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## Industrial Development Board

### Thirty-sixth session

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Item 2 of the provisional agenda

### Adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda

### Opening of the session

The thirty-sixth session of the Board will be opened by the President of the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth sessions, H. E. Mr. H. Bazoberry Otero (Bolivia).

#### Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its first regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the thirty-sixth session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the African States in List A of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian States in List A and the States included in List B and List D, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the States included in List C.

#### Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the thirty-sixth session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.35/Dec.10, has been subsequently revised to include an item proposed by one Member State (item 17) and is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.36/1/Rev.1.



The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (IDB.36/1/Rev.1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.36/1/Add.1/Rev.1)
- List of documents (IDB.36/CRP.1)

**Item 3. Annual report of the Director-General for 2008 on the activities of the Organization**

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director-General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization. In its resolution GC.4/Res.2, the General Conference requested the Director-General to fully incorporate in future annual reports the programme performance report according to Board decision IDB.7/Dec.11. At the request of the Board in decision IDB.23/Dec.12, annual reports include information on operational activities for developments arising from relevant United Nations General Assembly resolutions, including the comprehensive policy review, which will change from a triennial to a quadrennial cycle in 2013, per United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/232. In compliance with resolution GC.10/Res.5, Member States are kept informed in the annual report of UNIDO's role in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). Thus, the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2008* covers information on UNIDO's performance during the year, particularly with reference to its activities in support of achieving the MDGs in its three thematic priorities, and to specific accomplishments in improving the overall approach of the United Nations system's development cooperation in support of national development priorities and strategies, and national capacity-building.

Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution stipulates that the Board shall request members to furnish information on their activities related to the work of the Organization. In decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States were requested to inform the Board on their activities related to the work of the Organization when reviewing the annual report. Member States may wish to include this information in the oral statements delivered by their representatives under this item. Such statements would be reflected in the summary records of the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2008* (including interim programme performance report for the biennium 2008-2009) (IDB.36/2)

**Item 4. Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011, including:**

- (a) Regional programme for Latin America and the Caribbean;**
- (b) Regional programme for Africa;**
- (c) Arab regional programme; and**
- (d) Other regional programmes.**

Documentation under this item takes into account the strategic long-term vision statement (GC.11/Res.4) and the proposed medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011 (IDB.32/8 and Add.1, IDB.32/CRP.5). The documentation

also supplements and updates information contained in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2008* (IDB.36/2, chap. 3-6) on UNIDO activities in support of the three thematic priorities and cross-cutting programmes. Furthermore, the documentation comprises a progress report on the regional programmes for Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa, the Arab region and other regional programmes.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2008* (IDB.36/2)
- Implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2008-2011 (GC.13/5-IDB.36/14)

#### **Item 5. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee**

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee “report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative”. The report of the Committee on the work of its twenty-fifth session will be reflected in document IDB.36/13. The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at that session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the twenty-fifth session of the Committee (PBC.25/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, as indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below.

##### **5 (a) Interim report of the External Auditor, including the implementation of recommendations of the External Auditor for the biennium 2006-2007; financial performance report and programme performance report for the biennium 2008-2009**

- Interim report of the External Auditor (IDB.36/8)
- Interim financial performance report for the biennium 2008-2009. Submitted by the Director-General (IDB.36/9)
- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2008* (including interim programme performance report for the biennium 2008-2009) (IDB.36/2)

##### **5 (b) Financial situation of UNIDO**

- Conclusion 2009/2 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director-General (IDB.36/5)
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.36/CRP.2)

##### **5 (c) Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2010-2011**

- Conclusion 2009/5 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2010-2011. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.36/3)

**5 (d) Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2010-2011**

- Conclusion 2009/6 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2010-2011. Proposals by the Director-General (IDB.36/4)

**5 (e) Accounting standards**

- International Public Sector Accounting Standards. Progress report by the Secretariat (IDB.36/6)

**5 (f) Financial regulations<sup>1</sup>**

- Conclusion 2009/7 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Financial regulations of UNIDO. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.36/11)

**5 (g) Mobilization of financial resources**

- Information on the mobilization of financial resources contained in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2008* (IDB.36/2, chap. 1 B)
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2008 (PBC.25/CRP.2)

**5 (h) Appointment of an External Auditor**

- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Report by the Director-General (IDB.36/10)
- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Addenda IDB.36/10/Add.1 and IDB.36/10/Add.2
- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.25/CRP.3)

**Item 6. Programme and budgets, 2010-2011**

In accordance with Article 14.3 of the Constitution, the Board shall examine the proposals of the Director-General together with any recommendations of the Programme and Budget Committee and adopt the programme of work, the regular budget and the operational budget for submission to the Conference for consideration and approval.

The Board will have before it:

- Conclusion 2009/3 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Conclusion 2009/4 of the Programme and Budget Committee

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<sup>1</sup> Supplementary sub-item included in compliance with Article 8, paragraph 3 (c), of the UNIDO Constitution and financial regulation 12.2. Changes to the financial regulations, arising as a consequence of the adoption of IPSAS, are presented through the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board for approval by the General Conference in 2009.

