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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 5 November 2019

8.30–10 a.m.	<i>Thematic event: Sustainable energy</i>	Plenary Hall (Etihad Ballroom, floor -1)
9.30–10.15 a.m.	Credentials Committee	Main Committee Hall (Chamber, floor -1)
10 a.m.–1 p.m.	5th plenary meeting Adoption of the Abu Dhabi Declaration General debate Items 7 to 23 (continued)	Plenary Hall (Etihad Ballroom, floor -1)
1.30–3 p.m.	<i>Thematic event: Industry 4.0</i>	Plenary Hall (Etihad Ballroom, floor -1)
3.30–4.30 p.m.	6th plenary meeting Item 9: Launch of the Industrial Development Report 2020	Plenary Hall (Etihad Ballroom, floor -1)
4.30–6 p.m.	General debate Items 7 to 23 (continued)	

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FORECAST OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 November 2019

- 8.30–10 a.m.** *Thematic event: Youth and entrepreneurship* **Plenary Hall**
(Etihad Ballroom, floor -1)
- 10 a.m.–12 p.m.** **7th plenary meeting** **Plenary Hall**
General debate (Etihad Ballroom, floor -1)
Items 7 to 23 (*continued*)
- Item 5: Credentials of representatives to the Conference
- 1.30–3 p.m.** *Thematic event: Industrial parks* **Plenary Hall**
(Etihad Ballroom, floor -1)
- 3.30–6 p.m.** **8th plenary meeting** **Plenary Hall**
General debate (*if required*) (Etihad Ballroom, floor -1)
Items 7 to 23 (*continued*)

Thursday, 7 November 2019

- 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** **9th plenary meeting** **Plenary Hall**
Consideration and adoption (Etihad Ballroom, floor -1)
of decisions and resolutions

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

MONDAY, 4 November 2019

Thematic event: Achieving the SDGs through Entrepreneurship and Innovation: A Regional Perspective for African and Arab Countries

Opening remarks were made by Mr. Bernardo Calzadilla-Sarmiento, Director of Trade, Investment and Innovation of UNIDO.

Introductory statements were made by Mr. LI Yong, Director General of UNIDO; Mr. Yousef Al Bassam, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa; H.H. Shaikh Faisal bin Rashid bin Isa Al Khalifa, Vice President of the Supreme Council for Environment of Bahrain; and H.E. Mr. Rashid Al Balooshi, Acting Undersecretary of the Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development.

A video on the World Entrepreneurs Investment Forum was shown.

The moderator, Mr. Hashim Hussein, Head of the UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office in Bahrain, introduced the event.

The first discussion of this event featured the following panellists: H.E. Mr. Diene Keita, Minister of Cooperation and African Integration of Guinea; Mr. Khaled Hanafy, Secretary General of the Union of Arab Chambers; Mr. Taha Ayhan, President of the Islamic Conference Youth Forum for Dialogue and Cooperation; Ms. Ismahane Elouafi, Director General of the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture; and Ms. Shamma Al Farsi, Manager Innovation and Special Projects of the Khalifa Fund for Enterprise Development.

The speakers of the second panel were: Ms. Sonya Janahi, Board Member of the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and founder and CEO of Living Concepts; Ms. Jalila Arab, founder and CEO of Bahrain Fashion Incubator; Ms. Ghada Satti, founder and CEO of Jana, Sudan; Ms. Gladys England, CEO of Juice Oasis, Sierra Leone; and Mr. Patrick Kimathi Muguna, CEO of Skynotch Energy Africa.

Closing remarks were delivered by Mr. Weixi Gong, Chief of Investment Promotion Division and Coordinator of the Investment and Technology Promotion Offices of UNIDO

3rd PLENARY MEETING

Item 4: Organization of work

With the Vice-President in the Chair, an introductory statement was made by H. E. Mr. Senén Florensa Palau, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Spain to UNIDO, and President of the forty-seventh session of the Industrial Development Board.

Upon the recommendation of the General Committee, the Conference decided:

- (a) To cover items 7 to 23 in the form of a general debate;
- (b) To establish, in accordance with rule 44 of its rules of procedure, one Main Committee, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Ms. Vivian Okeke, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to UNIDO, on which each Member participating in the Conference may be represented;
- (c) To refer agenda items 7 to 23 to the Main Committee for a more focused debate aimed at the preparation of consensus draft decisions and resolutions for submission to the plenary;
- (d) And to request the Chair of the Main Committee to submit a written report on its work to the Conference at the closing session of the plenary.

