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The Institute of Development and Leadership in Africa
Participates in National and Regional Forums



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Who is IDEA?

The Institute for Development and Leadership in Africa (IDEA) is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) registered in Kenya since the year 2010 as a Think Tank and Capacity-Building institution.

*IDEA is **non-political and non-partisan** and aspires to become the leading Non-governmental African institution devoted to ensuring prosperity and stability in Africa in line with the African Union Agenda 2063. It also champions Africa's race towards the Sustainable Development Goals (the SDGs) and is fully subscribed to the values enshrined in Pan-Africanism; sound economic management policies and good governance for Africa's progress.*

Climate Change and Human Security Approaches Workshop, 2023

IDEA organized a workshop bringing together the Media, the Civil Society organization and the Academia to discuss the effects and impact of climate change on Human Security in Nairobi. The meeting held in May 2023 was attended by a representative from the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) who gave the keynote address.

Free Movement of Persons Workshop

In May 2023, IDEA participated in a training and sensitization conference on Free Movement of Persons Protocol in Nairobi organized by the African Union Economic Social and Cultural Council (AU ECOSOCC) in partnership with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ). The meeting was attended by top editors' who are members of the Kenya Editors Guild (KEG), civil society organizations and the academia.

Urbanization and Spatial Planning in Africa

In June 2023 IDEA participated in a workshop on Urbanization and Spatial Planning in Africa, a high-level consultative meeting organized by UNECA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. On October 29th to November 1st 2023 IDEA made a presentation at the Expert Group Meeting on the Validation of the Report on the State of Urbanization in Africa also organized by UNECA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Christians and African Development

In an international conference held in Kenya at Kenyatta University on August 2023 IDEA presented a paper on the role of Christian scholars in Africa's development. The conference was organized by African Christian Scholars Society.

IDEA at CoP 28

As a member of PaRD and a founding member of Pard Africa Voice, IDEA will participate in a side event, (Faith Pavilion) at the CoP 28 to be held in Dubai starting November 30th to 12th December.

In partnership with ECOSOCC, the African Union, UN-Habitat and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), IDEA will hold a conference on Urban Justice in March 2024 which will provide input to the African Urban Forum to be held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in September 2024.

Engagements Under AU-ECOSOC

As a member of the General Assembly of the African Union Economic Social and Cultural Council (AU-ECOSOCC), IDEA has been working with the ECOSOCC Secretariat since 2019. We have also worked with other organs and departments of the African Union (AU) to promote policies aimed at enhancing peace, security and development in Africa.

In 2022 IDEA participated in series of workshops and Forums organized by ECOSOCC-APSA (African Peace and Security Architecture), the Pan African Parliament; African Court on Human and People's Rights, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) -among others. The main purpose of these engagements has been to sensitize African citizens and create awareness on emergent African developments such as the Free movement of persons protocol; the African Continental Free Trade Area (AFCFTA), governance, democracy and Human Rights, gender and equality, the agenda 2063 of the African Union and climate change issues. These forums were held in Nairobi, Kenya (March 2022), Accra, Ghana (May 2022), Lusaka, Zambia (October 2021) and Rabat, Morocco in December 2022.

Public discourses and articles through Talk Shows, Media Interviews and articles plus Research

As a pan-African institution and in collaboration with *Africa 55 States People's Forum* and the *United Africa for Economic Empowerment* IDEA has been participating in Talk Shows, Media Interviews and in other forums to discuss peace and other development issues in Africa.

Furthermore, IDEA has been involved in research activities by providing inputs to and commentaries on research projects conducted by the media, local and international scholars, investors and many others who are interested in Africa's elections and democratization issues; recent inclusion of the AU in G20; academic research studies, governance and human rights questions.

Engagements with JICA and Japanese Businesses

In Kenya since 2021 to date IDEA has been collaborating with the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Japanese Private Sector to enhance trade between Kenya and Japan under the framework of the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD). IDEA has also been providing advisory opinions to facilitate trade and business and also to create better understanding among the Kenyan Private Sector and the Japanese Business community, especially leading Japanese investment companies in Kenya and in the region.

International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development

In October 2022 IDEA participated in the Annual General Assembly conference in Bali, Indonesia as a member of the international partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD). PaRD is an organization based in Germany enhancing the role of interfaith/religious organizations in enhancing sustainable development. IDEA also participated in a World Peace conference organized by various local and international religious organizations to promote peace and dialogue in Africa. The meeting was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in February 2023.

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