



General Conference

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Item 1. Opening of the session

In accordance with rule 34 of the rules of procedure of the General Conference, the President of the eighteenth session will open the nineteenth session of the General Conference.

Item 2. Election of officers¹

At each regular session the Conference shall, with due regard for equitable geographical representation, elect from among the representatives of Members the following officers: a President and nine Vice-Presidents, as well as a Chairperson for each Main Committee (rule 35). The officers elected shall constitute the General Committee.

Election of the President

The election of the President of the General Conference is governed by rule 35 and appendix A of the rules of procedure. However, when the General Conference has been hosted outside of Headquarters in Vienna, the practice has been to elect a representative of the host country as President of the Conference. The President of the eighteenth session should have been elected from African States in List A of Annex I to the Constitution, however, an agreement was reached between members of the lists of States to elect the President of the eighteenth session from among Asian States in List A in line with past practice. Therefore, the nineteenth session of the General Conference shall elect a President from African States in List A, as per agreed

* Reissued for technical reasons on 18 October 2021.

¹ To ensure equitable geographical distribution in the election of officers and the elections to organs, account has to be taken of the latest lists of States to be included in Annex I to the Constitution. The list, as of the date of preparation of the present document, is the same as that included in document [PBC.35/15/Rev.1](#). Before proceeding to the elections, as explained in paragraph 2 of that document, the General Conference will have to decide on which of the lists of States (A, B, C or D) three Member States (Antigua and Barbuda, Kiribati, and the Federated States of Micronesia) are to be included in.

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change of presidencies contained in working paper No. 1 of the eighteenth session of the General Conference.

Election of other officers

The nine Vice-Presidents shall be elected so as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee (rule 35.3). Should the Conference decide to establish Main Committees (see item 4 below), the Conference shall also elect a Chairperson for each Main Committee.

Item 3. Adoption of the agenda

In accordance with Article 9.4 (g) of the Constitution, the Industrial Development Board at its forty-ninth session adopted the provisional agenda for the nineteenth session of the General Conference, as reflected in decision IDB.49/Dec.14. The provisional agenda to be submitted to the Conference for approval is contained in document GC.19/1.

Item 4. Organization of work

In accordance with rule 40, the officers elected shall constitute the General Committee. The General Committee shall propose to the Conference the establishment of Main Committees and of any other sessional bodies of the Conference. It shall propose to the Conference the allocation of items between the plenary, the Main Committees and any other sessional bodies (rule 42). At each regular session the Conference established a Main Committee to which all the substantive items of the agenda were referred to for a more focused debate aimed at the preparation of consensus draft decisions and resolutions for submission to the plenary. The Industrial Development Board, in decision IDB.49/Dec.14, paragraph (d), recommended to the Conference that substantive items of the provisional agenda be allocated to a Main Committee.

Furthermore, in accordance with decision IDB.49/Dec.14, paragraph (e), the President of the forty-ninth session of the Industrial Development Board will conduct pre-session informal consultations for the preparation of the nineteenth session of the Conference. The outcome of these consultations will be brought to the attention of the Conference.

In accordance with decision IDB.49/Dec.14, paragraph (f), Member States are urged to submit any proposed draft decisions or resolutions to these consultations by 8 November 2021.

When considering the organization of work, it should be kept in mind that the budget for the Conference in the programme and budgets, 2020–2021, provides only for a total of five working days, comprising plenary, General Committee, Credentials Committee, Main Committee and regional group meetings. Moreover, in its decision on preparations for the General Conference (IDB.49/Dec.14), the Board agreed to hold a forum on industrial development issues within the framework of the Conference (item 10 of the provisional agenda). The draft tentative schedule for the nineteenth session of the Conference is shown in the annex to the present document.

The Conference will have before it:

- Lists of States included in Annex I to the Constitution of UNIDO ([PBC.35/15/Rev.1](#))
- Report on the results of the pre-session informal consultations on the preparation of the General Conference. Report by the President of the forty-ninth session of the Industrial Development Board (GC.19/CRP.1)

Item 5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference

As stipulated in Article 8.1 of the Constitution of UNIDO, the Conference shall consist of representatives of all Members of the Organization. Membership in the

Organization is defined in Article 3 of the Constitution. In accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and the names and titles of the other persons constituting the Member's delegation shall be submitted to the Director General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session which the delegation will attend. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Director General. The credentials of representatives shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. A Permanent Representative to the Organization does not require special credentials if their initial letter of accreditation to the Organization specifies that they are authorized to represent their Government at sessions of the Conference, it being understood that this does not preclude that Government from accrediting another person as its representative by means of special credentials.

