



NIGERIA'S NATIONAL STATEMENT

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Mr. President,

1. Nigeria aligns itself with statements delivered by the Africa Group and the Group of 77 and China and congratulate you on your election as President of the 19th Session of the General Conference which coincides with the 55th Anniversary of this esteemed organization. We wish to assure you of our full support. Furthermore, we acknowledge the untiring effort of the Secretariat during preparations of this session. We wish the outgoing President of the 18th General Conference, H.E Eng. Suhail Al Mazrouei, Minister of Energy and Industry of the United Arab Emirates the best in his future endeavours.
2. The Nigerian Delegation wishes to refer to the opening address delivered by the out-going Director-General, Mr. Li Yong and the comprehensive report of activities undertaken by UNIDO captured therein. We commend his profound effort especially at expanding the PCP network and his commitment to Inclusive Sustainable Industrial Development among other strides as we wish him the very best in his future endeavors.
3. Our sincere congratulations once again go to Dr. Gerd Müller on his appointment as Director General of UNIDO. His remarks in the 3rd plenary no doubt captured the drive of the Sustainable Development Goals in all ramifications. This reflected that his experience, skill, and dedication will indeed come to bear on his tenure. We therefore remain confident that UNIDO will witness sustained achievement of the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development under his able leadership as we reassure him of our full support and cooperation. My delegation encourages the Director General to the continued implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade Roadmap and looks forward to its commissioning in good time.

Mr. President,

4. The call on UNIDO to invest in the provision of climate-smart resources among other elements remains relevant to our National Development plans as it promises to enable African countries among others, adapt to the new norms towards Inclusive Sustainable Industrial Development through the adoption of Circular Economic Principles, climate friendly industrial best practices and the overall realization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
5. My delegation while commending the successes achieved so far in the goals of the SDG 9, wishes to invite the New Director General to pay more attention to SDG 16, noting that physical insecurity has impeded and continues to impede development efforts in several member states especially in West Africa.

Mr. President,

6. In conclusion, we wish to reiterate our commitment to upgrading our Country Program to a Program for Country Partnership, while aiming to avail our country men and women of the positive impacts promised by the laudable initiative.

I thank you, Mr. President.