targets the following groups from countries of focus of the project as well as other member states:

- Mid-level to senior policy officials in national Ministries (primarily Finance, Planning and Economic Development), provincial departments and local authorities
- Professionals in private sector and civil society organizations
- Researchers and students
- Interested citizens

## ACCEPTANCE OF THE COURSE

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>

## 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:

- o Adobe Acrobat Reader,

- o Adobe Flash Player

- o Microsoft Office (Windows ou Mac) ou Open Office

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- o Browser: Google chrome, Firefox 36 or higher or Internet Explorer 7 or higher

- Modem: 56 K

- Veuillez noter que JavaScript, les Cookies et les Pop-ups doivent être activés

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Deadline for applications and nominations: 22nd November 2021
- Course Period: 6th – 17th December 2021

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