

# Executive Master in “Sustainable Development in Africa: Institutional Design and Territorial Planning”



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CIHEAM Bari and the School of Government of Luiss Guido Carli University are launching the first edition of the Executive Master in *"Sustainable Development in Africa: Institutional Design and Territorial Planning"*, funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

## INTRODUCTION

The Executive Master in *"Sustainable Development in Africa: Institutional Design and Territorial Planning"* has been designed as a solid response to the structural challenges that hinder the full implementation of sustainable development in African countries.

In a context marked by climate pressures, socio-economic inequalities and a growing need for public governance based on solid scientific knowledge, the programme aims to train 30 mid- and senior-level African civil servants, equipping them with advanced skills in territorial planning, digital innovation, natural resource management, socio-economic inclusion and access to development finance.

## DESCRIPTION

Through a multidisciplinary training programme the Executive Master integrates theory and practice, combining:

- Online modules on an e-learning platform;
- In presence modules at CIHEAM in Bari and at Luiss School of Government in Rome, which include workshops, study visits and the exchange of good practices;
- Project work activities applied to local contexts.

The programme is aligned with the priorities of Agenda 2063, the SDGs, the Mattei Plan and the main instruments of international cooperation, positioning itself as a strategic lever to strengthen the effectiveness of African public policies, enhance human capital and promote a new generation of leaders for sustainable transition.

During the Executive Master, which is planned to run from March to October 2026, the following topics will be covered:

- Fundamentals of Policy Design and Governance
- Leadership, Negotiation and Public Management
- Territorial Planning
- Sustainable Management of Natural Resources
- Inclusive Development
- Renewable Energy and Sustainable Infrastructure
- Digitalisation and Innovation for Rural Development
- Financing for Sustainable Development

Upon completion, participants will be awarded a 'Master Universitario di Primo Livello', conferring 60 ECTS credits (European Credit Transfer System).

## TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen technical and governance skills to increase access to and effective management of funding;
- Train a new generation of public decision-makers capable of integrating strategic planning, resource management and digital innovation;
- Enhance existing experiences in Africa of involving local communities;
- Increase knowledge of the most effective territorial planning approaches.

### **SCHOLARSHIP**

Candidates admitted to the Executive Master will be awarded a scholarship covering all participation costs, including return tickets from their country of origin, board and lodging, insurance and a monthly allowance.

### **TARGET COUNTRIES**

Algeria, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Republic of the Congo, Senegal, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda.



# ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

Candidates will be nominated by the relevant Ministries with the support of Italian diplomatic representatives, based on three mandatory requirements:

1. Academic requirements (degrees corresponding to at least 180 ECTS credits in agricultural, economic, political, engineering, forestry, environmental sciences, or equivalent);
2. Professional requirements (at least 5 years of experience in at least one of the following areas: policy design and governance, leadership and public management, spatial planning, sustainable management of natural resources, renewable energy, digitalisation and economic inclusion, financing);
3. Language requirements (minimum level of English C1, or equivalent).

Particular attention will be paid to the representation of women and young officials, in line with the programme inclusive approach.

Preference will be given to candidates with long-term career and professional development prospects.

Pre-selected candidates appointed by their ministries must submit their application by e-mail to the following address: [didattica@iamb.it](mailto:didattica@iamb.it) by **March 31st, 2026**.

## REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION:

- Updated and signed CV in Europass format with contact details;
- Official letter of appointment signed by the Minister;
- University degree certificate and/or Transcript of Records;
- Certificate issued by the institution attesting the required professional experience;
- Authorization to process personal data (form to be signed);
- Declaration certifying the ability to connect remotely to online courses and the digital platform provided.

Candidates will be selected following a rigorous selection process, which includes an online personal interview, conducted jointly by CIHEAM Bari and Luiss School of Government.

Candidates admitted to the Executive Master will receive official notification and a letter of admission by e-mail. They must confirm their participation by returning the signed letter of admission and the authorization signed by the competent Minister to [didattica@iamb.it](mailto:didattica@iamb.it).

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