

# FOCUS ON RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTES PLEINS FEUX SUR LES INSTITUTS DE RECHERCHE ET DE FORMATION

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## DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTRE FACULTY OF ECONOMIC & SOCIAL STUDIES UNIVERSITY OF KHARTOUM

The University's contribution to over-all national development has always been central to its role as a leading national institution. The different University bodies — and the Faculty of Economic and Social Studies in particular — participated in several ways in the study of many of the problems facing the Sudanese Society.

Recently, however, — and mainly as a result of the active acceleration of the national development programmes — it has been increasingly recognized that the University's efforts in this direction should be rationalized and further intensified. This has meant, in particular, a closer association between the University and the on-going development programmes.

The « Development Studies and Research Centre » could become an effective vehicle for the achievement of this desirable goal. The aim of the DSRC is to offer a mission-oriented interdisciplinary programme of training, research, publications and consultation in the field of development studies.

The Centre will lay particular emphasis in its programme on the identification and solution of high-priority issues of socio-economic development with view to leaving, whenever possible, direct impact on policy making and policy implementation.

### I. - Training

The Centre will offer Post-graduate diplomas and shall organize workshops, seminars and courses designed to serve government officials with various backgrounds. (The « Diploma in Development Studies » will be the first in its series of offerings).

The aim behind this training programme is to further strengthen the theoretical and practical knowledge of the participants in the interdisciplinary field of Development studies with view to improving their decision-making and executive capabilities.

University lecturers, policy-makers as well as staff of international organizations are expected to contribute to the training programme.

## II. - Research

The training programme will be supplemented by a research programme that will concentrate on important issues of socio-economic development. The DSRC could effectively formulate, organize and help to execute the research programme and disseminate its results — both locally and abroad — through publications, conferences, public lectures etc.

Research activities will be further aided through the establishment of the « Documentation Unit » which will act as a « clearing-house » for development literature from national and international sources.

## III. - Consultation

The Centre shall perform, as well, consultative services in areas relevant to its field of activity. Consultation shall be restricted, however, to public, regional and international organizations.

Aside from aforementioned activities, it is hoped that the Centre will become an effective Forum where University academicians and policy makers will get together to exchange views on appropriate policies and programmes and help find solutions for many of the pressing problems of socio-economic development.

## IV. - Statute

In accordance with section 15 (2) of the University of Khartoum Act 1973 as amended in 1975, the Council of the University hereby makes the following statute :

### A. - Title and Commencement

1) This statute may be cited as « Statute N° 1 » of the Development Studies and Research Centre and shall come into force on signature by the Chairman of the Council.

### B. - Creation of the Development Studies and Research Centre

1) There is hereby constituted in the University of Khartoum a Development Studies and Research Centre.

2) The Development Studies and Research Centre shall function as a training, teaching research and consultation unit within the Faculty of Economic and Social Studies.

### C. - Objects of the Centre

The objects of the Centre shall be as follows :

- 1) To encourage, promote and co-ordinate interdisciplinary research and teaching in development studies.

- 2) To offer Post-graduate degrees and diplomas in development studies subject to the approval of Faculty Board & Senate.
- 3) To conduct courses, seminars, public lectures, workshops and conferences on problems of socio-economic development, development planning and methodology of research on development studies.
- 4) To follow up research work on development studies through periodical reports on publications, dissemination and documentation .
- 5) To advise on issues, schemes and policies for development referred to the Centre by government departments and ministrues and the other economic sectors.
- 6) To act as a liaison between Faculty Researchers and other units of the University and the government and other bodies.
- 7) To co-operate with all persons, institution and other bodies interested in its field of specialization and to exchange publications and establish regular contacts with the same whenever that is deemed desirable.
- 8) To do all things that may be necessary for or incidental to the above objects.

#### **D. - The Centre Board Constitution and Functions**

The Centre shall be governed by a Board which shall be constituted as follows :

- 1) The Dean of Faculty of Economic and Social Studies : Chairman
- 2) The Director of the Centre : Secretary
- 3) All Heads of Departments in the Faculty of Economic and Social Studies
- 4) One Member to represent the teaching staff of the Centre.
- 5) One member to represent the Economics and Social Research Council.
- 6) Three members to represent the Ministry of Finance, Planning & National Economy
- 7) One member to represent the Institute of African and Asian Studies.
- 8) One member to represent the Ministry of Transport.
- 9) One member to represent the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources.
- 10) One member to represent the Graduate College
- 11) One member from each of the following Faculties : Medecine, Agriculture, Venerinary Science and Engineering.
- 12) One member to represent the Ministry of Industry.

The Centre Board shall have the following functions :

- 1) To determine the general policy of the Centre and approve its plans.

- 2) To advise the Faculty Board on the financing of the activities of the Centre and allocate funds put at its disposal by the Faculty Board.
- 3) To acquire and allocate research grants from sources outside the University.
- 4) To recommend to the Faculty Board such courses as may lead to Diplomas and Higher Degrees in Development Studies and other courses offered by the Centre.
- g) To review periodically the research and other academic activities of the Centre and to report thereon to the Faculty Board.
- 6) To determine the amount of fees to be paid for work done by the Centre.
- 7) To perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Faculty Board.

#### **E. - The Director**

There shall be a Director of the Centre who shall be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Dean of the Faculty of Economic and Social Studies and who shall :

- 1) Be in general academic and administrative charge of the Centre and the execution of its policy subject to the directives of the Centre Board.
- 2) To Be generally responsible to the Centre Board for the fulfilment of the objects of the Centre.
- 3) Be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget and the development plans of the Centre Board.
- 4) To Be responsible for the editing of the publications of the Centre.
- 5) To Ensure that funds allotted for research are spent on projects approved by the Centre.
- 6) To Carry out any other functions assigned to him by the Centre Board.

#### **F. - Finance of the Centre**

The activities of the Centre shall, subject to the advise of the Centre Board, be financed out of income received from the following sources :

- 1) University of Khartoum.
- 2) Grants and donations.
- 3) Fees paid for work carried out by the Centre.
- 4) Any possible return from activities carried out by the Centre.

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