

GENERAL CONFERENCE, TENTH SESSION
Summary of Fifth plenary meeting
(3 Dec. 2003, a.m.)

Agenda item 7-17, 19

Ukraine

- Supported UNIDO's ecological programmes in the Ukraine and stressed the need for more funding for economies in transition.

Zimbabwe

- Appreciated UNIDO's programmes for rural energy development and cleaner production.
- Appreciated the SME cluster programme in Zimbabwe and requested its integration into market access initiatives.
- Requested that the SME cluster programme be extended to the leather and motor sectors (project proposals finalized and soon to be proposed through the Regional Office).
- Appreciated technical cooperation aimed at SMEs because they could complement ongoing land reform and the agrarian revolution.

United Kingdom

- UNIDO should continue to reduce environmental industrial pollution loads as well as work in the area of renewable energy and with GEF.
- Appreciated SME development as a core competence of UNIDO.
- Attached high priority to SME development as a tool for poverty alleviation (focus on micro units and access to local markets) and integration into value chains.
- Supported UNIDO's work in the field of corporate social responsibility in regard to SMEs.
- Stressed the comparative advantage of UNIDO in environment with emphasis in industrial waste.
- Welcomed UNIDO's participation in the international multilateral environmental agreements.

Philippines

- Appreciated cleaner production activities in the country.
- Welcomed cooperation with GEF and advocated UNIDO's direct access to funds for energy-related activities.
- Appreciated the inclusion of SME development as a focus of the country service framework document.

Hungary

- Appreciated programmes on multilateral agreements, such as GEF, citing the example of the Hungarian National Cleaner Production Centre.

Cuba

- Endorsed the results achieved in the country in the field of business management.
- Supported UNIDO's environment and energy programmes.

Japan

- UNIDO should develop more joint programme activities with FAO, with UNIDO focusing on pre-harvest and FAO on post-harvest aspects.
- Stressed the importance placed at the TICAD conference on the role of private sector development in Africa.

India

- Offered full cooperation with UNIDO on SME and women entrepreneurship development within the framework of South-South cooperation.
- Appreciated support provided to the Indian automotive component industry and called for a significant expansion of the partnership programme in India.
- Supported cleaner development, GEF-UNIDO cooperation and the energy efficiency programme.

DPR Korea

- Called for increased attention to energy problems.
- Appreciated UNIDO's work in Montreal Protocol activities and environment in the country.

Agenda item 11 – MTPF (Funds Mobilization)

Ukraine

- Welcomed UNIDO's efforts to raise efforts in raising sufficient funds for the various activities in areas like environmental management, that are of interest to Ukraine.

UK

- Welcomed the work of UNIDO in areas of trade facilitation, SME's and environment; these were considered areas of high priority and fully supported by UK.
- UK Government fully understood the challenge for UNIDO to attract adequate financial resources, and believed should be done by showing the organization's attractiveness of its services because of the value-added it offers to recipient countries.

Philippines

- Welcomed the funding by GEF of UNIDO's energy-related programmes, which were recently again supported by the GEF Council thru granting UNIDO status of enhanced access to GEF financing.
- Supported new initiatives launched in international for a as means for obtaining funding for its programmes.

Korea

- Plans to continue contribute to IP's, among others in Africa. Particular interest has IP for DPRK and a voluntary contribution is earmarked for this IP.
- Expressed support to the UNIDO's post conflict activities, and hoped that organization wpild get involved in Iraq, for which ROK has pledged \$260 mill. [in Madrid] for next 5 years for reconstruction/rehabilitation efforts.
- Noted steady increase in voluntary contributions both to IDF as well as MP and GEF.

Mexico

- Supported trade facilitation initiative as means for attracting additional funding. Notes success in mobilizing funds for TC activities and increasing trend over last years.
- Announced voluntary contribution to IDF for TC activities in Latin America.

Japan

- Expected approval of Bangladesh arsenic mitigation proposal soon from UNTFHS funds. Other in AFG and MLW could follow.
- Welcomed UNIDO's involvement in SRL, where it is one of 6 agencies in formulating and implementing post-conflict activities for rehabilitation efforts.

India

- Reminded that India provides voluntary contribution annually of more than US\$1 mill.
- Considered increased funds mobilization efforts for TC activities commendable and welcomes UNIDO increased role in GEF activities.
- Sought enhanced financial support from UNIDO for ICAMT.

Agenda item 12(a) – Field Representation

Zimbabwe

- Called for revitalising field representation in order to ensure a more efficient delivery of TC activities on the ground and urges the Organization to make more use of local expertise;
- Welcomed the appointment of UNIDO Representative in the country and reiterates the support to the Organization.

UK

- Encouraged the Organization to continue cooperating with the other international organisations and affirms the vital importance of strengthening UNIDO's involvement in the UNDAF process in support to the Poverty Reduction Strategy as a means to achieve the Millennium Development goals;
- Agreed on the structure of field representation in terms of country and regional offices and suggests closer cooperation with UNDP field offices in countries without a resident UNIDO office;
- Affirmed the autonomy of the Organization in identifying the location of field offices and determining their staffing needs.

Philippines

- Welcomed the appointment of Mr. Tarroni after many years of absence of a UNIDO Representative and states that his assignment has been instrumental in fostering the development of new TC activities in the country;

Korea

- Requested the Organization to pay attention to field representation vis-à-vis HQs so as to guarantee the best use of its resources.

Mexico

- Was pleased that the field office in Mexico has been upgraded to a regional office as it will facilitate the development and implementation of TC activities of regional nature:

Japan

- Stressed, *inter alia*, the instrumental role played by ITPO Tokyo in promoting activities to attract investment in Africa.

Agenda item 12 (c)– IP/CSF

Philippines

- Appreciated the work of programming mission for the elaboration of the CSF, reaffirms the commitment of the Government and hopes that its implementation will occur within a suitable timeframe;
- Appreciated the Industrial Development Report, especially the sections dealing with how UNIDO could assist countries in achieving the Millennium Development goals, and welcomes the elaboration of more in-depth country studies as a tool to assist countries in targeting and designing adequate policy measures.

Korea

- Requested the Organization to pay attention to field representation vis-à-vis HQs so as to guarantee the best use of its resources.

Togo

- Reaffirmed the Government's support to the IP.

Mexico

- Reiterated the country's support to the various IPs developed for the neighboring countries.

India

- Within the CSF for India, expressed its appreciation for UNIDO 's involvement in SMEs (especially the automotive component programme), energy and standardization&metrology.

DRP Korea

- Looked forward to the launch of the IP for DRPK.