

RESOLUTION

320 (XIII). Strengthening of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning

The Conference of Ministers,

Recalling its resolutions 250 (XI) of 22 February 1973 and 285 (XII) of 28 February 1975 on the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning,

Noting that, at its eleventh extraordinary meeting held at Kinshasa in December 1976, the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity invited the Administrative Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa jointly to find ways and means of strengthening the Institute,

Noting further that at its sixth session the Conference of African Planners expressed the belief that the role of the Institute should include not only the teaching of planning techniques, but also research on the applicability of such techniques for the development of Africa and helping its trainees to understand issues relating to such ideas as the new international economic order, 74/

Convinced that the Institute should in future years play a more important role in training for development planning in Africa,

Bearing in mind the positive contribution made by the United Nations Development Programme to the financing of the Institute since its establishment,

Aware of the positive contribution made by the United Nations Office of Technical Co-operation as the executing agency for the Institute since its establishment,

Convinced that, to meet the training needs of African States and respond to their expectations, the budget of the Institute should be increased as necessary,

1. Adopts the attached Statute of the Institute, for the purpose of strengthening its effectiveness and authority;
2. Invites the Executive Secretary and the Director of the Institute to study, as soon as possible, ways and means of introducing at the Institute a post-university course lasting 24 months;
3. Further invites the Executive Secretary and the Director of the Institute to seek ways of making the Institute an important training, study and research centre whose student body is in proportion to the real needs of Africa;

4. Also invites the Executive Secretary and the Director of the Institute to provide the Institute with teaching staff and research workers of high calibre compatible with the requirements of post-graduate training;

5. Invites African States to pay without delay their contributions totalling \$US 1 million, to which they committed themselves under Commission resolution 285 (XII);

6. Invites member States to recognize the diploma issued by the Institute and reserve appropriate positions in their administrative hierarchies for their nationals who hold such diplomas;

7. Expresses its gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme for having undertaken to pay, every year in the third phase, a contribution of \$US 800,000, and expresses the hope that the Programme will consider increasing its contribution in accordance with the wishes expressed in resolution 285 (XII);

8. Expresses its gratitude to the United Nations Development Programme for having undertaken to provide the Institute with a working capital fund of \$US 360,000;

9. Urges African Governments to consider making additional voluntary contributions within the limits of their resources;

10. Urges the Executive Secretary to seek sources of supplementary financing, particularly from non-African countries and international financing institutions.

193rd meeting

1 March 1977

ANNEX

STATUTE OF THE AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Article I

Purposes and functions of the Institute

1. The primary purpose of the Institute shall be the training of specialists and senior officials of those services and institutions in Africa responsible for economic development and planning. Such training shall include appropriate supportive research activities. The Institute shall also organize seminars of varied duration on practical problems of national or regional development and on the planning of various economic factors. The functions of the Institute shall be as follows:

(a) To provide at its headquarters training courses of varying duration on various aspects of development and planning. The details of such courses and the requirements for admission shall be determined periodically by the Governing Council on the advice of the Advisory Board on Studies and Research. The Council will also determine the type and nature of certificates to be awarded at the end of such activities;

(b) To organize in African countries, in co-operation with the appropriate national services and the specialized agencies concerned, seminars of varying duration on practical problems of national and regional development and planning;

(c) To provide advisory services at the request of Governments and insofar as the training programme allows;

(d) To establish documentation which will be made available throughout Africa to research workers, to national institutions dealing with economic development problems and to subregional organizations in the field of economic planning and development;

(e) In undertaking these four functions, the Institute should take into account the paramount importance of promoting and defending the economic independence of African countries.

Article II

Site of the Institute

1. The headquarters of the Institute shall be situated at Dakar, Senegal.
2. The host Government shall provide in agreement with the United Nations, adequate premises, facilities and services as required for the efficient operation of the Institute.

Article III

Status and organization of the Institute

1. The Institute shall be an autonomous African institution with its own Governing Council and budget and shall operate under the aegis of the Economic Commission for Africa. General supervision by African Governments shall be exercised through the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa and its appropriate subsidiary bodies.

2. In addition, there shall be an Advisory Board on Studies and Research, a Director and supporting staff.

Article IV

The Governing Council

1. The Governing Council shall be composed as follows:

(a) The Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, who shall be ex-officio Chairman;

(b) A representative of the Government of Senegal;

(c) Twelve members appointed by the Conference of Ministers of the Economic Commission for Africa on the recommendation of the Conference of African Planners. These members, selected on the basis of their personal competence and experience in affairs connected with the work of the Institute, must be nationals of 12 different African countries, chosen with due consideration for the principle of geographic distribution. They shall be appointed for a period of four years and shall be eligible for re-appointment. To achieve continuity, six of the 12 shall initially be appointed for two years. Vacancies occurring due to disability or resignation shall be filled for the interim period by the ECA Executive Committee or the Conference of Ministers, whichever meets first;

