



Industrial Development Board

Forty-seventh session

Vienna, 1–3 July 2019

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda

Opening of the session

The forty-seventh session of the Board will be opened by the President of the Board, H.E. Ms. F. Mebarki (Algeria).

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the forty-seventh session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the States included in List B of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian States included in List A, the States included in List C and the States included in List D, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the African States included in List A.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the forty-seventh session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.46/Dec.9, as well as the final agenda of the thirty-fifth session of the Programme and Budget Committee, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.47/1.

The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (IDB.47/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.47/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (IDB.47/CRP.1)

For reasons of economy, this document has not been printed. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.



Item 3. Annual report of the Director General for 2018

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization.

The annual report was presented through the thirty-fifth session of the Programme and Budget Committee to the current session of the Board due to the reduction of the number of sessions of the Board in non-General Conference years (decision IDB.39/Dec.7 (f)), and in line with the practice established in 2012. Annotations in relation to the annual report and its content were contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the Committee session (PBC.35/1/Add.1).

In line with Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution and decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States already delivered statements, which included information on their activities related to the work of the Organization, at the thirty-fifth session of the Committee. With a view to enhancing the debate on the item, Member States are requested to bear in mind the statements already delivered at the Committee and to focus their interventions to any further developments of note.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2018* (including programme performance report) (IDB.47/2)

(a) Mid-term review of the Medium-Term Programme Framework, 2018–2021

In paragraphs (e) and (f) of decision GC.15/Dec.17, the Conference requested a medium-term programme framework (MTPF) for four years. In addition, the Board, in its decision IDB.44/Dec.10, requested an updated MTPF for the period 2018–2021. A detailed proposal, including programmatic refinements following the adoption of General Assembly resolution [71/243](#) on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system on 21 December 2016, were presented to the Board at its forty-fifth session. In line with the four-year horizon established in line with IDB.44/Dec.10, a mid-term review of the MTPF was presented to the thirty-fifth session of the Programme and Budget Committee.

The Board will have before it:

- *Mid-term review of the Medium-Term Programme Framework (MTPF), 2018–2021* (IDB.47/10)
- Updated integrated results and performance framework. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.35/CRP.11)

Item 4. Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)

In adopting the draft provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session, the Board noted that an additional item on IDDA III would be included.

In its decision IDB.46/Dec.13, the Board requested the Director General to regularly report on the progress made on IDDA III in the annual reports of the Director General to the Programme and Budget Committee, the Industrial Development Board, and the General Conference, and to the Informal Working Group on PBC-related matters, on a quarterly basis. A report was considered by the Committee at its thirty-fifth session. This report should be considered in conjunction with the information on IDDA III contained in Chapter 7 of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2018*.

The Board will have before it:

- Annual update on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). Report by the Director General (IDB.47/12)
- Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). *Annual Report of UNIDO 2018* (IDB.47/2, chapter 7)

Item 5. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee shall “report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative”. The report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-fifth session is reflected in document IDB.47/15. The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at that session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the thirty-fifth session of the Committee (PBC.35/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, as indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below.

5.(a) Report of the External Auditor for 2018

- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2018 (IDB.47/3)
- Annexes to the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2018 (unaudited) (PBC.35/CRP.2)
- Comments on the Report of the External Auditor. Note by the Audit Advisory Committee (PBC.35/CRP.6)

5.(b) Financial situation of UNIDO

- Conclusion 2019/2 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Financial situation of UNIDO (status as of 31 March 2019). Report by the Director General (IDB.47/4)
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.47/CRP.2)
- Additional information on the financial situation of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.35/CRP.10)

5.(c) Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2020–2021

- Conclusion 2019/4 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2020–2021. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.47/6)
- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2020–2021. Revised note by the Secretariat (IDB.47/6/Rev.1)

5.(d) Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2020–2021

- Conclusion 2019/5 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2020–2021. Proposals by the Director General (IDB.47/7)
- Additional background information on the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2020–2021. Note by the secretariat (PBC.35/CRP.7)

5.(e) Report by the Informal Working Group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues

- Informal Working Group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-chairs (IDB.47/8)

5.(f) Proposal by the Informal Working Group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues regarding unutilized balances of appropriations

- Conclusion 2019/6 of the Programme and Budget Committee

- Proposal by the Informal Working Group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues regarding unutilized balances of appropriations (IDB.47/9)

5.(g) Mobilization of financial resources

- Funding performance. Annual Report of UNIDO 2018 (IDB.47/2, chapter 8)
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, thematic and individual trust funds, and other voluntary contributions in 2018 (PBC.35/CRP.4)

5.(h) Appointment of an External Auditor

- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/11)
- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.35/CRP.5)

5.(i) Updated medium-term investment plan

- Updated medium-term investment plan, 2018–2021. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/14)

Item 6. Programme and budgets, 2020–2021

In accordance with Article 14.3 of the Constitution, the Board shall examine the proposals of the Director General together with any recommendations of the Programme and Budget Committee and adopt the programme of work, the regular budget and the operational budget for submission to the Conference for consideration and approval.

