

THE MODE OF CONTRIBUTION OF MDIs TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of MDIs, institutions of higher learning and training and research centres should be to implement training policy in order to:

- enhance the interface with government with a view to further the contribution of national experts and "think tanks" to the formulation, implementation and evaluation of national policies, strategies, programmes and projects;
- revise curricula to reflect current African realities and provide managers with knowledge that is relevant to dealing with today's and tomorrow's problems in general and to meeting the challenge of development management in particular;
- take the necessary steps in consultation with government and other relevant actors to retain faculty and provide them with incentives to be more productive in both training and research;
- initiate and participate in the development and promotion of indigenous technology, drawing on ideas and resources both within and outside existing management and research institutes;
- network with managers, researchers, and administrators in government, business and other sectors with a view to transferring knowledge for application in the world of business; and to learn from past mistakes and promote debate on management issues (Agere 1993).
- promote inter- and intra-African co-operation among centres of management.