

ISSEA

INSTITUT SOUS-REGIONAL DE STATISTIQUE ET D'ECONOMIE APPLIQUEE (ISSEA)

(SUB-REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STATISTICS AND APPLIED ECONOMICS)

The Institute for Statistics and Applied Economics (ISSEA), located in Yaoundé, Cameroon, is a school of higher learning was transformed into an inter-state school (Institut de Statistique, de Planifications et d'Economie Appliquée - ISPEA) for the Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) in 1984. Its mandate is:

- ▶ the training of medium- and higher-level statisticians;
- ▶ continuous education in statistics and economics (refresher and professional courses) for statistics and economic staff in the public and private sectors;
- ▶ applied research.

ISSEA provides training at three levels:

- ▶ Higher-level Statisticians: Bac (Final Class), 2-year training ;
- ▶ Engineers of Applied Statistics: Bac (Series C or D), 4-year training ;
- ▶ Engineers, Statisticians, Economists: Bac plus 2, 3-year training.

The teaching staff at ISSEA consists of 14 permanent professors and 50 auxiliary staff essentially recruited from Cameroon's National Statistics Institute and the University of Yaoundé. ISSEA hosts around 190 students per school year, all admitted through a competitive process. Despite its regional nature, ISSEA receives students from francophone African states outside CEMAC.

ISSEA conducted research activities in the area of youth employment. ISSEA is a member of the National Statistical Council of Cameroon.

ISSEA forms part of the network of the francophone statistical institutes, which includes the École Nationale d'Économie Appliquée (ENEA) in Dakar, Senegal, and the École Nationale Supérieure de Statistique et d'Économie Appliquée (ENSEA) in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. This network has been coordinated since 2004 by the Centre d'Appui aux Écoles Statistiques Africaines (CAPESA) which forms part of INSEE, France's National Statistical Institute. The CAPESA organizes the common entry applications of the three institutes for the recruitment of students.

ISSEA receives an annual subsidy from CEMAC to fund most of its equipment and operating costs. Other revenue includes school fees paid by the sponsoring countries/organizations, which grant student scholarships, and receipts generated by the activities of continuous training and industrial research. In addition, ISSEA gets support from bilateral (France in particular) and multilateral donors (such as the European Union and UN agencies), in the form of teaching personnel, equipment, teaching material and documentation, and the funds for the training of teachers.

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