Sudan entrepreneurship and pro-poor vocational training centres (VTCs)

**Context**

UNIDO’s role in assisting the Government and the private sector in Sudan is in addressing the demands for job creation and innovations in the vocational and skills development sector. The technical, managerial and technology-related assistance provided through an EU-funded large scale development cooperation project with Khartoum State has yielded a number of concrete results which is giving the country an edge for developing their industrial human resources base for job creation and economic development.

**Strategy**

Considering the project objectives of the VTCs, a significant share of young urban poor, particularly women, in Khartoum State has improved skills for employability schema and entrepreneurial activities, and the achievements of the project are quite significant.

**Current Status**

This project laid the foundation for a new system of vocational–technical training in Sudan, with a milestone for industrial training approaches using up-to-date equipment and IT approaches to prepare youngsters for helping Sudan to modernize its economy. Technical assistance has been provided for the following sectors: construction, automotive, auto body, heavy equipment, ICT and electronics, metal and engineering, machining, refrigeration and air cooling, footwear and leather, hotel and food catering, as well as health, social and community care.

**Impact / Outlook**

A total of 96 managers and administrative staff for the VTCs were trained in several professional areas, including Human Resources Management, with a total of at least 175 highly skilled trainers. The Khartoum State has established a Council for Vocational Training and Technical Education, aimed at ensuring the sustainability of the project after its completion.