



UNIDO IN NIGERIA

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Editorial

Dear Partners, we are pleased to present to you the second edition of UNIDO in Nigeria.

We have witnessed some remarkable events in this quarter, from UNIDO's nomination into the Presidential Advisory Committee on Industrialization to the presentation of the Staple Crop Processing Zones Master Plan at the 2014 World Economic Forum on Africa.

That is not all, in this edition you will be informed about our activities in industrial capacity building, entrepreneurial development and efforts to promote a green and safe environment for sustainable development.

We have created a new page called "UNIDO in West Africa" to capture inclusive and sustainable industrial development activities in countries within the region. The country in focus is Liberia.

Words are not enough to tell all our stories, so we have pictorially documented some of our activities for you.

We trust you will find this volume insightful. If you have comments or enquiries, please contact us via:

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The President of Nigeria, H.E Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, Vice President H.E Namadi Sambo, Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment with the Members of the Presidential Advisory Board on Industrialization

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NIGERIAN PRESIDENT APPOINTS UNIDO TO HIS ADVISORY BOARD ON INDUSTRIALIZATION



President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan on 12 May, 2014 inaugurated an industrialization advisory board that will oversee the implementation of the Nigeria Industrial Revolution Plan.

The industrialization advisory board is made up of leading private sector industrialists and investors, representatives of the public sector, and includes the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

UNIDO's participation is in recognition of its mandate that focuses on inclusive and sustainable industrial development and the organization's technical advisory service provided in the development of industrial parks and clusters in a range of Member States. The board is co-chaired by Olusegun Aganga, the Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, and Aliko Dangote, a leading industrialist.

"The industrialization advisory board will be responsible for developing a roadmap for the successful implementation of the Nigerian industrialization plan, a strategy that is expected to help the country on the path of inclusive and sustainable industrial development," said Patrick Kormawa, UNIDO Representative to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Regional Director.

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UNIDO IMPLEMENTS A \$1.6 MILLION CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF THE NIRP

To ensure the successful implementation of the Plan and Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is implementing a \$1.6 Million (USD) project to build the capacity of the Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment, its parastatal organizations and the organized private sector in the implementation of the Industrial revolution plan.

The project tagged "Capacity strengthening for inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Nigeria" is projected to have the following outputs:

1. Strengthened FMITI capabilities to understand and implement solutions that will drive and enable selected NIRP priorities in partnership with relevant stakeholders;
2. Evidence based industrial performance monitoring (IPM) capability strengthened at the FMITI and the organized private sector; and
3. Enhanced capabilities in production and use of indices of industrial production (IIP)

UNIDO PRESENTS PLANS FOR DEVELOPING NIGERIA'S STAPLE CROP PROCESSING ZONES

At the request of Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) presented investment opportunities in the staple crop processing zones in the country.

The presentation was made as part of a side event during the World Economic Forum on Africa which took place in Abuja. It was attended by foreign and domestic private sector investors, and development partners, including representatives of financial institutions, as well as Government officials from Nigeria and other countries.

In partnership with FMARD, UNIDO developed master plans for establishing staple crop processing zones in six geo-political regions of the country that will simultaneously address all supply-side constraints and improve Nigeria's competitiveness in selected agro value chains.

The zones have already attracted investments totaling USD 350 million from different financial institutions. Among others, the World Bank has committed over USD 100 million dollars to develop sustainable institutions and infrastructure in the zones, while the African Development Bank has committed over USD 152 million to make available low interest loans to the Nigerian Government, specifically for

the development of infrastructure in the staple crop processing zones.

The International Fund for Agricultural Development has also pledged USD 70 million to build capacity of small farmers to ensure inclusiveness and equitable wealth creation in the staple crop processing zones. Investors from the private sector that have shown interest include Cargill, Crest Agro and Dangote Group

The staple crop processing zones are a flagship programme of Nigeria's Agricultural Transformation Agenda which has the objective of creating wealth and employment in the agribusiness sector.

NIGERIA READY TO ESTABLISH UNIDO INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY PROMOTION OFFICE

Nigeria has publicly declared its readiness to establish an Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO) of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO).

This was reiterated in Vienna Austria on June 24, during a meeting between H.E Olusegun O. Aganga, the honourable Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment and Mr. Philippe Scholtès, the Managing Director of UNIDO's Programme Development and Technical Cooperation Division.

H.E Olusegun Aganga, who attended the First UNIDO forum on strategies and instruments for inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Vienna, said he expects the ITPO to help promote domestic and foreign investment and technology in Nigeria, as well as job creation, green industry, technology upgrading, and to help diversify the production base of the country.

Located in both hemispheres, the specialized network of UNIDO ITPOs opens up opportunities for investors and technology suppliers to find potential partners and offers unique services to both entrepreneurs and business institutions.