- Programme and budgets, 2010-2011. Proposals of the Director-General (IDB.36/7)
- Unutilized balances of appropriations. Note by the Director-General (IDB.36/12)
- Unutilized balances of appropriations. Note by the Director-General. Addendum (IDB.36/12/Add.1)

**Item 7. United Nations system-wide coherence: UNIDO's role**

In decision IDB.34/Dec.7, the Board encouraged the Director-General to continue to participate actively in the ongoing discussion on the United Nations system-wide coherence in line with resolution GC.12/Res.6 and to keep Member States informed thereof. A previous report on this issue (IDB.35/12) will be updated to reflect recent developments.

The Board will have before it:

- United Nations system-wide coherence. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.36/15)
- UNIDO initiative on the Millennium Development Goals. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.36/16)

**Item 8. Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Development Programme**

In decision IDB.32/Dec. 6 (d) (vi), the Director-General was requested to present a fully-fledged independent evaluation of the Agreement to Member States for their consideration. The Agreement was concluded on 23 September 2004 for an initial period of five years. The Secretariat is currently undertaking this joint evaluation with UNDP. The Director-General has therefore proposed that consideration of this item be postponed until the thirteenth session of the General Conference when it will be possible to provide the findings. This proposal was met with agreement by the Bureau of the Board.

The Board will have before it:

- Cooperation Agreement with the United Nations Development Programme. Explanatory note by the Director-General (IDB.36/24)

**Item 9. Global food crisis: UNIDO's response**

In decision IDB.34/Dec.6, the Board considered that the current global food crisis represents a serious and complex challenge affecting the world's poor. The thirty-fifth session of the Board had before it a report on how UNIDO can best contribute to a system-wide solution of the global food crisis (document IDB.35/9). The Secretariat is prepared to provide any clarification on the progress of the work highlighted in document IDB.35/9.

**Item 10. Impact of the global financial crisis on industrial development in developing countries: UNIDO's response**

During the thirty-fifth session of the Board, it was proposed that the agenda for the thirty-sixth session include an item relating to the impact of the global

financial crisis on industrial development in developing countries. Thus the thirty-sixth session will have before it a report tracing the extension of the crisis to the broader global economy, describing the effect of this on industrial production and trade, and outlining the risks posed by the crisis to the achievement of relevant internationally agreed development goals and to industrial development generally.

The report will also examine how the United Nations system can catalyze and galvanize international cooperation to contain the effects of the crisis on development efforts, as well as how it can build resilience in the productive sectors to guard against future crises, and will explore UNIDO's role in this regard.

The Board will have before it:

- Impact of the global financial crisis on industrial development in developing countries: UNIDO's response. Report by the Director-General (IDB.36/17)

#### **Item 11. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit**

In accordance with the pilot scheme of follow-up to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following document:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director-General (IDB.36/18)

#### **Item 12. Personnel matters, including new social security agreement**

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18 the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of any recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system. The documentation under this item will also contain information on personnel-related developments in UNIDO.

By decision GC.1/Dec.37 the General Conference accepted the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and established the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee. In decision GC.12/Dec.18 the Conference elected the two members and two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2008-2009. The Board may wish to recommend to the Conference at its thirteenth session candidates for election to the Committee for the years 2010-2011.

As informed in document IDB.35/13, paragraph 20, a new social security agreement to be concluded between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria as a supplementary agreement to the Headquarters Agreement of 1995 (decision GC.6/Dec.21) will be presented to the Board for its approval.

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director-General (IDB.36/19)
- New social security agreement between UNIDO and the Republic of Austria. Report by the Director-General (IDB.36/20)
- List of staff as of 1 June 2009. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.36/CRP.3)

**Item 13. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations**

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in Article 19.1 of the Constitution were established by the General Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director-General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to grant consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will have before it information concerning organizations on which decisions are required.

**Item 14. Recommendation of a candidate for the post of the Director-General**

Pursuant to Article 11.2 of the Constitution and Rule 61 of the rules of procedure, the Board will decide upon the recommendation to the General Conference of a candidate for the post of Director-General. The Board will have before it:

- Candidates for the post of Director-General. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.36/21)
- Draft contract for appointment of the Director-General. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.36/22)

**Item 15. Preparations for the thirteenth session of the General Conference**

At its thirty-fourth resumed session, the Industrial Development Board decided that the thirteenth session of the General Conference shall be held in Vienna from 7 to 11 December 2009 (IDB.34/Dec.9). In accordance with Article 9.4 of the Constitution, the Board shall prepare the provisional agenda for the Conference. A list of agenda items for consideration by the Conference will be included as an annex to the following document:

- Preparations for the thirteenth session of the General Conference. Report by the Director-General (IDB.36/23)

**Item 16. Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-seventh session**

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director-General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the thirty-seventh session. Note by the Director-General (IDB.36/CRP.4)

**Item 17. (a) Review of the place of the agro-industry sector in UNIDO's work programmes and strategy, with special emphasis on technology development and upgradation and dissemination, for accelerating its modernization and growth;**

**(b) Implications of climate change for sustained growth and expansion of agro-industries, particularly in the developing world, and vice versa of the potential positive impact of agro-industries for mitigating the effects of climate change worldwide.**

The inclusion of this item has been proposed by the Permanent Representative of India in accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure of the Board. The Board will have before it the explanatory statement supporting the proposal as well as information by the Secretariat on the Organization's activities in the field of agro-related industries and agribusiness.

**Item 18. Adoption of the report**

In accordance with rule 71, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.

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