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SUBJECT: **Oral Statement of programme budget implications arising from the
OBJET: draft resolution on the Institute for Economic Development and
Planning (IDEP) - request to the Secretary-General to increase the
support provided to the Economic Commission for Africa, in order
to reinforce the role played by the African Institute for Economic
Development and Planning in assisting member States in strengthening
development planning and in improving their capacity to formulate
and manage effective public sector policies for structural
transformation and sustainable development**

I would be grateful if the text of the attached oral statement could be read and distributed prior to adoption of the draft resolution on the Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) - request to the Secretary-General to increase the support provided to the Economic Commission for Africa, in order to reinforce the role played by the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning in assisting member States in strengthening development planning and in improving their capacity to formulate and manage effective public sector policies for structural transformation and sustainable development.

cc: Mr. Ramanathan

Oral Statement by the Secretariat in connection with the draft resolution on the Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) – request to the Secretary-General to increase the support provided to the Economic Commission for Africa, in order to reinforce the role played by the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning in assisting member States in strengthening development planning and in improving their capacity to formulate and manage effective public sector policies for structural transformation and sustainable development

1. This statement is made in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure of the Economic Commission for Africa. The present statement will also be distributed to member States of the Economic Commission for Africa.

A. Request contained in the draft resolution

2. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1 and 3 of the draft resolution on the Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP), the Economic Commission for Africa would:
 - a) Request the Secretary-General to increase the support provided to the Economic Commission for Africa, in order to reinforce the role played by the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning in assisting member States in strengthening development planning and in improving their capacity to formulate and manage effective public sector policies for structural transformation and sustainable development; (OP 1)
 - b) Decide to transmit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2023 a draft resolution on this issue for consideration for adoption. (OP 3)

B. Relationship of the request to the proposed programme budget

3. The request contained in the draft resolution on reinforcing the role of the Institute for Economic Development and Planning (IDEP) falls under the overall programme of work of ECA. In particular, the request is relevant to Subprogramme 8, Economic Development and Planning.

C. Activities by which the request would be implemented

4. To reinforce its role in supporting member States to strengthen development planning and to improve their capacity to formulate and manage effective public sector policies for structural transformation and sustainable development, IDEP would reorient its training delivery services from in situ to online services. This new orientation would respond to the pandemic context and the increasing request from member States, including to offer opportunities to train more women. To ensure the effectiveness and consolidation of digital training services, IDEP would need to deploy more interactive services such as gamification and augmented virtual reality to

increase and sustain the retention rate of the trainees. This would require specialized technical content, and quality reviewer personnel.

D. Financial implications of the request

5. In order to implement the mandate contained in operative paragraph 1, the following additional regular budget resources would be required starting in 2024:

a) **General Temporary Assistance** based in Dakar, Senegal:

One P-4 (eLearning Content Developer) to: (i) create e-learning digital content, (ii) design technical deliverables, (iii) develop e-learning content strategies by analyzing current trends and ensure the effectiveness and accuracy of the contents.

One P-3 (Training Officer) to coordinate the design, development, delivery and evaluation of training, learning and development programmes for members States.

One P-3 (Programme Management Officer) to undertake corporate policy and strategic planning, programme and project management related activities as well as monitoring, research and analytical work.

One National Officer (Communications Officer) to develop and implement effective communication strategies to deliver IDEP's messages to its internal and external stakeholders.

One National Officer (Monitoring and Evaluation Officer) to monitor and ensure high quality and timely inputs, and to ensure that the subprogramme maintains its strategic vision so that its activities result in the achievement of its intended outputs.

One National Officer ((Multimedia and Infographic Officer) to support the eLearning team with the design and provision of multilingual multimedia knowledge products.

The total resource requirements for General Temporary Assistance under Other Staff costs would be **\$678,900** for 2024 and each year thereafter.

b) **Consultants:** Consultancy at the B level for 60 days and the A level for 10 days to provide specialized expertise to design and deliver training on macroeconomic modelling. The total resource requirements would be **\$68,000**.

c) **Contractual services** would be required to (i) Develop communications materials, partners with national and international media through audio, visual, print materials and (ii) Provide translation, interpretation, and printing cost of document outputs from workshops, Conference with a total requirement of **\$50,000**.

d) **Travel of Staff** (i) Trips totalling 6 working days by three staff to various locations in Africa to provide technical support and participate in professional networks and

development related to macroeconomic policy research unit. (ii) Trips totalling 6 working days by two staff to undertake missions to develop partnership and attend regional and international conferences. (iii) Trips totalling 6 working days by three staff to convene the Africa Macroeconomic Day. The total resource requirement would be **\$20,000**.

- e) **Grants and Contributions** would be required to (i) fund fellows on macroeconomic modelling and climate modelling, (ii) Convey Africa Macroeconomic Day involving ECA-YEN scientific committee; high level panel, policy makers, legislators, negotiators and other expert. The total resource requirement would be **\$270,000**, as detailed below:

<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Estimated requirements (US\$)</i>
Provide fellowships for 3 fellows on macroeconomic modelling and climate modeling (3*4 months @ \$4,167)	50,000
Convene Africa Macroeconomic Day involving ECA-YEN scientific committee; high level panels, policy makers, legislators, negotiators and other experts	100,000
Annual Operating Contributions to the UN Common House related to the proposed positions	120,000
Total	270,000

6. The resource requirements for 2024 and each year thereafter are presented in the table below:

<i>Budget section/ Object of Expenditure</i>	<i>Additional resources for 2024 and each year thereafter (US dollars)</i>
Section 18, Economic and Social Development in Africa	
Other Staff Costs (GTA)	678,900
Consultants	68,000
Travel of Staff	20,000
Contractual Services	50,000
Grant and Contributions	270,000
Subtotal, Section 18	1,086,900
Section 36, Staff Assessment	
Staff Assessment	105,400
Subtotal, Section 36	105,400
Total	1,192,300

E. Summary

7. Should the Commission approve the draft resolution, the Commission would request the Economic and Social Council to endorse the request contained in the draft resolution, after which additional programme budget appropriations for the year 2024, estimated at **\$1,086,900** (net of staff assessment) would be requested in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of ECOSOC adopted during its 2023 session.

8. An additional amount estimated at **\$105,400** would be requested under section 36, Staff assessment, in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of ECOSOC adopted during its 2023 session, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.