The Board will have before it:

- Conclusion 2019/3 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Programme and budgets, 2020–2021. Proposals of the Director General (IDB.47/5)
- Update on UNIDO's full cost recovery initiative. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.35/CRP.9)

Item 7. General risk management

Following Programme and Budget Committee conclusion 2016/8 and as per documents IDB.44/11 and IDB.45/9, UNIDO has established an internal Risk Management Committee to further enhance UNIDO's risk management approach. An updated report will provide information on the further development and implementation of the Enterprise Risk Management Policy and the identification, analysis and evaluation of risks to the Organization, including the financial and administrative impact of Member States leaving the Organization.

The Board will have before it:

- General risk management strategy. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/16)

Item 8. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

At its sixteenth session, the General Conference requested the Director General to report to Member States on UNIDO's contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, taking into consideration the report of the United Nations Secretary-General, and the Global Indicator Framework (GC.16/Res.2). In the same resolution, the General Conference also requested the Director General to continue to actively contribute and pursue a leading role for UNIDO in the ongoing discussions with other international organizations and stakeholders on the follow-up and review

mechanism for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda. At its forty-fourth session, the Board reiterated the commitment of UNIDO and its Member States to the realization of the 2030 Agenda (decision IDB.44/Dec.9).

With a view to ensuring active and effective participation of UNIDO Member States in the follow-up and review process of SDGs for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, the Board requested the Director General to prepare the annual substantive input by the Board for submission by the President of the Board to the high-level political forum (HLPF). The documentation under this item will therefore provide the Board with up-to-date information on this topic, including the presentation of the HLPF input as duly submitted by the Board President prior to the Board's forty-seventh session.

Under this item, the Board will consider a report submitted to the thirty-fifth session of the Programme and Budget Committee on the United Nations Development System reform. Decision IDB.46/Dec.12 requires that the Director General reports regularly on the United Nations Development System reform to the Programme and Budget Committee, the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference of UNIDO.

In the context of the ongoing reform of the United Nations Development System and in line with decision IDB.35/Dec.6, UNIDO is renewing its efforts to conclude basic cooperation agreements between itself and governments. The Board will therefore be presented with an update on the current situation and a plan for the way forward in this regard.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/17)
- United Nations Development System (UNDS) reform. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/13)
- UNIDO's field network in the context of the United Nations development system reform. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.35/CRP.8)
- Substantive input by the Industrial Development Board to the High-level Political Forum 2019. Submitted on behalf of the President of the Board, further to the agreement by the Enlarged Bureau of the Board (IDB.47/CRP.3)
- Conclusion of basic cooperation agreements between governments and UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.47/CRP.4)

Item 9. UNIDO activities in energy and the environment

Through resolution GC.17/Res.4, the Conference requested the Director General to strengthen the implementation and efficiency of UNIDO programmes co-financed by the Global Environment Facility, the Multilateral Fund for the Implementation of the Montreal Protocol, bilateral donors and multi-donor initiatives in industry-related energy and environment fields, with a results-based approach, giving particular attention to the developmental impact of these programmes in the field, including the capacity-building and technology transfer, on mutually agreed terms, required to create conditions for more sustainable patterns of production and to report on these projects and programmes to the Industrial Development Board in such a way that they can serve as a model for future projects and programmes.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO activities in energy and the environment. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/18)

Item 10. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit

In accordance with the follow-up scheme to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following document:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/19)
- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Note by the Director General (IDB.47/CRP.9)

Item 11. Addressing recommendations of the JIU review of management and administration in UNIDO

At its forty-fifth session, the Board considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) on the review of management and administration in UNIDO (IDB.45/14/Add.1) and comments of the Director General thereon (IDB.45/14/Add.2). Further to this, the Board requested the Director General to implement the recommendations addressed to him within existing resources, and to provide a progress report to the Industrial Development Board.

