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Nineteenth session

Vienna, 29 November–3 December 2021

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Friday, 3 December 2021

8.20-9.20 a.m.	Thematic event: <i>Accelerating climate impact for Member States through inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID)</i>	Plenary Hall <i>(M-building, 1st floor)</i> Zoom
8.45-9.30 a.m.	General Committee <i>(members of the General Committee only)</i>	Conference room M7 <i>(M-building, ground floor)</i> Avaya Spaces online platform
9-9.30 a.m.	3rd Main Committee meeting	Board room D <i>(C-building, 4th floor)</i> Interprefy online platform
9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	9th plenary meeting Consideration and adoption of decisions and resolutions Tribute ceremony for Mr. LI Yong Statements by Member States Item 30: Closure of the session	Plenary Hall <i>(M-building, 1st floor)</i> Interprefy online platform

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 2 December 2021

Thematic event: New forms of investments as drivers for a sustained post-COVID 19 recovery

The event was moderated by Ms. Selma Prodanovic.

Opening remarks were made by Mr. Bernardo Calzadilla-Sarmiento, Managing Director of Digitalization, Technology and AgriBusiness of UNIDO.

The event's panelists were Ms. Biviana Riveiro Disla, ProDominicana, Executive Director, Dominican Republic; Mr. Jean-Michel Severino, CEO of Investisseurs & Partenaires, France; Ms. Monde Nyambe, Principal Public Private Partnership Investment Officer, African Development Bank Group, Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire; Mr. Huang Feng, President of Shanghai FDI Association, China; and Mr. Hashim Hussein, Head of ITPO Bahrain, Bahrain.

Closing remarks were made by Mr. Weixi Gong, Chief of the Investment and Technology Promotion Division/ITP Network Coordinator of UNIDO.

7th PLENARY MEETING

Item 5: Credentials of representatives to the Conference

With the President in the Chair, the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, Ms. Sevelina Etuna N. Ashipala (Namibia), presented the report of the Credentials Committee, contained in document GC.19/L.1.

Comments were made by the representatives of the State of Palestine, Jordan, Iran (Islamic republic of), Algeria, the Syrian Arab Republic, Cuba, Lebanon, Togo, Costa Rica, Iraq, Egypt, Tunisia, the Dominican Republic, and Oman. A written statement was submitted by Qatar.

The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted as presented.

Item 11(d): Appointment of an External Auditor

Mr. Alexei Leonidovich Kudrin (Chairman of the Accounts Chamber of the Russian Federation) was elected as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2024.

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, the Russian Federation and Indonesia.

Thematic event: Revival of industrial policy – prospect for establishing a global industry policy forum for multilateral policy learning and knowledge sharing

The event was moderated by Ms. Selma Prodanovic.

Introductory remarks were made by Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi, Deputy to the Director General of UNIDO.

The event's panelists were Ms. Izumi Mohno, Professor, National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS); Mr. Rainer Engels, Head of the Sectoral Program Sustainable Economic Development Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH; and Ms. Bibi Fatwma Abdool Raman Ahmed, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Industrial Development, SMEs and Cooperatives of Mauritius.

8th PLENARY MEETING**Item 7: Election to organs**

With the President in the Chair, the Conference considered the membership of the Industrial Development Board. For the African States in List A, the membership of the following States was approved: Algeria, Angola, Ghana, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa and Tunisia. For Asia-Pacific States in List A, the membership of the following States was approved: Bangladesh, India, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan and Thailand. For States in List B, the membership of the following States was approved: Austria, Ireland, Luxembourg, Malta, Spain, Switzerland, and Turkey. For States in List C, the membership of Argentina, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) was approved. For States in List D, the membership of Hungary and the Russian Federation was approved.

With the President in the Chair, the Conference then considered the membership of the Programme and Budget Committee. For African States of List A, the membership of the following States was approved: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Ghana, Morocco and Tunisia. For Asia-Pacific States in List A, the membership of the following States was approved: China, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan and Philippines. For States in List B, the membership of the following States was approved: Austria, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malta, Spain and Turkey. For States in List C, the membership of Argentina, Brazil, Mexico and Uruguay was approved. For States in List D, the membership of Hungary, Poland and the Russian Federation was approved.