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference on the proposal of the President. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at its seventy-sixth session. A working paper on the credentials of representatives, including the composition of the Committee, will be circulated by the Secretariat. The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report without delay to the Conference, which shall decide any question arising (rule 28).

Item 6. Appointment of the Director General

The General Conference, at its seventeenth session, reappointed Mr. LI Yong as Director General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 28 November 2017 or until the Director General to be appointed at the nineteenth regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later (GC.17/Dec.9).

In accordance with Article 11.2 of the Constitution, the Director General shall be appointed by the Conference upon recommendation of the Board for a period of four years. Hence, the Board, at its forty-ninth session, decided to recommend to the General Conference the appointment of Mr. Gerd Müller as Director General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 6 December 2021 or until the Director General to be appointed at the twenty-first regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later (IDB.49/Dec.3).

The procedure to be followed by the Conference for the appointment of the Director General is contained in rule 104 of its rules of procedure.

In accordance with rule 103.4, the Conference shall also consider a draft contract, submitted to it at the same time by the Board for approval, establishing the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director General, including the salary and other emoluments attached to the office. When approved by the Conference, the contract of appointment shall be signed by the new Director General and by the President of the Conference, acting in the name of the Organization.

The Conference will thus have before it for consideration two decisions emanating from the forty-ninth session of the Board, held from 12 to 15 July 2021:

- A decision on the recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director General (IDB.49/Dec.3);
- A decision on the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director General (IDB.49/Dec.4).

7. Elections to organs²

(a) Industrial Development Board

In accordance with Article 9.1 of the Constitution, the Industrial Development Board shall consist of 53 Members of the Organization elected by the Conference,

² See footnote 1.

which shall give due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. In electing the members of the Board, the Conference shall observe the following distribution of seats: 33 members of the Board shall be elected from the States listed in Lists A and C, 15 from the States listed in List B, and 5 from the States listed in List D of Annex I to the Constitution.

In accordance with Article 9.2 of the Constitution, “members of the Board shall hold office from the close of the regular session of the Conference at which they were elected until the close of the regular session of the Conference four years thereafter. Members of the Board may be re-elected.”*

At present the Board is composed of the following fifty-two States:

Algeria*, Argentina*, Austria*, Bangladesh*, Belarus**, Brazil**, Burkina Faso*, China**, Costa Rica*, Côte d’Ivoire*, Cuba*, Cyprus**, Egypt**, Ethiopia*, Finland**, Germany**, Hungary*, India*, Indonesia**, Iran (Islamic Republic of)*, Ireland*, Italy**, Japan**, Kenya**, Kuwait**, Luxembourg*, Mali**, Malta*, Mexico**, Morocco*, Namibia**, Netherlands**, Norway**, Pakistan*, Peru*, Philippines*, Poland**, Republic of Korea**, Russian Federation*, Saudi Arabia*, Senegal**, Slovenia**, Spain*, Sudan**, Sweden**, Switzerland*, Tunisia*, Turkey*, United Arab Emirates**, Uruguay**, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)*, and Zambia*, plus one vacant** (List C).

(b) Programme and Budget Committee

In accordance with Article 10.1 of the Constitution, the Programme and Budget Committee shall consist of 27 Members of the Organization elected by the Conference, which shall give due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. In electing the members of the Committee, the Conference shall observe the following distribution of seats: 15 members of the Committee shall be elected from the States listed in Lists A and C, 9 from the States listed in List B and 3 from the States listed in List D of Annex I to the Constitution.

In accordance with Article 10.2, “members of the Committee shall hold office from the close of the regular session of the Conference at which they were elected until the close of the regular session of the Conference two years thereafter. Members of the Committee may be re-elected”.

