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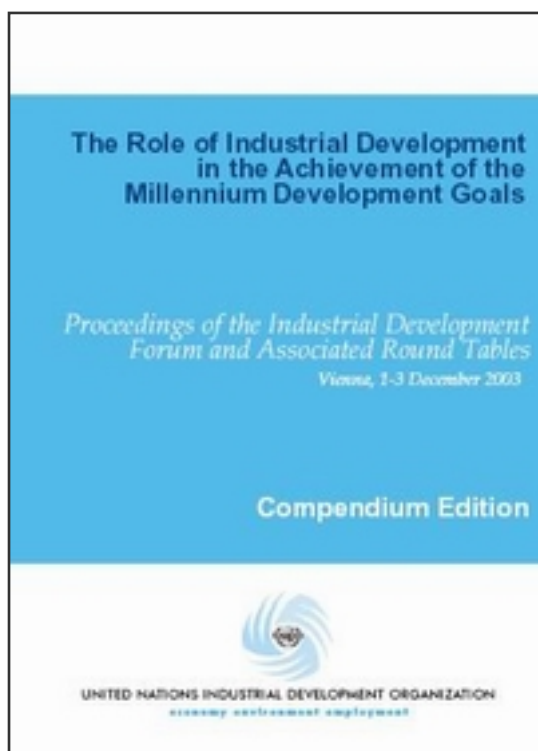
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UNIDO has just published the *Proceedings of the Industrial Development Forum and Associated Round Tables*. The Forum and Round Tables took place in Vienna, Austria on the occasion of the [Tenth Session of the UNIDO General Conference](#), 1 - 3 December, 2003. The publication is available viewing or downloading at <http://www.unido.org/en/doc/24749>. The download page also has information on speakers and papers presented at the Forum and Round Tables. To introduce the publication, the foreword by UNIDO Director-General, Carlos Magariños is reproduced here in its entirety.

"It has long been a particular concern of mine to add a strong substantive element to the deliberations of the Governing Bodies. I therefore initiated the holding of a Forum on Sustainable Industrial Development on 29 November – 1 December 1999 to discuss topical issues related to the mandate and activities of UNIDO as a complementary event to eighth session of the General Conference.

With a similar Industrial Development Forum having been held on 5 December 2001 in conjunction with the ninth session of the General Conference, I am pleased to note that the tradition of such fora has now become well established, and that the

discussions on substantive subjects of industrial development conducted within their frameworks have become an integral and much-respected component of our General Conferences.

*The Industrial Development Forum held on 1-3 December 2003 in the context of the tenth session of the General Conference has been the most ambitious to date, reflecting the importance and complexity of its theme: **The Role of Industrial Development in the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals**. We regard this issue as critical to ensuring that UNIDO's contributions to international development is firmly embedded in the international development agenda, and that our Organization remains at the forefront of the development debate. For that reason, this theme will also be revisited in considerable detail*

in our Industrial Development Report 2004. (see <http://www.unido.org/idr>)

The Industrial Development Forum held in conjunction with the tenth session of the General Conference consisted of an initial meeting within the plenary session of the Conference to set the scene and highlight the principal issues involved, and seven subsequent Round Tables to discuss these issues in greater detail. The topics covered in these Round Tables comprised: **Round Table 1: The Role of Industrial Development in the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals**; **Round Table 2: Industry and Environment: The Need for a New Industrial Revolution**; **Round Table 3: Making Trade Work for the Poor: Stimulating the Real Economy's Response**; **Round Table 4: Post-crisis Industrial Rehabilitation and Reconstruction**; **Round Table 5: Promoting Investment in Developing Countries (with Special Reference to Africa): Challenges, Opportunities and Experiences**; **Round Table 6: Transition in Eastern Europe: 15 Years After**; and **Special Round Table: Poverty Reduction in Latin America in the Context of Sustainable Development**.

Each of these discussions highlighted various aspects of how the industrial development that our Organization is mandated to promote has a significant role to play in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which have come to form the core of the international development agenda since they were first enunciated at the Millennium Summit of the United Nations General Assembly in September 2000.

UNIDO believes that it can make a critical direct contribution, through its various technical cooperation and global forum activities, to the achievement of four of the eight MDGs, viz.: **MDG 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger**; **MDG 3: Promote gender equality and empower women**; **MDG 7: Ensure environmental sustainability**; and **MDG 8: Develop a global partnership for development**. In addition, it believes that its services can also contribute effectively to the achievement of the other health- and education-based goals by supporting the development of the critical industrial capacities and infrastructure required for them.

