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Information on intergovernmental organizations

Note by the Director General

The present document provides information on the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfMS) and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), two intergovernmental organizations, which have expressed the wish to enter into an appropriate relationship agreement with UNIDO.

1. Pursuant to paragraph 8 of the guidelines issued by the General Conference in its decision GC.1/Dec.41 regarding relationship agreements with intergovernmental organizations not in the United Nations system, the present document provides in an annex information on the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa, which have expressed the wish to enter into an appropriate relationship agreement with UNIDO.

Action required of the Board

2. The Board may wish to authorize the Director General, in accordance with General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, paragraph 9, to conclude appropriate relationship agreements with these two organizations based on the information contained in the annex to the present document.

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Annex

Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfMS)

Historical background

The UfMS was established on 13 July 2008 at the Paris Summit by a decision of Heads of State and Government of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), a continuation of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership (Euro-Med), also known as the Barcelona Process established in 1995. On 4 November 2008, in Marseille, Ministers for Foreign Affairs decided that the headquarters of the Secretariat would be located in Barcelona. The Statutes of the Secretariat were adopted on 3 March 2010 by UfM member states.

Statutes

Available.

Purpose

The mandate and mission of the UfMS focuses on identifying, processing, promoting and coordinating regional projects, which are in line with the principles and rules of international law, enhance and strengthen cooperation, and positively impact the lives of citizens.

Membership

The UfMS comprises the 43 States members of the UfM, namely the 28 member states of the European Union and 15 Mediterranean countries as well as the European Commission. The League of Arab States is entitled to participate in all meetings at all levels.

Organizational structure

Senior Officials Meeting: approves the budget and the work programme of the Secretariat and prepares ministerial meetings.

Secretary General and 6 Deputy Secretaries General

Financing

The running costs are covered by grants from UfM members on a voluntary and balanced basis, as well as from the European Union.

Activities

As the Executive Body of the UfM, the Secretariat works in close partnership with public institutions, the private sector and civil society organizations to promote regional and subregional projects responding to the socioeconomic priorities of the Euro-Mediterranean region. It provides assistance in developing financing plans to secure project funds, establishing a solid network of partners among donors, financial institutions and private sponsors, and in approaching potential partners.

The UfMS also acts as a regional platform for dialogue and exchanges among Governments, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, finance institutions and economic stakeholders.

Cooperation with UNIDO

The UfMS and UNIDO could join efforts in the development of projects and initiatives in the Euro-Mediterranean region in the following areas:

- Business development;
- Women's economic empowerment;
- Energy;
- Water, environment and climate change.

Relationship with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations

Institutional partners of the Secretariat: European Union, European Investment Bank, League of Arab States, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development among others.

Financial partners: Governments of France and Norway, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), and Swedish International Development Agency (Sida).

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Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA)

Historical background

BADEA was established following a resolution of the sixth Arab Summit Conference at Algiers on 28 November 1973 and began its operations in March 1975. Its headquarters are located in Khartoum, Sudan. BADEA is a financial institution enjoying full international legal status and complete autonomy in administrative and financial matters, and is governed by the provisions of its Establishing Agreement and the principles of international law.

Statutes

Available.

Purpose

The Bank was created with the aim of strengthening economic, financial and technical cooperation between the Arab and African regions. To this end, the Bank was given a mandate to:

- Participate in financing economic development in African countries;
- Stimulate the contribution of Arab capital to African development;
- Help provide the technical assistance required for the development of Africa.

Membership

Eighteen States members of the League of Arab States: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, State of Palestine, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates.

Organizational structure

Board of Governors

Board of Directors

Director General

Financing

The Bank's cooperation activities are financed through a variety of operational modalities and instruments guided by strategic five-year plans. The institution's sixth five-year plan for the period 2010-2014 was adopted in April 2009.

Activities

Projects financed by the Bank are priority projects of the beneficiary countries and form an integral part of their development plans. These projects are regional in scope and intended to have a positive impact on more than one African country, thus contributing to the economic integration of the recipient countries. BADEA also finances technical assistance operations through the provision of grants to beneficiary African countries, as well as Arab exports to recipient African countries.

Under its current plan, BADEA is addressing two main constraints to economic development: the scarcity in capital resources and the inadequacy of institutional capacities. Besides its overarching objective of contributing to poverty alleviation, BADEA is also working towards helping achieve food security, human resources development, women's participation in development and environmental protection in the beneficiary countries.

Cooperation with UNIDO

In line with UNIDO's strategy towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development, the two organizations may be focusing on the following areas of cooperation:

- Promotion of trade and investment in Africa;
- Poverty reduction through productive activities;
- Private sector development through business development and investment promotion;
- Women and youth economic empowerment and entrepreneurship;
- Sustainable energy development;
- Agriculture, agro-industry and food security;
- Water, environment and climate change;
- Promotion of the BADEA private sector fund and assistance in identifying investment opportunities and technology tie-ups;
- Industrial project preparation and appraisal, including the Computer Model for Feasibility Analysis and Reporting (COMFAR).

Relationship with other intergovernmental and governmental organizations

BADEA is a member of the Arab and Regional Coordination Group. It also works closely with strategic partners including multilateral and bilateral development agencies and such regional and international agencies as the African Development Bank, Arab Gulf Programme for United Nations Development Organizations, Islamic Development Bank, OPEC Fund for International Organization and the World Bank.

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