At its eighteenth session, the Conference elected the following States to hold office until the close of the nineteenth regular session of the Conference in 2021: Algeria, Austria, Brazil, China, Cuba, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Poland, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Tunisia, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Item 8. Annual reports of the Director General on the activities of the Organization for 2019 and 2020

In accordance with rule 13.1 (b), the provisional agenda for each regular session of the Conference shall include the annual reports of the Director General on the activities of the Organization. The Conference will thus have before it the annual reports of UNIDO for 2019 and 2020, which were submitted to the Board at its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions respectively:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2019* (IDB.48/2)
- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2020* (IDB.49/2)

* Twenty-seven States whose term of office expires at the end of the nineteenth regular session of the General Conference in 2021 (decision GC.17/Dec.11 of 30 November 2017).

** Twenty-six States whose term of office expires at the end of the twentieth regular session of the General Conference in 2023 (decision GC.18/Dec.8 of 7 November 2019).

Item 9. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-eighth and forty-ninth regular sessions

In accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution, the Board shall report to the Conference at each regular session on the activities of the Board. Since the closure of the eighteenth session of the General Conference, the Board will have held two regular sessions. The Conference will have before it the following reports of those sessions:

- Report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-eighth session, 23–25 November 2020 (GC.19/2)
- Report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-ninth session, 12–15 July 2021 (GC.19/3)

Item 10. Forum on industrial development issues

At its forty-ninth session, the Board adopted decision IDB.49/Dec.14 on preparations for the nineteenth session of the General Conference. In paragraph (c) of that decision, the Board agreed to hold a forum on industrial development issues within the framework of the Conference. The forum will include, among other events, UNIDO's eighth Forum on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, fifth UNIDO Donor Meeting, and the official launch of the Industrial Development Report 2022 titled "The Future of Industrialization in a Post-Pandemic World". Participants will be advised in due course on arrangements for the forum.

The Conference will have before it:

- Forum on industrial development issues. Issues paper by the Secretariat (GC.19/4)

Item 11. Financial matters

(a) Scale of assessments of Member States

In accordance with rule 13.1 (k) of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the provisional agenda for each regular session shall include recommendations of the Board for the establishment of the scale of assessments. Article 15 of the Constitution stipulates that regular budget expenditures shall be borne by the Members, as apportioned in accordance with a scale of assessments established by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, upon the recommendation of the Board.

The Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.49/Dec.7 on the scale of assessments, 2022–2023
- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2022–2023. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.49/6)

(b) Financial situation of UNIDO

Rule 13.1 (l) states that the provisional agenda shall include financial matters requiring action by the Conference or that should be brought to its attention. Information brought to the attention of the Conference under this item will include the status of payment of assessed contributions.

The Conference will have before it:

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General (GC.19/5)
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (GC.19/CRP.2)
- Status of unutilized balances of appropriations. Note by the Secretariat (GC.19/CRP.3)
- A decision on the request for restoration of voting rights for the Dominican Republic (IDB.49/Dec.6).

(c) Working Capital Fund

In accordance with financial regulation 5.4, upon recommendation of the Programme and Budget Committee and subsequently the Board, the Conference shall determine the amount and purposes of the Working Capital Fund. Financial regulation 5.5 (d) stipulates that advances to the Working Capital Fund shall be assessed and paid in euros.

The Board at its forty-ninth session decided in (IDB.49/Dec.8) to recommend to the General Conference that the level of the Working Capital Fund and the authorized purposes of the Fund for the biennium 2022–2023 should remain the same as for the biennium 2020–2021, i.e. as stipulated in decision GC.2/Dec.27, paragraph (b).

The Conference will have to take action on the recommendations of the Board concerning the level and purposes of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2022–2023, based on consideration of document [IDB.49/7](#). Thus, the Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.49/Dec.8 on the Working Capital Fund, 2022–2023
- Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2022–2023. Proposals of the Director General ([IDB.49/7](#))

(d) Appointment of an External Auditor

In accordance with financial regulation 11.1, an External Auditor, who shall be Auditor General (or an officer exercising an equivalent function) of a Member State, shall be appointed in the manner and for the period decided by the Conference. By decision GC.18/Dec.7 the Conference decided to appoint the Auditor General of the Russian Federation as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022.