(d) During the period of UNDP assistance to the Institute, a UNDP representative, who will normally be the UNDP Resident Representative at Dakar, shall participate as a non-voting member in the deliberations of the Governing Council;

(e) The Director of the Institute shall act as secretary of the Governing Council;

2. The Governing Council shall:

(a) lay down general principles and policies governing the operations of the Institute including the general conditions of admission;

(b) Review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets;

(c) Examine and approve the Director's annual report on the work of the Institute, including a statement of revenue and expenditure for the preceding period prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer;

(d) Present an annual report on the work of the Institute at the appropriate meeting of the Executive Committee of the Economic Commission for Africa;

(e) Review the administration of the Institute and make such recommendations as it may deem appropriate;

(f) Participate in the appointment, renewal and termination of contracts of the senior staff of the Institute.

3. The Governing Council shall hold an ordinary session twice a year, once to adopt the budget and programme activities and once to review the management report and statement of accounts. It may hold an extraordinary session at the request of the Chairman or one third of its members. The Governing Council shall adopt its own rules of procedure.

Article V

The Chairman of the Governing Council

1. The Chairman of the Council shall:

(a) Convene the Governing Council and prepare its agenda;

(b) By delegation of authority from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, appoint the Director and other staff of the Institute.

(c) With the approval of the Governing Council, solicit and receive aid from specialized Agencies of the United Nations, intergovernmental agencies, non-governmental organizations and other sources.

Article VI

The Director

1. By delegation of the powers of the General Secretary of the United Nations, the Executive Secretary of ECA shall appoint the Director of the Institute after consultation with the Governing Council. The initial appointment of the Director shall be for three years, renewable for succeeding periods of two years each.

2. The Director will be assisted by a Deputy Director.

3. The Director shall have the responsibility for the organization, direction and administration of the Institute. In accordance with the policies laid down by the Governing Council he shall:

(a) Submit the programme and budget of the Institute to the Governing Council for approval;

(b) Carry out programmes and effect disbursements as provided in the budget through which funds have been allocated;

(c) Submit to the Governing Council annual reports on the activities of the Institute, together with a complete report on revenue and expenditure for the preceding period by the Chief Administrative Officer;

(d) Submit the names of senior personnel for approval by the Chairman of the Governing Council with the concurrence of the Council;

(e) Select and appoint the personnel of the Institute in consultation with the Chairman of the Governing Council;

(f) Make the necessary arrangements with other national and international organizations for the utilization of the services offered by the Institute, it being understood that arrangements with national organizations will be made with the approval of the Governments concerned.

Article VII

Advisory Board on Studies and Research

1. The Advisory Board on Studies and Research shall be composed of:

- The Director of the Institute;
- The Deputy Director;
- Two senior lecturers nominated by the Director;
- A representative of the Economic Commission for Africa;
- A representative of each of the United Nations agencies concerned;
- Four professors or research workers appointed by the Chairman of the Governing Council, having regard to the principle of equitable geographical representation;
- Two senior members of appropriate university disciplines outside Africa, one from a developed country and one from a developing country, to be appointed by the Governing Council and proposed by the Chairman.

2. Members of the Board appointed by the Chairman of the Governing Council shall normally be requested to serve for at least three years.

3. The Director shall be the Chairman of the Advisory Board on Studies and Research.

4. The Advisory Board on Studies and Research shall be responsible for giving technical advice with regard to the design of research and study programmes of the Institute.

5. The Board shall be convened at least once a year by its Chairman. At its meeting, it shall formulate recommendations to be submitted to the Governing Council on the future work programme of IDSP.

Article VIII

Co-operation with the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa

The secretariat of the Economic Commission for Africa shall, within the limits of its resources, assist the Institute in every possible way in order to facilitate its work in economic planning for Africa. In particular, ECA should from time to time make available to the Institute experienced staff to give lectures, to assist in supervising research to participate in seminars.

Article IX

Financial resources and rules governing the financial management of the Institute

1. The Institute shall derive its finances from contributions made by African Governments and by UNDP. The Institute may derive further resources in cash or in kind from the United Nations, its specialized agencies, other governmental organizations and institutions, Governments and non-governmental organizations. Acceptance by the Institute of offers of such further assistance shall in every case be subject to the decision of the Chairman of the Governing Council in consultation with the Director of the Institute, in accordance with the basic aims of the Institute and the relevant provisions of the rules governing the financial management of the Institute. The Chairman of the Governing Council shall report on the matter to the Council at its next session.

2. Rules governing the financial management of the Institute shall be drawn up and issued by the Secretary-General of the United Nations after consultation with the Governing Council through its Chairman and with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the United Nations.

Article X

General remarks

1. This Statute supersedes that adopted pursuant to resolution 93 (VI) of 27 February 1964 at the 109th plenary meeting of the Economic Commission for Africa.

2. Once the revised Statute is adopted, the Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be requested to update his Bulletin ST/SGB/129 of 31 December 1964 accordingly.