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Data from the annual report indicated that, in spite of its long history, IDEP had trained approximately 2,000 African policy makers. For some participants, this was a rather modest track record because it corresponded to an average of two persons trained per country. Other participants found that arithmetical logic overly simplistic because when IDEP had been established in 1962, Africa was not made up of 53 countries. What was more, the mission of IDEP was not only to provide training but also to conduct research and to publish scientific papers. In light of the foregoing, the meeting agreed that the Institute would need to be provided with more substantial financial support. Having emphasized the need to strengthen technical capacity in their countries, African governments now needed to support IDEP. It was pointed out that all African countries were members of IDEP and are, for that reason, expected to contribute as agreed when IDEP was formed. Assessments for each country had been conducted and made available to the ministries of finance in each country. All such assessments conducted had also been reviewed periodically.