The Conference will have to take action on the question of the appointment of an External Auditor for the period from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024, as contained in:

- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Report by the Director General ([IDB.49/10](#))
- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.37/CRP.6)
- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Report by the Director General (GC.19/22)
- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Note by the Secretariat (GC.19/CRP.8)

Item 12. Programme and budgets, 2022–2023

In accordance with Article 14.4 of the Constitution, the Conference shall consider and approve the programme of work and the corresponding regular budget and operational budget submitted to it by the Board, by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting.

The Conference will thus have before it:

- Board decision IDB.49/Dec.9 on the programme and budgets, 2022–2023
- Programme and budgets, 2022–2023. Proposals of the Director General ([IDB.49/5](#))
- Programme and budgets, 2022–2023. Adjustments to the proposals of the Director General ([IDB.49/5/Add.1](#))

Item 13. Medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025

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-sixth session of the Programme and Budget Committee and the forty-eighth session of the Board.

Thus, the Conference will have before it:

- Medium-term programme framework 2022–2025, Integration and scale-up to build back better. Proposal by the Director General ([IDB.49/8](#))

Item 14. UNIDO and the United Nations development system reform, including the new Resident Coordinator System and the field network

In June 2017, the United Nations Secretary-General launched his first report on repositioning the United Nations development system (UNDS), and a second report was issued in December 2017. On 31 May 2018, the General Assembly adopted resolution [72/279](#) on the repositioning of UNDS.

In its decision IDB.46/Dec.12, the Board requested the Director General to regularly report on United Nations development system reform-related matters to the Programme and Budget Committee, the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference of UNIDO.

The Conference will have before it:

- United Nations development system reform. Report by the Director General ([IDB.49/14](#))
- United Nations development system reform. Note by the Secretariat ([GC.19/CRP.4](#))

Item 15. UNIDO response to the COVID-19 pandemic

In line with rule 13.1 (b) the Director General of UNIDO introduced an item on UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic at PBC.36 ([PBC.36/11](#)) and subsequent sessions of the policymaking organs ([IDB.48/11](#), [PBC.37/12](#), [IDB.49/12](#)), to provide information on the impact of COVID-19 on industrial development and the response of UNIDO to the crisis and its socioeconomic consequences.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Report by the Director General ([GC.19/6](#))

Item 16. UNIDO activities related to the Abu Dhabi Declaration

In resolution GC.18/Res.1, the eighteenth session of the General Conference adopted the Abu Dhabi Declaration. The Declaration reiterates UNIDO's mandate to advance inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) around the world through strengthening partnerships for ISID among governments, the private sector, and civil society to successfully achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to the Abu Dhabi Declaration. Report by the Director General ([GC.19/7](#))

Item 17. UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of women

In its resolution GC.18/Res.2, the eighteenth session of the General Conference welcomed UNIDO's role as a global platform for the promotion of women's economic empowerment and leadership and stressed the importance of continued gender mainstreaming in sustainable development policies and interventions, as well as targeted actions to promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls.

It further requested the Director General to fully and effectively implement the strategic objectives and priority action areas outlined in the UNIDO Strategy for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women, 2020–2023 (GC.18/15), to further strengthen efforts towards achieving gender parity in staffing and an enabling, family-friendly and harassment-free working environment, and to ensure that senior managers provide strong leadership and support to advance gender equality and the empowerment of women as an integral part of the work of UNIDO.

At its eighteenth session, the General Conference inter alia requested the Director General to regularly report on gender equality and the empowerment of women at future sessions of the General Conference under a dedicated item, as recommended by the forty-seventh session of the Industrial Development Board, and to submit to the General Conference at its nineteenth session a report on the implementation of the General Conference resolution on Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (GC.18/Res.2).

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of women. Report by the Director General (GC.19/8)

Item 18. 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-eighth and forty-ninth sessions, the Board reiterated the contribution of UNIDO to the 2030 Agenda, in line with resolutions GC.15/Res.1 and GC.16/Res.2, and in accordance with the Programme and Budget Committee conclusion 2016/6 and Board decision IDB.44/Dec.9(e)(i). A further progress report building on previous documents will be presented to the Conference.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Report by the Director General (IDB.49/17)

Item 19. Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)

United Nations General Assembly resolution [70/293](#) on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (2016–2025) mandated UNIDO as the lead Organization to develop, operationalize and spearhead the implementation of IDDA III, as well as enhance technical assistance and efforts towards resource mobilization for African countries specifically for this purpose.