Item 5: Credentials of representatives to the Conference

The composition of the Credentials Committee is as follows: Barbados, Botswana, China, Ireland, Mauritius, Nepal, Russian Federation, Spain, and Uruguay.

General debate — Items 7 to 23

With the Vice-President in the Chair, statements were made by H.E. Mr. Khaled Nasser Alroudan, Minister of Trade and Industry of Kuwait; H.E. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, Minister of Industries of Bangladesh; H.E. Mr. Moustapha Diop, Minister for Industry and Small and Medium Industry of Senegal; H.E. Ms. Fetlework Gebre-Egziabher, Minister of Trade and Industry of Ethiopia; Mr. Aleš Cantarutti, State Secretary of the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Slovenia; H.E. Mr. Juan Tomás Monegro, Vice-Minister of Industry, Trade and SME's of the Dominican Republic; H.E. Mr. Barat Ghobadian, Deputy Minister of Industry, Mines and Trade of Iran (Islamic Republic of); H.E. Mr. Saul Pineda Hoyos, Vice Minister of Business Development, Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Tourism of Colombia; and H.E. Mr. Osama bin Abdulaziz Al-Zamel, Deputy Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources of Saudi Arabia.

Thematic event: Launch of the Gender Strategy 2020-23 and the Future of Inclusive Industry

The moderator, Ms. Sarah Kelly, introduced the event.

Introductory statements were made by Mr. LI Yong, Director General of UNIDO; H.E. Ms. Pirkko Mirjami Hämäläinen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland to UNIDO; and Ms. Aparna Mehrotra, Director, Division for United Nations System Coordination for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women at UN Women.

The panellists of this event were: Mr. Ismail Abdulla, CEO of Strata Manufacturing; Ms. Ivana Fernández Stohanzlova, General Director of International Outreach and Gender, Productive Development Unit of the Ministry of Economy of Mexico; H.E. Mr. Nurul Majid Mahmud Humayun, Minister of Industries of Bangladesh; Mr. Fuad Siddiqui, Executive Partner and Vice President of Bell Labs Consulting of Nokia; and Ms. Evgenia Tyurikova, Head of Sberbank Private Banking.

Thematic event: SDG Impact Accelerator – Circular Economy

The moderator, Ms. Selma Prodanovic, founder and CEO of 1MillionStartups, introduced the event.

Opening remarks were made by Mr. Pietro Calugi, General Manager of INTESA Sanpaolo; and Mr. Stephan Sicars, Director of the Department of Environment of UNIDO.

A pitch event and voting was introduced. Pitch videos were shown.

The panellists in this event were: Mr. Yusuf Ajibade, founder and Executive Director of Gradient Consulting Africa SARLS; Ms. Christine Kampina, founder of Quantum Impact Investment Consultancy; Mr. Uwe Umlauff, Director of Steinbeis Transfer Institute Innovation and Business Creation, and Managing Partner at V Combinator Network;

4th PLENARY MEETING

General debate — Items 7 to 23

With the Vice-President in the Chair, statements were made by H.E. Mr. Min Ye Paing Hein, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Industry of Myanmar; H.E. Mr. Emil Osmonbetov, Chairman of the State Committee of Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use of Kyrgyzstan; H.E. Mr. Omar Amer Youssef, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Egypt to UNIDO, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China; Mr. YAO Shenhong, Minister Counsellor, Permanent Mission of China to UNIDO, on behalf of the Asia-Pacific Group; H.E. Ms. Nada Kruger, Namibia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Namibia to UNIDO on behalf of the African Group; H.E. Mr. Andrea Matteo Fontana, Ambassador, Delegation of the European Union and its Member States to the United Arab Emirates; Mr. Jun Yanagi, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to UNIDO; H.E. Ms. Alena Kupchyna, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Belarus to UNIDO; Mr. O Jong Chol, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Democratic People's Republic of Korea to UNIDO; H.E. Ms. Pirkko

Hämäläinen, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Finland to UNIDO; Mr. Ádám Nagy, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry for Innovation and Technology of Hungary; Mr. Henryk Czubek, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Poland to UNIDO; Mr. Leonardo Bencini, Minister Plenipotentiary, Head of the Unit for Strategy, Multilateral Processes and International Organizations, Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy; H.E. Mr. Darmansjah Djumala, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Indonesia to UNIDO; H.E. Mr. Salahaldin Abdalshafi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the State of Palestine to UNIDO; Mr. Andreas Liebmann-Holzmann, Ambassador of Austria to the United Arab Emirates; and H.E. Ms. Nada Kruger, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Namibia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thematic event: Cleantech as a Catalyst for Climate Action and the Clean Energy Transition

On Tuesday, 5 November 2019, at 8.30, in the Plenary Hall (Etihad Ballroom), on floor -1, participants are cordially invited to attend a thematic event on sustainable energy. This interactive event will showcase the catalytic role of cleantech innovation, commercialization and deployment for climate action and the clean energy transition.

