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**(IDEP)**

**Intra-African Study Visit Programme for Policy  
Officials**

**2011 Competition**

IDEP, Dakar (Senegal)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

The UN African Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) invites applications and nominations for its intra-African study visit programme for mid-career and senior African policy officials involved in direct policy work connected to different aspects of the development experiences of the countries of the continent. The programme is open to officials of national governments and is meant to afford them an opportunity to undertake a study visit within Africa organised around a specific policy challenge that is of immediate or on-going interest to their governments. The programme is designed for officials in the active service of their governments and who occupy functions that involve providing policy responses to a range of economic management and development challenges.

**2. OBJECTIVES OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME**

The principal objective of the study visit programme is to promote and deepen intra-African knowledge sharing and mutual learning among governmental officials and between the officials and other key development actors with a view to addressing various economic management and development challenges. With full IDEP sponsorship and support, beneficiaries of the programme will be encouraged to identify a specific challenge facing their governments and they will be paired up with counterparts in another African country where a similar challenge has been successfully tackled in order to study the approach that was used and draw appropriate insights and lessons.

**3. POLICY AGENDA SERVED BY THE PROGRAMME**

The programme will respond to the expressed needs of African officials and their institutions for suitable opportunities to engage in mutual learning among themselves, and between them and other development actors, including the private sector and civil society. It will also contribute to the promotion of a culture of intra-African cooperation in problem-identification and solving. Furthermore, the programme will help African officials to build professional networks and practice communities among themselves whilst offering the possibility of strengthening their linkages with other development actors.

#### **4. TARGET PARTICIPANTS**

This programme is aimed at mid-career and senior policy officials in the active service of their governments. Applicants and nominees would normally be highly motivated individuals with progressively increasing levels of responsibility.

#### **5. WORKING LANGUAGES**

Successful applicants and nominees will be expected to carry out their work in English or French, the two working languages of IDEP and the United Nations system.

#### **6. APPLICATION/NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

To be considered, applicants or nominees will be required to submit a letter that clearly states why they are interested in the study visit programme, spells out the theme of the policy question they wish to tackle, and indicates the length of time they require for the tour. A short concept note or proposal of not more than three pages on the policy subject they wish to study and how it corresponds to the needs of their countries is also required. Copies of the CVs of applicants/nominees and their degree certificates should also be supplied. Finally, applicants/nominees should submit a letter of attestation of current employment and a letter of nomination for the study visit by a relevant governmental or institutional authority which should clearly indicate why the visit is deemed important or necessary by the government.

#### **7. DURATION**

Study tour grants will be offered by IDEP for tenures of between one and four weeks according to the needs and requirements of those whose applications are successful.

#### **8. STUDY TOUR TERMS**

IDEP will cover the air travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs of those whose applications/nominations are successful. Awardees will be coupled with a counterpart in a suitable institution in the African country they would be visiting to undertake their study, that country and the relevant institution being jointly identified and agreed upon by them and IDEP. The Institute will also identify an appropriately placed official in the host country who will closely collaborate with and accompany the awardees in their work on the basis of a pre-agreed programme. Beneficiaries of the study tour programme are required, at the end of their tour, to produce a full report whose precise nature and format will be agreed at the time of the completion of an agreement on their visit. The Institute will reserve the right to disseminate the report produced by the awardees, in a format that is mutually agreed with them, to a wider audience.

## **9. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS**

Applications and nominations for the 2011 IDEP Intra-African Study Visit Programme for Policy Makers open from **01<sup>st</sup> February 2011 and close 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2011**. Within this broad band of time, no particular deadline is observed; applications and nominations will be welcomed on a continuing basis until the quota of fellowships for 2011 is exhausted. Candidates to the programme are advised to submit an application or their nominations as early as possible.

## **10. METHOD OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATIONS**

Applications and nominations may be submitted by **e-mail, fax or post**.

**E-mail applications and nominations** should be sent to the following address:

[study-tour@unidep.org](mailto:study-tour@unidep.org)

**Fax applications and nominations should be sent to:** +221 33 822 2964.

**Postal applications and nominations should be sent to:** The Director, UNIDEP, Rue du 18 Juin, BP 3186 CP 18524, Dakar, Senegal.

*IDEP strongly encourages and supports the participation of suitably qualified female officials in its programmes.*