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 Programme and

Budget Committee-related issues, on a quarterly basis. A report was considered by the forty-ninth session of the Board (IDB.49/13) in conjunction with the information on IDDA III contained in Chapter 7 of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2018*.

The Conference will have before it:

- Update on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). Report by the Director General (GC.19/9)
- Report on the African Union Summit on Industrialization and Economic Diversification. Note by the Director General (GC.19/CRP.6)

Item 20. UNIDO activities related to Digital Transformation and Innovation

Through the Abu Dhabi Declaration (GC.18/Res.1), the General Conference acknowledged that the new technologies associated with the fourth industrial revolution, with both transformative and disruptive potential, offer significant opportunities to advance inclusive economic growth, reduce inequalities, contribute to sustainable development, resilience and human well-being and address climate change and safeguard the environment in the framework of a circular economy. Such technologies therefore present the means to achieve sustainable development, while also bringing with them challenges such as the widening of the technology gap between countries, job losses and threats to industrial safety and security.

UNIDO's MTPF 2022–2025, reflecting the evolving nature of industrial development as well as Member States' priorities promulgated through the Lima and Abu Dhabi declarations, identifies "Digital transformation and innovation" as one of the three interlinked focus areas of the Organization.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to Digital Transformation and Innovation. Report by the Director General (GC.19/10)

(a) UNIDO Strategic Framework for the Fourth Industrial Revolution

In line with rule 13.1 (b) the Director General of UNIDO has introduced this item to provide information on the fourth industrial revolution (IDB.49/CRP.11). At its forty-ninth session, the Industrial Development Board took note of the development of a strategic framework to catalyse the fourth industrial revolution and digital transformation priorities (IDB.49/8). This also responds to resolution GC.18/Res.1, in which the Conference called for actions to harness the full potential of new technologies and mitigate associated risks, inter alia by supporting technological learning, technology transfer, and innovation.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO Strategic Framework for the Fourth Industrial Revolution 2022–2030. Report by the Director General (GC.19/11)
- UNIDO Strategic Framework for the Fourth Industrial Revolution 2022–2030: Making 4IR Work for All. Update by the Director General (GC.19/CRP.7)

Item 21. UNIDO activities related to climate change, environment and energy

(a) UNIDO activities related to the circular economy

In its resolution GC.18/Res.1, the eighteenth session of the General Conference acknowledged the opportunities as well as the challenges of the circular economy as one of the means to achieve sustainable development. The Conference also welcomed the activities of UNIDO in support of Governments and industries to address emerging global trends, while adopting new business models, including circular economy.

Through its decision IDB.49/Dec.10, the Board requested the Director General, within the mandate and resources of UNIDO, to continue supporting industries to

contribute to circular economy without delay by adopting efficient manufacturing practices and innovations in design, production processes and product lifespan management, and by delivering related services. In addition, the Conference requested the Director General to organize technical meetings and consultations for experts from Member States on circular economy to facilitate the exchange of best practices, and the promotion and adoption of circular economy principles and practices by industries of Member States.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to circular economy. Report by the Director General (GC.19/12)

(b) UNIDO activities in the environment and energy

Through resolution GC.18/Res.7, the Conference requested the Director General to continue to integrate and scale up the energy and environment activities of UNIDO, and to further strengthen the implementation efficiency and effectiveness 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, climate and environment fields, and to report on these programmes to the Industrial Development Board. It also requested the Director General to report to the forty-eighth session of the Board on further developments regarding the implementation of resolution GC.18/Res.7. At its forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions, the Board considered documents [IDB.48/17](#) and [IDB.49/18](#).

