

IAMLADP IN BRIEF

BACKGROUND

The origin of IAMLADP can be traced back to 1967, when the United Nations General Assembly showed some concern about overlapping or weaknesses in the coordination of publication programmes implemented by organizations of the UN system. As a result, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC), to review and harmonize these programmes.

MANDATE

IAMLADP is a UN forum whose mandate is to enhance the efficiency, quality and cost-effectiveness of conference, language and publishing services throughout the UN system and within each participating organization. In 2001, IAMLADP mandate was amended, not only to take into account developments in international organizations, but also to open its membership to institutions which do not belong to the UN family.

MEMBERSHIP

Since 2001, IAMLADP is opened to other intergovernmental and supranational organizations that express the wish to join the Forum. To date, IAMLADP comprises 51 members, including the African Development Bank Group.

ANNUAL MEETING

IAMLADP meets annually under the chairmanship of the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly and Conference Management. Annual meetings generally focus on the following issues:

- the planning, coverage and management of meetings
- language services
- documents processing and dissemination
- publishing activities
- technological developments

OTHER SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

In the light of the changing needs of participating organizations, some more specific objectives were identified by IAMLADP members:

- exchange information and share experiences on policies and practices
- establish best practices for quality of service and cost-effectiveness
- pool resources for tasks of common interest
- harmonize practices, workload standards and indicators
- promote training and exchange of staff

IAMLADP 2009 is the first annual meeting organized in Africa by an institution, which does not belong to the UN family: the African Development Bank Group.