The Board will have before it:

- Recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit review of management and administration in UNIDO. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/20)

Item 12. UNIDO Independent Audit Advisory Committee

By decision IDB.44/Dec.4, the Board established the UNIDO Independent Audit Advisory Committee. The terms of reference annexed to that decision specify that “the Audit Committee shall submit an annual report to the Board containing the Committee’s advice and self-assessment of its effectiveness and compliance with these terms of reference.” Furthermore, the terms of reference specify that the “report will be presented to the Board with any comments from the Director General and/or the Management Response”.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Report of the Audit Advisory Committee. Report by the Chair (IDB.47/21)
- Report of the Audit Advisory Committee. Management Response (IDB.47/21/Add.1)

Item 13. Internal oversight activities

With its decision IDB.44/Dec.3, the Board mandated the establishment of an effective and functionally and operationally independent Office of Internal Oversight. Based on the same decision, the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight will submit the annual report on internal oversight activities to the Board for its consideration. Audit reports will be made available for Member States on the UNIDO Extranet, when issued throughout the year. These reports will include management responses, as stipulated in the Board decision.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Internal oversight activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.47/22)
- Charter of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.47/CRP.5)

Item 14. Evaluation activities

By decision IDB.44/Dec.3, the Board requested that the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight submit the report on evaluation activities to the Board for consideration.

The Board will have before it:

- Evaluation activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.47/23)

Item 15. Personnel matters

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18, the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of any recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system. The documentation under this item will also contain information on personnel-related developments in UNIDO.

By decision GC.1/Dec.37, the General Conference accepted the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and established the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee. In decision GC.17/Dec.19, the Conference elected the two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2018–2019. The Board may wish to recommend to the Conference, at its eighteenth session, candidates for election to the Committee for the years 2020–2021.

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/24)
- Personnel matters. Annexes to the report by the Director General (IDB.47/CRP.6)
- List of UNIDO staff. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.47/CRP.7)

Item 16. UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of women

At its seventeenth session, the General Conference *inter alia* called for the implementation of gender mainstreaming to be scaled up in all thematic areas; the promotion of women's economic empowerment, entrepreneurship and leadership; and for strengthened efforts to achieve gender parity and an enabling environment within the Organization (resolution GC.17/Res.3). In this regard, the Board will be informed of the recent progress in implementing programmes, projects and organizational actions to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women. The documentation under this item will also propose a systematic approach for the Secretariat to report to Member States on gender-related results, in line with the requirements of the UN System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNSWAP).

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of women. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/25)

Item 17. Sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries

Through resolution GC.17/Res.6 the General Conference requested the Director General to identify and discuss with Member States a strategic framework for collaboration of UNIDO, within its mandate and resources, with middle-income countries (MIC) aiming at facilitating inclusive and sustainable industrial development in this group of countries as part of a more comprehensive United Nations system-wide approach and to submit proposals on such strategy to the forty-sixth session of the Industrial Development Board. Accordingly, at its forty-sixth session, the Board considered a report by the Director General containing a strategic framework for collaboration of UNIDO, within its mandate and resources, with middle-income countries. Document IDB.46/13 outlined the scope and prospects for programmatic cooperation between UNIDO and its MIC Member States. Subsequently, the Board adopted decision IDB.46/Dec.10 requesting the Director General to organize consultations with Member States for the finalization of the draft

strategic framework with a view to present it for consideration to the Board at its forty-seventh session.

The Board will have before it:

- Strategic framework for partnering with middle-income countries. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/26)

Item 18. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

The General Conference in its decision GC.1/Dec.41 established guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in article 19.1 of the Constitution. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status. Accordingly, the Board shall decide whether to grant consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will therefore have before it information concerning organizations on which decisions are required:

- Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status. Note by the Director General (IDB.47/28)

Item 19. Preparations for the eighteenth session of the General Conference

At its seventeenth session, the General Conference decided in its decision GC.17/Dec.21 to request the Director General to undertake the necessary consultations with any Member States expressing interest to host the eighteenth session of the Conference, with particular regard to rule 8 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Conference. In accordance with Article 8 (2) (b) and Article 8 (4) of the Constitution of UNIDO, the Conference delegated to the Board the authority to consider and determine at its forty-sixth session the venue and date of the eighteenth session of the General Conference.

Through its decision IDB.46/Dec.11, the Board decided to hold the eighteenth session of the General Conference in Abu Dhabi, from 3 to 7 November 2019, and requested the Director General to negotiate and conclude an appropriate Conference agreement with the Government of the United Arab Emirates.

In accordance with Article 9.4 (g) of the Constitution, the Board shall prepare the provisional agenda for the Conference. A list of agenda items for consideration by the Conference as well as a draft schedule of work will be included as annexes to the following document:

- Preparations for the eighteenth session of the General Conference. Report by the Director General (IDB.47/27)

Item 20. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-eighth session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the forty-eighth session. Note by the Director General (IDB.47/CRP.8)