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to climate change, environment and energy. Report by the Director General (GC.19/13)

(c) UNIDO strategy in response to climate change

In line with rule 13.1 (b) the Director General of UNIDO introduced this item to provide information on the impact of climate change on industrial development and the response of UNIDO to the climate crisis and its socioeconomic consequences. This also responds to resolution GC.18/Res.3, in which the Conference requested the Director General to continue the activities of UNIDO, in line with the strategy and the priorities outlined in UNIDO's MTPF, to address climate change.

The Conference will have before it:

- A strategic framework for UNIDO climate action. Report by the Director General (GC.19/14)
- A strategic framework to deliver climate impacts across UNIDO's operations and activities. Note by the Secretariat (GC.19/CRP.5)

Item 22. UNIDO activities related to structural transformation and sectoral expertise

(a) UNIDO activities related to sectoral development including agri-business, trade capacity-building and job creation

The Annual Report of UNIDO for 2019 ([IDB.48/2](#)) and 2020 ([IDB.49/2](#)), provided updates to Member States on UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation. Following the endorsement by Member States of the MTPF 2022–2025 ([IDB.49/8](#)), these three themes acquired a central role in the operations of the Organization reflecting their critical importance in the process of structural transformation of the economies of developing countries, either as prerequisites, enablers or immediate results thereof.

The Conference will be provided with an update on these issues, as contained in:

- UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation. Report by the Director General (GC.19/15)

Item 23. UNIDO activities related to the Abu Dhabi Ministerial Declaration for the Least Developed Countries

In resolution GC.18/Res.8, the eighteenth session of the General Conference took note of the Abu Dhabi Ministerial Declaration for the Least Developed Countries. Furthermore, the Conference requested the Director General to report to the nineteenth session of the Conference on related UNIDO activities.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO activities in support of least developed countries. Report by the Director General (GC.19/16)

Item 24. UNIDO activities related to small island developing States

In resolution GC.18/Res.3, the eighteenth session of the General Conference took note of note of UNIDO's Small Island Developing States Strategy 2019–2025 (GC.18/CRP.5). Furthermore, the Conference requested the Director General to report on the implementation of the strategy to the General Conference at its nineteenth session.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to small island developing States. Report by the Director General (GC.19/17)

Item 25. UNIDO activities related to cooperation with middle-income countries taking into account the San José Declaration

In its resolution GC.18/Res.9, the eighteenth session of the General Conference requested the Director General to prepare a work plan for its implementation, to be presented at the forty-eighth session of the Board and to report on related UNIDO activities to the General Conference.

In decision IDB.48/Dec.7, the Board requested the Director General to finalize the work plan for the operationalization of the UNIDO Strategic Framework for Partnering with MICs through a consultation process with Member States and present the new version at its forty-ninth session.

At its forty-ninth session, the Board took note of the work plan and decided to continue the consideration of the work plan at its fiftieth session and requested the inclusion of this item on the agenda of the session (IDB.49/Dec.11).

The Conference will have before it:

- Inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries. Report by the Director General (GC.19/18)

Item 26. UNIDO's strategy for post-conflict/-crisis situations

At its forty-eighth session, the Board recalled resolution GC.10/Res.6 on UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis situations, and the Director General's subsequent report to the twenty-eighth session of the Board (IDB.28/5) on UNIDO activities in countries emerging from crisis situations. The Board further took note of the independent thematic evaluation of UNIDO's post-crisis interventions conducted in 2015, which recommended developing a strategy and related guidelines for UNIDO's post-crisis work.

At its forty-eighth session, the Board took note of the report by the Director General (IDB.48/16/Rev.1), as well as UNIDO's strategy for post-conflict/-crisis

situations, as included in IDB.48/CRP.13, and approved its implementation. It further requested the Director General to report on the implementation of UNIDO's strategy for post-conflict/-crisis situations to the General Conference at its nineteenth session.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO's strategy for post-conflict/-crisis situations. Report by the Director General (GC.19/19)

Item 27. Personnel matters, including the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee

The Conference will have to take action concerning candidates for election to the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the years 2022 and 2023. The Conference may also wish to authorize the Board to proceed with the election for any Committee posts that might become vacant before the Conference holds its twentieth session.