As on previous occasions, we were privileged to be able to draw on a wide range of experts for our Forum and the associated Round Tables. These included national leaders and senior political decision-makers, as well as leading representatives of multinational organizations, national administrations, academic research institutions, and the business community.

We were particularly pleased by the fact that the tenth session of the General Conference was attended by three presidents, three vice-presidents, one prime minister and 44 ministers, many of whom participated directly in the Forum and Round Tables. These participants were able to offer many valuable insights on the topics covered by the discussions, based on their wide range of specialized expertise and experience.

We were also extremely fortunate to have a very knowledgeable audience at all of these meetings, who showed a keen interest in the issues under discussion and made significant contributions to the debate. Through the lively interaction among the panellists themselves, and between them and the floor, we were able to gain many useful ideas and suggestions as to how UNIDO can enhance its effectiveness in helping our Member States to achieve the MDGs. I am particularly grateful to the contributors of the Forum and Round Tables for these suggestions.

In closing I would like to stress that arranging such an ambitious programme of discussions on such a wide range of topics, and bringing them to a successful conclusion, inevitably required considerable efforts on the part of many staff members of UNIDO, at all levels and from all of its administrative units. The names of those most directly involved are mentioned in the acknowledgements, but there were many others who made smaller but nevertheless vital contributions. To all of them I would like to express my sincere gratitude."

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UNIDO ITPO Tokyo Delegate Programmes for Egypt, Morocco, Sri Lanka and India

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The ITPO Tokyo - GAFI Egypt Investment Seminar

Between March and June this year, UNIDO Investment Technology Promotion Office Tokyo ([ITPO Tokyo](#)) hosted delegates from Egypt (22 March - 23 April), Morocco (10 May - 17 June), Sri Lanka (10 May - 11 June) and India (17 May - 18 June), to undertake investment and technology promotion activities in Japan.

The UNIDO ITPO Delegate Programme is a mechanism by which staff of developing country institutions involved in investment promotion get hands-on experience at one of [UNIDO's ITPOs](#). In addition to being an important and effective part of the capacity-building efforts of the UNIDO ITPOs, it is not uncommon for delegates to go home with valuable contracts. Regardless of

the immediate result, all go back with valuable contacts. ITPO Tokyo is one of the most active promoters of the Delegate Programme.

The Delegates from Egypt, Morocco, Sri Lanka and India have each sent UNIDOScope a brief assessment of their time in Tokyo which we will publish over the next four issues.

The delegate from Egypt, Dr. Shamloula Tahany Fahmy, General Manager of Investment Services, [General Authority for Investment and Free Zone](#) (GAFI) in Alexandria, Egypt, was at ITPO Tokyo from 22 March to 23 April 2004. After graduating from the Department of Commercial Science at Tanta University, Egypt, Dr. Shamloula obtained a Master of Science in Economics at Southern Illinois University and a Ph.D. in Economics at Alexandria University, Egypt. She joined GAFI in 1985 and is now in charge of investment promotional activities. This is Dr. Fahmy's story.



The ITPO Tokyo Delegate from Egypt was Dr. Shamloula Tahany Fahmy, General Manager of Investment Services, GAFI

This delegate programme was the first for Egypt at UNIDO ITPO Tokyo. The Japan - Egypt relationship has been steadily growing on all fronts over the last few years. The purpose of the program was to raise the awareness of Japanese investors to Egypt as a good and competitive location for investment, including location, abundant resources at low cost, low labor cost, domestic market and the easy access to international markets through Egypt's partnership in several trade agreements.

The program promoted 11 specific projects ([view or download project list](#)) through meetings held with 17 large

Japanese companies, seven organizations / governmental agencies, and four newspapers. An Egypt Investment Seminar was attended

by 100 key figures from the Japanese government, companies and press. The Seminar was the result of close cooperation between the Embassy of Egypt, [JOI](#) (Japan Overseas Investment Information Institute), [JBIC](#) (Japan Bank for International Cooperation), [JCCME](#), the Japan-Egypt Business Cooperation Committee, [JCCI / TCCI](#) (The Japan and Tokyo Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and [JETRO](#) (Japan External Trade Organization), .

During the Egypt Delegate Programme at ITPO Tokyo, two important Japanese companies announced their intention to make new investments in the auto and electronics sectors and the delegate met with the companies to facilitate their project discussions. A continuous and serious follow up effort has been started since the conclusion of the program, in coordination with ITPO Tokyo. It is hoped this will lead to continued promotional activities, including opportunities for Japanese companies to invest into new areas or expand their businesses in Egypt.

Next week: Morocco

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