Olusegun Olutoyin Aganga (L), Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment of Nigeria, and Ahmed Abteu, Minister of Industry of Ethiopia, at a panel discussion on "Case studies of business infrastructure development" at the UNIDO Forum on implementing strategies and instruments to pursue inclusive and sustainable industrial development, in Vienna 24 June 2014.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INAUGURATES THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE ON “ENABLING ACTIVITIES AND NIP UPDATE FOR THE STOCKHOLM CONVENTION”



The Honourable Minister of Environment, H.E Mrs. Laurentia Laraba Malam on the 10th of June 2014 inaugurated the project steering committee on the “Enabling activities and NIP update for the Stockholm convention”.

The project was established to strengthen the national capacity and knowledge of the new Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) amongst stakeholder groups for an effective formulation of a National Implementation Plan (NIP) update. The successful execution of this project will enable the Federal Government meet the obligations of the Stockholm Convention and empower it to manage the elimination of POPs in the country.

This project being implemented by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in agreement with the Government of Nigeria and the Global Environment Fund (GEF).

UNIDO BOOSTS THE CAPACITY OF NIGERIA TO ELIMINATE PERSISTENT ORGANIC POLLUTANTS (POPs) IN THE ENVIRONMENT



The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) organized a Toolkit training workshop for the project coordinating unit (PCU) of the POPs contaminated site project in Lagos, from 08 - 11 July 2014.

The workshop was facilitated to strengthen the technical capacity of the PCU to identify sites contaminated by Persistent Organic Pollutants, using the POPs toolkit. Furthermore, the team visited the GRC Laboratory in Ibadan

In addition to the training and GRC Laboratory inspection, the UNIDO Representative in Nigeria, Mr. Patrick Kormawa and the team paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ibadan Professor Adewole. During the visit, Mr. Patrick Kormawa highlighted the organization’s new mandate of Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development and thanked the University of Ibadan for keying into this by hosting the first GRC laboratory in Nigeria and West Africa. In response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Adewole, commended UNIDO on its tenacity in driving industrial development in the country and expressed his institution’s willingness to collaborate with UNIDO on new projects.

The UNIDO POPs project is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) with counterpart fund from The Federal Ministry of Environment. The project substantially contributes to protecting the environment and human health in the country.

WORLD BANK AND UNIDO PARTNER TO SET UP THE SCPZ IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE UNIT



The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in partnership with the World Bank will jointly set up the Staple Crop Processing Zone (SCPZ) implementation committee unit.

This was agreed during a courtesy visit made by Mr. Patrick Kormawa, the UNIDO Representative (UR) in Nigeria, to Ms. Marie Francoise Marie-Nelly the Country Director of the World Bank on 17 June 2014.

During the visit, the UR highlighted the various activities UNIDO is involved in to drive equitable growth and economic development in Nigeria. He emphasized the need for both organizations to work closely together in the implementation of specific projects in the country that drive industrial development and social inclusiveness.

Ms. Marie Francoise Maria-Nelly, underlined the importance of a strong partnership with UNIDO and assured the UR of the World Bank’s willingness to partner with the organization.

THE ABUJA ENTERPRISE AGENCY AND UNIDO ORGANIZE THE 2014 FCT ENTREPRENEURSHIP CONFERENCE & MERIT AWARD



The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) in partnership with the Abuja Enterprise Agency (AEA) and other stakeholders organized the 2nd FCT Entrepreneurship Conference & Merit Award (FECMA).

The conference had in attendance entrepreneurial icons, business leaders, MSMEs owners, - administrators, scholars and other interests to share experiences, interact and most importantly develop the entrepreneurial skills of women and youth in the region.

The event also recognized individuals, institutions and corporate organizations that have distinguished themselves and made remarkable progress in different areas of business endeavour.

UNIDO CHAIRS THE 2014 NIGERIA AUTOMOTIVE SUMMIT



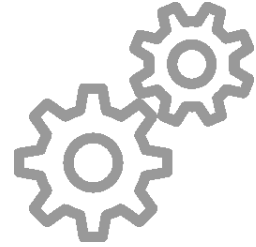
The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), was present at the 2014 Nigeria Automotive Summit. The summit was organized in partnership with the Government of Nigeria and the National Automotive Council to “facilitate a new era of automotive manufacturing” in Nigeria.

The UNIDO Representative in Nigeria and West Africa, Mr. Patrick Kormawa was the chairperson of the event. In his opening remarks, he highlighted the significance of the automotive industry in Nigeria as one of the key industries to drive Nigeria’s industrial development.

He also commended the Federal Government on the approval of the New Automotive Industry Development Plan and the launch of the Nigeria Industrial Revolution Plan, citing them as industrial policies that will propel economic transformation and equitable growth. He concluded by re-affirming UNIDO’s commitment to promote Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in the country.