The Conference will thus have before it:

- Board decision IDB.48/Dec.11 on the nominations to the Staff Pension Committee
- Personnel matters: UNIDO Staff Pension Committee. Report by the Director General (GC.19/20)

Item 28. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the provisional agenda for each regular session shall include reports from specialized and related agencies and from other intergovernmental organizations with which UNIDO has concluded a relationship agreement pursuant to Article 19.1 (a) of the Constitution, and items proposed by them, where the agreement establishing the relationship with the organization concerned so provides.

In the guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations adopted by the General Conference at its first session (GC.1/Dec.41, annex), it is stipulated that the Director General shall report to the Conference at each regular session on any agreements with intergovernmental and governmental organizations entered into by him on behalf of the Organization since the preceding regular session as well as on any consultative relations established with non-governmental organizations in the same period.

Updated information on the status of relations with intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations will be provided to the Conference.

The Conference will thus have before it:

- Relations with intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations. Note by the Director General (GC.19/21)

Item 29. Date and place of the twentieth session

Article 8.2 (a) of the Constitution stipulates that the Conference shall hold a regular session every two years, unless it decides otherwise. In the programme and budgets proposals of the Director General for 2022–2023, provisions have been made to hold the twentieth session of the General Conference for the duration of five working days. The dates of 27 November to 1 December 2023 have been scheduled tentatively for the twentieth session of the Conference in Vienna.

Item 30. Closure of the session

Annex

General Conference, nineteenth session – BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE 29 November–3 December 2021

PROPOSED TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF WORK (hybrid)

<i>Monday, 29 November</i>	<i>Tuesday, 30 November</i>	<i>Wednesday, 1 December</i>	<i>Thursday, 2 December</i>	<i>Friday, 3 December</i>
		Thematic event UNIDO's contribution to the International Year of Creative Economy for Sustainable Development 2021 <u>8:20–9:20 a.m.</u>	Thematic event New forms of investments as drivers for a sustained post-COVID 19 recovery <u>8:20–9:20 a.m.</u>	Thematic event Accelerating climate impact for Member States through inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) <u>8:20–9:20 a.m.</u>
1st plenary meeting <u>9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.</u> Opening of the session UNIDO 55 th Anniversary Keynote address by Director General Statements by Heads of State and Government General Debate	3rd plenary meeting <u>9:30 a.m.–12.15 p.m.</u> General debate Appointment of the Director General Congratulatory statements	5th plenary meeting <u>9.30 a.m.–1 p.m.</u> General debate	7th plenary meeting <u>9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.</u> General debate Credentials of representatives to the Conference Appointment of an External Auditor	9th plenary meeting <u>9:30 a.m.–1 p.m.</u> Consideration and adoption of decisions and resolutions Tribute Ceremony for Mr. LI Yong Statements by Member States Closure of the session
		Credentials Committee (tentative) <u>9.30–10.15 a.m.</u> Main Committee – 2nd meeting (if required) <u>10:15 a.m.–11:30 p.m.</u>	Main Committee – 4th meeting (if required) <u>12–2 p.m.</u>	
General Committee <u>2:15–2:45 p.m.</u>		Thematic event The post-pandemic world will be digital: implications of 4IR for developing countries <u>1:50–2:50 p.m.</u>	Thematic event Revival of industrial policy – prospect for establishing a global industrial policy forum for multilateral policy learning and knowledge sharing <u>1:50–2:50 p.m.</u>	
2nd plenary meeting <u>3–4:30 p.m.</u> Thematic event Women as levers of change for a sustainable industry during COVID-19 and beyond: UNIDO Gender Equality Mobilization Award	4th plenary meeting <u>3–4:30 p.m.</u> Donor Meeting	6th plenary meeting <u>3–4.30 p.m.</u> Launch of the Industrial Development Report 2022	8th plenary meeting <u>3–6:30 p.m.</u> General debate (if required) Main Committee – 5th meeting (if required) <u>4:30–6:30 p.m.</u>	

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UNIDO Forum on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development 4:30–6:30 p.m.	General debate 4:30–6:30 p.m. Main Committee – 1st meeting (if required) 4:30–6:30 p.m.	General debate 4:30–6:30 p.m. Main Committee – 3rd meeting (if required) 4:30–6:30 p.m.		
Reception hosted by the Director General 6.30–8 p.m.				