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Director General's vision for taking ISID partnerships forward

Director General LI Yong said the forum demonstrated how UNIDO can work with partners to support the implementation of governments' industrialization strategies, especially those of the least developed countries. "We aim to deepen our partnerships' approach with Member States, development institutions, sister agencies of the UN family, and the private sector. This forum has allowed us to better understand what constraints and challenges we face, and how to overcome them, as well as what opportunities we have for successful collaboration and partnerships," said Li.



"We can be proud of what we have achieved during these two days, both in terms of the quality and depth of the discussions and in terms of the wealth of information and experiences shared," said Li. "I believe we are on track and that we have made good progress in a short time. The goal of inclusive and sustainable development appears closer with each passing day because of your hard work." According to LI Yong, private sector companies in and outside the pilot countries have expressed a strong interest in joining UNIDO in the partnership programme. "We have also been given a few pointers by the private sector that we need to keep in mind as we take the next steps: strong leadership is needed; a solid legal framework that protects long term investment is required; SMEs need access to hard currency to grow and prosper; and industry needs skilled manpower," he said. During his bilateral meeting with ministers, DFIs and private sector institutions, Director General received a clear message that they are ready to join hands with UNIDO. He also said UNIDO will work to finalize the Programmes for Country Partnerships for Ethiopia and Senegal before the end of this year, in close coordination with the Governments and partners.

"The implementation of the partnership programmes will be a challenge, but a challenge we are ready to face together," said Li. "UNIDO has a team in place, and has committed financial resources for preliminary activities. We aim to expand the selection of countries for partnership-based country programmes, and have received several requests from Member States to become ISID pilot countries. We will try our best to accommodate as many requests as we can." A total of around 450 participants from 92 countries attended the second ISID Forum, including the prime ministers of Ethiopia and Senegal, the UN SG, representatives of the African Union and EU Commissions, the Secretary-General of ACP, the ECOSOC President and the General Assembly President, the Chair of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD-Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC), and many ministers and deputy ministers, as well as experts from 12 DFIs and 90 private companies.

The achievements of the second ISID Forum will be summarized and communicated to Member States at the next Industrial Development Board. Throughout the next year, there will be reports on the progress being made in the two pilot countries and, early next year a plan for the continuation of the Programmes for Country Partnerships will be presented.



Key lessons learned and way forward



At the end of the forum, Philippe Scholtès, Managing Director of UNIDO's Programme Development and Technical Cooperation Division, summarized the conclusions from all of the discussions and formulated the key elements of the way forward in order to enhance partnerships for ISID investments at national, regional and international levels.

Pointing to the key "takeaways" for different stakeholders, he said that for governments it was their driving role in developing national strategies, and the need for a legal framework, as well as institutional infrastructure. For the private sector, it was the need to facilitate a proactive contribution to development, while for development partners it was the need to coordinate and mobilize resources, both technical and financial, to identify and realize synergies, to assess the viability of investment projects, and to reduce risks. Speaking about the two pilot countries – Ethiopia and Senegal, Scholtès said that focal points and task forces will ensure timely responses and offer support in implementing the Programmes for Country Partnerships.

A variety of field work is envisaged in order to finalize the agreed framework, stakeholders' priorities will be properly mapped, and the necessary resources - financial, technical, domestic and foreign – will be identified. In addition, capacity-building initiatives and a monitoring and evaluation system will be put in place, and the results achieved in the two pilot countries will be shared and evaluated to secure similar action in a second group of countries.

New UNIDO Goodwill Ambassador for Africa's Industrialization appointed

During the ISID Forum, HAI Helen, CEO at China Africa Consulting Ltd, was appointed as a UNIDO Goodwill Ambassador. "HAI Helen is an experienced business executive and an expert in the field of development.

As a Goodwill Ambassador for Africa's Industrialization, she will champion the core theme of UNIDO – namely the critical role of inclusive and sustainable industrial development," said Director General Li.

HAI Helen, a national of the People's Republic of China, has spent over two years in Ethiopia where she established a factory producing shoes for Huajian, one of China's biggest shoemakers. During this time, she worked closely with the country's prime minister.



Watch a video news report about the second ISID Forum <http://youtu.be/spiN0JISlpw>

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Individual speeches at the opening:

http://youtu.be/rhfkdx-O_FY - Neven Mimica, Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission;

<http://youtu.be/IQ3ODor60yc> - Erik Solheim, Chair of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development OECD-Development Assistance Committee (OECD-DAC);

<http://youtu.be/aRKLt0DIlUuM> - Fatima Haram Acyl, Commissioner for Trade and Industry, African Union Commission;

<http://youtu.be/qzigidly6Z6g> - Alhaji Muhamad Mumuni, Secretary-General, African, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States (ACP).

For more information on the second Forum, please visit www.unido.org