UNIDO has worked closely with the Government of Nigeria and the National Automotive council to stimulate discussions and facilitate the implementation of industrial policies for a strong and vibrant automotive sector.

UNIDO STRENGTHENS PARTNERSHIP WITH FIIRO



In May 2014, the UNIDO Representative (UR) in Nigeria, Mr. Patrick Kormawa paid a courtesy visit to the Director General/ CEO of the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi (FIIRO), Dr. Gloria Elomo.

The UR highlighted the promotion of industry, trade and investment for inclusive and sustainable development as the common objective for both UNIDO and FIIRO in the discussions of Nigeria’s economic growth and shared prosperity. He also outlined the broad potential for enhancing the partnership between the two organizations in promoting technology innovation for industrial growth.

The DG, Dr. Gloria Elomo while receiving the team, thanked the organization for its continued support to industrial development in Nigeria. She highlighted the different activities FIIRO is involved, from recycling materials to developing energy efficient equipment for local manufacturing, in the drive towards sustainable development in the country.

At the end of the visit, both organizations resolved to work closely together in the following areas:

- Capacity Development – COMFAR, research partnerships, training, study tours and visits, etc;
- Establishment of Centre of Excellence for Industrial Equipment Fabrication;
- SME Development; and
- Mobilizing Technology and Equipment to Support Inclusive and Sustainable Agribusiness Development in Nigeria.



VICE PRESIDENT OF LIBERIA INAUGURATES COUNTRY'S FIRST HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR SCHOOL FUNDED BY JAPAN

As part of a United Nations Industrial Development Organization's (UNIDO) project to improve the industrial training capacity of Liberia and provide marketable skills to vulnerable citizens, Vice President Joseph Boakai on 28 June 2014, inaugurated the Japan Heavy Equipment Operator School in Kakata, the capital city of Liberia's Margibi County.

The opening ceremony was also attended by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, H.E Axel M. Addy; the Minister of Finance, H.E Amara Konneh; the Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Japan in Ghana, Mr. Shigeru Hamano; the Vice President of Komatsu Ltd, Mr.

Noboru Sato; the UNIDO Regional Director for West Africa, Mr. Patrick Kormawa; and the Principal of the Booker Washington Institute, Mr. Alexander Massey.

Undertaken in partnership with the Government of Japan, Komatsu Ltd and the Booker Washington Institute, the project aims to promote youth employment in the mining, construction and agriculture sectors. "It is a positive sign today to see development and initiatives that are geared towards supporting our youth and preparing them to fill jobs in our growing industrial sectors", said Vice President Boakai.

Liberia faces potential difficulties as a result of increasing youth unemployment. While Liberia is now attracting significant foreign investment in key sectors, a lack of quality vocational education and well-trained technical personnel represent a significant barrier to the creation of employment opportunities, thereby threatening the long-term stability of the country. The UNIDO project aims to prepare young graduates to meet the demands of modern industry as the country experiences economic growth and development.

PICTURE STORY



The UNIDO Representative, Mr. Patrick Kormawa with the Oyo State Commissioner of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Fatai Atande



UNIDO Delegation at Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi (FIIRO) during a facility tour



H.E. Laurentia Laraba-Mallam with the UNIDO Representative in Nigeria, Mr. Patrick Kormawa



The UNIDO Representative (UR) in Nigeria, Mr. Patrick Kormawa with the World Bank Country Director, Ms. Marie Françoise Maria-Nelly



The UNIDO Representative, Mr. Patrick Kormawa receiving a plaque of appreciation from Dr. Gloria Elomo, the Director General of the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi (FIIRO)



The UNIDO Representative, Mr. Patrick Kormawa with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ibadan, Professor Adewole.



The UNIDO Representative (middle), DG of AEA Ms. Aisha Abubakar with a cross section of panelists at the 2014 FCT Entrepreneurs



The UNIDO Representative, Mr. Patrick Kormawa (centre), the UNIDO Environment Expert, Mr. Yomi Banjo (2nd let), the Director Basel Coordinating Centre for Africa, Prof. Osibanjo (3rd right) and members of the PCU U-POPs project



Mr. Juan Casla, EU Head of Section Economic Governance and Trade Cooperation, with the UNIDO Representative in Nigeria, Mr. Patrick Kormawa

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UNIDO partners with the Government of Nigeria on MDGs and the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

The Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment partners with UNIDO on the National industrial skills gap assessment.

UNIDO in partnership with the Government of Nigeria will host an investment forum on Small Hydro Power in November, 2014.



The EU Ambassador, Michel Arrion, the Hon. Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment, H.E Olusegun Aganga, the UNIDO Representative, Mr. Patrick Kormawa and members of the EU Delegation at the launch of the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) Project.



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