Comments were made by China, Cuba, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Spain, Mexico, and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Format of the session

The nineteenth session of the General Conference is held in a hybrid format involving both in-person and virtual participation. In addition to attending in person, registered delegates may also attend virtually on the Interprefy online platform.

For health and safety reasons, the Secretariat strongly encourages Permanent Missions to promote the virtual participation of as many delegates as possible, including through the public live stream, in addition to discouraging international travel at this point.

In-person participants: To access the venue, delegates need to present their personalized badge (to be obtained at the Pass Office) in addition to the floating badge (to be obtained at the entrance of the Plenary Hall – M-building, 1st floor – for participants attending the plenary meetings, and at the entrance of the Board Room D – C-building, 4th floor – for participants attending the Main Committee). Access will not be permitted upon presentation of regular VIC access cards.

For in-person participation in the General Conference, in compliance with the guidance issued by the Vienna International Centre Crisis Management team, the following measures are considered mandatory and will be enforced:

- By swiping their Vienna International Centre grounds pass/conference access badge, those entering the Vienna International Centre confirm they are carrying proof of compliance with the “2.5G” rule (vaccinated, recovered or a valid PCR test).
- Participants in meetings of more than 25 people – which includes the General Conference’s plenary and main committee meetings - **must show** proof of a valid PCR test not older than 48 hours, **also if they are vaccinated or recovered**.

Should participants not be able to present the required certificate, they will be denied access to the conference room.

Virtual participants: The Interprefy log-in link will be circulated only to those participants registered for the session. When accessing the platform, please enter your name in the following format: [COUNTRY/ORGANIZATION] LAST NAME, first name.

Furthermore, and as the General Conference is an open session, additional participants may follow the plenary sessions on the UNIDO website where the session will be streamed live (<https://www.unido.org/19th-general-conference>).

Written copies of statements

Statements submitted to the Secretariat of the Policymaking Organs will be published on the UNIDO website (www.unido.org/gc/19) and the Extranet (www.unido.org/extranet – login required) unless clear instructions are given by the submitting delegation that they should not be made available online.

Conference coverage on the Internet

In line with decision IDB.46/Dec.3 (e), written summary records are 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> – login required). The recordings will also be available through the VIC Online Services (<http://myconference.unov.org>).

The VIC Online Services will also allow participants convenient access to documentation and information for participants regarding facilities and services available in the VIC. The application can be accessed from participants’ mobile devices such as smart phones and tablet PCs at the following address: <http://myconference.unov.org>.

Forum on industrial development issues and thematic events

The eighth UNIDO Forum on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID), the UNIDO Donor Meeting, and the launch of the Industrial Development Report 2022 will be held in the plenary and constitute this year's forum on industrial development issues.

Furthermore, a restricted number of additional events will provide a unique and interactive platform for an inclusive discussion and exchange of ideas and information between high-level development policy experts, private sector, academia and leading development partners:

*Accelerating climate impact for Member States through inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID)*⁷

UNIDO is uniquely positioned within the United Nations to develop and implement industrial practices that support climate-neutral and climate-resilient development pathways. Its work is vital to delivering on Member State Nationally Determined Contributions and meeting the objectives of the Paris Agreement, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and associated mid-century net-zero objectives.

In this context, the nineteenth session of the General Conference will consider a decision to develop a strategic framework to guide UNIDO's climate-related activities and mainstream climate best practice across the operations of the organization.

This event will feature a high-level panel of external experts and Member State leadership, which will discuss the climate change landscape following COP26 and the role that low-carbon and resilient industrial development can play in meeting the objectives of the Paris Agreement and charting a path towards carbon neutrality.

Date and time: Friday, 3 December 2021, 8.20–9.20 a.m.

Venue: Plenary Hall (M-building, 1st floor)

This event will also be accessible online through Zoom [\[link\]](#)

⁷ More details available at the following link: <https://www.unido.org/accelerating-climate-impact-member-states-through-inclusive-and-sustainable-industrial-development-isid>.