



CONCEPT NOTE: TRAINING ON INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING TOOLKIT (IPRT)

1. OVERVIEW OF THE COURSE

Introduction

In 2015, the United Nations endorsed a global development agenda known as 2030 Agenda for sustainable development goals. As of now, many countries including African Members have embarked on the implementation of SDGs. Africa member states also adopted Agenda 2063 to spearhead the transformation of the continent. As there are existing national development plans ongoing, countries made efforts to mainstream both SDGs and Agenda 2063 (A2063) into their development plans. Concerns remain regarding the alignment of national development plans with continental and global development agendas. For this purpose, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) has developed a toolkit, namely, the Integrated Planning and Reporting Toolkit (IPRT) to support member countries to align continental (e.g. A2063) and global (e.g. SDGs) with national development plans (NDPs), assess the progress made by member States towards the achievement of SDGs and Agenda 2063 goals, as well as simultaneously report the alignment and progress of both agendas.

The IPRT has already been deployed in some Member States and other countries are planned to be included among the beneficiaries by the end of 2020. This training has been organized to build capacities in member countries on the use and functionalities of the IPRT

Objective of the course

The main objective of the retooling course is to enable planning experts know the functionalities and applications of the IPRT and use it in the implementation of 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063.

Target participants

The course is designed for policy makers, planning experts and other experts working in the monitoring and evaluation issues.

Skills to be imparted and content

After the completion of the course, participants should be able to grasp the linkages between the 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063. They should also be able to use the IPRT to evaluate the

alignment of national development plans with these Agendas and monitor the progress towards their implementation and achievements.

Pedagogical Approach

The course will be delivered by resource persons with a first-hand technical knowledge of IPRT, both 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 and the challenges of national planning in Africa. The pedagogical approach will combine presentations, case studies for practical applications and exercises.

2. DESCRIPTIONS OF THE MODULES

The course is organised into four modules which are implemented sequentially to ensure coherence. The course combines an introduction to the toolkit and hands-on training on the applications and functionalities of the toolkit.

The content of the course is presented as follows:

Module 1: Mainstreaming SDGs and Agenda 2063 into national development plans

Brief description of the module: This module focuses on concepts, design and purpose of the toolkit. It also discusses the principles of mainstreaming SDGs and Agenda 2063 goals into national development plans.

Content of Module

- Introduction to IPRT: Design and purpose
- Concepts and principles of mainstreaming
- Understanding alignment levels
- Nexus between 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 and
- 2030 Agenda, Agenda 2063, and National Development Plans.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the module the participants should be able to:

- Know the concepts and principles of mainstreaming;
- Understand the interlinkages between 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063; and
- Know the state of play of the mainstreaming process of 2030 Agenda and Agenda 2063 in national development plans.

Module 2: Integrated planning and Reporting Toolkit (IPRT Software)

Brief description of the module: This module focuses on demonstration of the IPRT and its functionalities and dimensions. It also presents global, continental and national dashboard as well as data visualization.

Content of Module

- Main features and components of IPRT
- Functionalities of IPRT and
- Review of SDG Progress Assessment using IPRT based on global

Learning outcomes

At the end of the module the participants should be able to:

- Use IPRT for monitoring and evaluating SDGs and agenda 2063 goals
- Understand the functionalities of IPRT and
- Track progress using IPRT.

Module 3: IPRT Custom Data Analysis (Demonstration)

Brief description of the module: This module provides detailed presentation and applications of the toolkit using Demo Country data. It also presents the mechanics of data entry, uploading, alignment, export and import as well as monitoring and reporting using the toolkit.

Content of Module

- Data Preparation
- Alignment/Mapping
- Uploading
- Importing and Exporting and
- M and Reporting.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the module the participants should be able to:

- Enter and upload data using the IPRT template
- Align national development plans with SDGs and Agenda 2063
- Export and import data using the IPRT and
- Generate reports.

Module 4: Performance Assessment

Brief description of the module: This module presents tracking SDG progress at different levels such as national, continental, subregional and regional economic communities (RECs) using global UN database.

Content of Module

- SDG Progress
- ECA Dashboard
- SDGC/A Dashboard and
- SDGC/A Matrix.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the module the participants should be able to:

- Track SDG progress;
- Visualize progress; and
- Generate progress reports.