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World Bank President welcomes ISID Forum, says combined technical expertise and resources of the two organizations to help industrialization of Ethiopia and Senegal



Jim Yong Kim, the President of the World Bank Group, has welcomed this week's second ISID Forum and expressed his full support for the ongoing cooperation between the two Organizations. Referring to a recent discussion he had with Director General LI Yong, he wrote that he was "very pleased that the collaboration between the World Bank Group and UNIDO has resulted in specific programs to promote and support sustainable industrialization in African countries".

Kim thanked the Director General for his invitation to participate in the second Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development Forum.

"Given that the ISID will focus on Ethiopia and Senegal, I am pleased to nominate our Country Director for Ethiopia, ZHEN Guang Zhe, and Country Director for Senegal, Vera Songwe, to represent the World Bank Group. They will be able to highlight the support of the World Bank for industrial development in these countries, as well as the productive partnership we enjoy with UNIDO," wrote Kim.

"As we have discussed, accelerated industrial development is important to diversify economies, create inclusive employment, and sustain the progress that has been made in African countries. I am sure that the combined technical expertise and resources of the World Bank Group and UNIDO will help Ethiopia and Senegal to effectively demonstrate the significant potential of African countries to industrialize. The ISID provides a valuable opportunity for exchange of information and experience, and I wish you successful deliberations. I also look forward to continued and deepened collaboration with UNIDO," wrote the President of the World Bank.





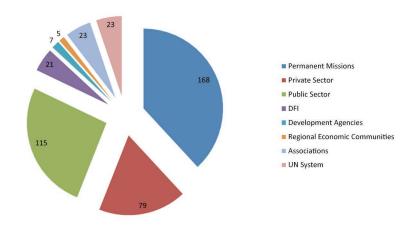






Formal confirmations of participants received as of 3 November 2014

The event will bring together around 440 participants from 93 countries, including heads of state and government, ministers, representatives of bilateral and multilateral development partners, the United Nations system, the private sector, non-governmental organizations and academia.



If you are not able to attend the second ISID Forum, please watch a live webcast of the opening session on www.unido.org starting at 09:45 on Tuesday, 4 November.



The ISID Forum Newsletter

This newsletter – published regularly until the second ISID Forum – will inform about the most salient aspects of the preparation for the event. Upcoming issues will also include features on Senegal and Ethiopia as pilot initiatives for implementing ISID country programmes, updates on confirmed participants, and other relevant and practical information.

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