Distinguished chair, guests, colleagues and friends,

Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to contribute to this event by highlighting UNIDO’s experience related to Make in India.

I am very excited to be here at this dynamic and energetic event at such a historic moment in this country’s history.

Please allow me to congratulate you on this exceptional initiative you call ‘Make in India’. As the Director General of United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in short UNIDO, I can only wish that all the Member States of my organization would follow this example!

For me, the ambition of the Indian Government is clear; the contribution of manufacturing value added in India must increase drastically.
As I understand it, the Make in India initiative outlines four principles on how India will succeed in becoming a global manufacturing hub:

First, attention is given to infrastructure – industrial parks and manufacturing cities. Furthermore, connectivity infrastructure such as roads, ports, aviation and railways are also given proper attention;

Second, power, a prerequisite for any industry, is covered in the plan. Both traditional thermal power as well as renewable energy;

Third, The Make in India initiative has prioritized sectors in which India has a competitive advantage, including some traditional manufacturing sectors (food processing, textile, leather) and some more modern sectors (biotechnology, electronics);

Fourth, and just as important as infrastructure and power, the Make in India initiative will address important policy issues to promote a more enabling environment to attract investors, both local and foreign.

This is a truly commendable plan and UNIDO stands ready to support it within the framework of its mandate and is keen, under the strong leadership of the Indian Government, to partner with financial institutions, the private sector, industry organizations, and other stakeholders, to make this industrialization initiative come true.
We at UNIDO believe that strategic partnerships are the best response to increasingly complex development challenges. There is no single development strategy and no single actor that can address all of the social, environmental and economic challenges we are facing.

It is UNIDO’s core mandate to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID). ISID addresses the three dimensions of sustainable development: social equity, economic growth, and environmental protection to make sure that:

- Every country achieves a higher level of industrialization and benefits from the globalization of markets for industrial goods and services;
- No one is left behind in benefiting from industrial growth, and prosperity is shared among women and men in all countries;
- Broader economic and social growth is supported within an environmentally sustainable framework. This should include resource-efficient cleaner production and green growth;
- New approaches are introduced to harness and share available knowledge, technology and innovation. This should include skills development for youth and women;
- All of the above are supported through multi-stakeholder partnerships.

As you can see, Make in India and ISID go hand in hand.
In fact: UNIDO and the Government of India have already enjoyed a long and fruitful relationship. Together, we have designed and are implementing many successful projects to support the growth of the Indian manufacturing industry. Let me mention a few areas of successful collaboration:

- **Renewable energy and energy efficiency**

UNIDO is supporting the Indian industry to become more competitive by reducing its energy consumption through process optimization. UNIDO also supports rural SMEs with reliable and cost effective renewable energy solutions.

- **Clustering / industrial organization**

UNIDO works with various industrial clusters organizing thousands of MSMEs. These programmers result in decreasing transaction costs for enterprises and improved the overall competitiveness of the targeted sectors. Integrated skills development schemes and technology demonstration contribute to increased labor productivity and national investment trigger the modernization of equipment and machinery.
Green industry

UNIDO assists in improving waste management in, for example, the leather sector, by establishing common effluent treatment plants. UNIDO is also addressing the issue of resource efficiency and the removal of chemicals such as Persistent Organic Pollutants in many projects.

Centre for South-South Industrial Cooperation

It is a vote of confidence in the Indian industry that the first UNIDO Center for South-South industrial Cooperation was established here in India. The center is exporting Indian knowledge and technology to countries in Asia as well as Africa.

Ladies and Gentleman,

Looking forward, I think there is an excellent opportunity and a need to scale up our successful cooperation with the Government of India, financial institutions, private sector, and related organizations within the framework of Make in India.

Jointly with all stakeholders and under the strong leadership of the Government of India, focused key interventions in industrial growth sectors in targeted geographical areas will need to be identified and verified.
Investments from the public sector for much needed infrastructure will need to follow as well as programmes to ensure a highly skilled and efficient labor force.

Investment promotion activities on the national and global level as well as trade capacity building initiatives would contribute to attracting investments from the private sector and finally, “Make in India” will reach global markets with innovative and certified products.

In conclusion, UNIDO is willing and excited to deepen its partnership with the Indian Government. We have a long history of working together. And we can do more. Together, we can make the Make in India a reality.

Thank you.