Thematic event: Fostering Innovation and Connectivity for a Smooth Transformation to Industry 4.0

All participants are cordially invited to attend a thematic event on Industry 4.0, on Tuesday, 5 November, at 1.30 p.m. in the Plenary Hall (Etihad Ballroom), on floor -1 of the Emirates Palace Hotel. This event presents an opportunity to discuss new models and approaches to mobilize collective actions for fostering collaboration, innovation, and connectivity for ensuring a smooth transformation to Industry 4.0.

Launch of the Industrial Development Report (IDR) 2020

All participants are cordially invited to attend the launch of the Industrial Development Report (IDR) taking place on Tuesday, 5 November 2019, at 3.30 p.m. in the Plenary Hall (Etihad Ballroom), on floor -1 of the Emirates Palace Hotel. The launch of the IDR 2020 event will mainly serve to present and discuss the report's main messages, which are expected to bring new insights on how advanced digital production technologies are re-shaping the process of industrial development. It will furthermore elaborate on the possible responses that developing countries can take to prepare for these changes.

Thematic event: Young Entrepreneurs as Drivers of Innovation and Job Creation for Competitive and Resilient Economies

On Wednesday, 6 November 2019, 8.30 a.m., in the Plenary Hall (Etihad Ballroom), on floor -1, participants are cordially invited to attend a thematic event on Youth and Entrepreneurship. The event will showcase how young entrepreneurs are contributing to the modernization of local industries and have gained access to new markets by applying their creativity and skills to realize opportunities in a broad scope of areas including agripreneurship, industrial design and branding. The event will further showcase how UNIDO engages with young entrepreneurs, in line with the Lima Declaration on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development.

Thematic event: Promoting Sustainable Industrial Parks and Low-Carbon Urban-Industrial Development for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization

All participants are cordially invited to attend a thematic event on Sustainable Industrial Parks taking place on Wednesday, 6 November 2019, at 1.30 p.m. in the Plenary Hall (Etihad Ballroom), on floor -1. This event focuses on promoting an innovative approach for developing inclusive and sustainable industrial parks and pursuing low-carbon urban-industrial development through an integrated framework of actors and stakeholders.

Conference coverage on the Internet

All official General Conference documents are available on the UNIDO website (www.unido.org/gc/18) and the UNIDO extranet (<http://extranet.unido.org>).

In line with decision IDB.46/Dec.3 (e), written summary records will not be provided for this session and will continue to be replaced with digital recordings. The sound recordings will be made of the meetings of the plenary and sessional bodies as appropriate. The sound recordings will be made available in all official languages on the UNIDO Extranet (<http://extranet.unido.org>).

Daily coffee break and lunch:

8 to 10 a.m.

1 to 2 p.m. (could vary by 15 minutes)

3 to 4 p.m.

Daily transport schedule:

Morning: All buses will be positioned at each of the hotels at 7:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. (Some hotels do not allow the bus to go up the lobby level, please ask the concierge where the bus is parked).

Bus 1:	Platinum Apartments
Bus 2:	Al Ain Palace Hotel
Bus 3:	Kings Gate Hotel
Bus 4:	City Seasons Al Hamra and Tryp by Wyndham
Bus 5:	Holiday Inn
Bus 6:	Intercontinental Hotel
Bus 7:	Royal M Hotel
Bus 8:	Bab Al Qasr and Grand Hyatt
Bus 9:	Jumeirah at Etihad Towers
Bus 10:	Khalidiya palace

Evening: All buses will be at the Emirates Palace from 5:00 p.m. to transfer participants to hotels.

Daily airport shuttles:

Airport shuttles will be positioned at Emirates Palace. They will each go to Abu Dhabi airport and proceed from there to Dubai airport. They will depart the Emirates Palace as follows:

- 6 am
- 12 pm
- 6 pm

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