

ABSTRACT

The problem Africa is facing is under-development that manifests itself in terms of poverty, diseases, ignorance and many other forms. It is regrettable to recognize and note that due to severe but an apparent lack of funds and other resources, many African countries have remained impoverished over the years. The weak fiscal status and the dim prospects for drastic economic improvement coupled with mismanagement, corrupt and, at times, despotic regimes in the continent also militate against any significant local support to alleviate the problems of under-development in the near future. From the experience of the industrialized countries, it is abundantly clear that for Africa to develop and survive this century, science and technology must take root in the continent to serve the people and improve their standards of living by increasing productivity. It is also well understood and recognized that for science and technology to benefit the continent, human resources development, i.e., capacity building in general is paramount and basic. There are a number of prerequisites for capacity building and these involve issues and questions which must be addressed.