Welcome to our first Quarterly Newsletter. We are delighted about this platform to communicate, inform and educate you on UNIDO's projects/programmes in Nigeria. Through this newsletter, you will gain insight into how the organisation makes its impact and the outcome of the various industrial development activities, conferences and workshops we are involved in.

As a partner for prosperity, UNIDO is committed to activities that promote sustainable economic development and equitable growth. We believe that Nigeria will not be left behind in benefiting from the globalization of markets and that prosperity will be shared amongst all citizens in all parts of the country.

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HOW UNIDO MAKES ITS IMPACT

UNIDO is the specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability. The mandate of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is to promote and accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) in developing countries and economies in transition.

The Organization focuses on three main thematic areas:

POVERTY REDUCTION THROUGH PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES
In a way that is distinctively different from that adopted by other agencies and institutions, UNIDO addresses poverty reduction by focusing on enabling the poor to earn a living, rather than on providing help to deal with the symptoms of poverty. As such, UNIDO focuses on the following: the development of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises; rural and agro industrial development sectors (including by promoting the application of “rural energy for productive use”); and the role of women in development.

TRADE CAPACITY BUILDING
Although open borders and markets are essential, additional measures are required to increase the participation of developing countries. UNIDO builds up the technical infrastructure required by developing countries to participate in international trade by, for example, establishing standards and facilitating accreditation and certification, while simultaneously strengthening key export sectors that require support services to improve productive and export capacities.

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
While energy is a prerequisite for reducing poverty, environmental and climate protection is one of today’s greatest challenges. UNIDO assists Governments in implementing activities in support of the multilateral environmental agreements, energy efficiency and sustainable production and consumption practices.

TRADE CAPACITY BUILDING
UNIDO in partnership with the EU has launched a EUR 12,080,000 National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) project for Nigeria. A similar project “The West Africa quality infrastructure” was implemented by UNIDO in the region. This project was instrumental in the international accreditation awarded to NAFDAC by the American Association of Laboratory Testing.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING
UNIDO with the Federal Government set up the Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON). In addition, under the NQI project, the organisation will establish a National Metrology Institute.

POVERTY REDUCTION
UNIDO is working closely with the Federal Government and other institutions to promote agro-industries. In particular, we developed the master plans for Staple Crop Processing Zones, a project estimated to create over 500,000 jobs. Second, through the HP-UNIDO LIFE Programme, over 24,000 jobs have been created, 1500 entrepreneurs empowered and 159 new enterprises established.

WOMEN AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
UNIDO is conducting a skills gap analysis across the Real & Service sectors in Nigeria. In 2013, UNIDO organised 2 job fairs in 2013 to promote access to jobs for youth and women.

ACCESS TO ENERGY
UNIDO has supported the development of seven (7) green power plants and has also supported local manufacturing of SHP turbines.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
UNIDO has assisted the government of Nigeria in securing multilateral funds (MLF) and implementing the phasing out and disposal of ozone depleting substances.
INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
UNIDO'S VISION

Through ISID we want to eradicate poverty within the next generation. UNIDO is convinced that ISID will be a key driver for successful integration of the economic, social and environmental dimensions required to fully realize sustainable development for the benefit of our future generations.

UNIDO aims to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) for its member states. ISID means that:

- Every country achieves a higher level of industrialization in their economies, and benefits from the globalization of markets for industrial goods and services.
- No one is left behind in benefiting from industrial growth, and prosperity is shared among women and men in all countries.
- Broader economic and social growth is supported within an environmentally sustainable framework.
- The unique knowledge and resources of all relevant development actors are combined to maximize the development impact of ISID.

ISID in the global development agenda:

- ISID is relevant to all UNIDO member states as an integral part of any resilient economy and as the primary source of income generation for both individuals and governments to enable them pursue their own development priorities and plans.
- ISID allows for rapid and sustained increases in living standards of all people, in all industries and their related service sectors.
- ISID provides the technological solutions to environmentally sound industrialization.
- ISID requires suitable institutional capacities, an enabling infrastructure, a vibrant private sector and a conducive business environment.
- ISID can only be achieved in partnership with all related stakeholders.
UNIDO DG VISITS NIGERIA AND PLEDGES SUPPORT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN ITS DRIVE TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

The mission of the UNIDO Director General, Mr. LI Yong to Nigeria on 28 March – 01 April 2014 was both timely and strategic in view of the country’s nomination as a pilot country for ISID. Mr. LI’s mission was three pronged, one, to introduce the new mandate of Inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) to the Government of Nigeria, two, to interact with the Government to ascertain its development needs and possible areas of collaboration with UNIDO and three, to attend the 7th joint AU-UNECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

During his visit, Mr. LI met with H.E Olusegun Aganga, the honourable minister of industry, trade and investment. H.E commended UNIDO on its activities towards industrialization in the country and thanked the DG for choosing Nigeria as a pilot country for ISID. During the visit, the minister gave an overview on the recently launched National Industrial Revolution Plan (NIRP) and the Nigeria Enterprise Development Programme (NEDEP), both policy documents are expected to drive inclusive and sustainable industrial growth in the country. In his remarks, H.E Olusegun Aganga, identified UNIDO as the preferred partner for the country’s renewed drive towards industrialization. He said “UNIDO has become more important to the transformation agenda of Nigeria and we anticipate a stronger working relationship that will allow the country leverage on the organization’s activities”.

The DG confirmed UNIDO’s readiness to work closely with Nigeria on its industrial roadmap. He assured the minister of UNIDO’s commitment to Nigeria and readiness to partner with the country to move Africa forward. In a subsequent meeting with H.E Prof. Chinedu Nebo, the honourable minister of Power highlighted access to energy as a key element to industrialization in the country. He commended UNIDO’s activities to improve access to clean energy in Nigeria, particularly in the implementation of Small Hydro Power (SHP) plants in several communities. The minister underlined some of the key areas UNIDO’s assistance will be needed, among others, he requested UNIDO to drive the recently launched initiative ”OPERATION LIGHT UP RURAL NIGERIA 2014”. The initiative is targeted at providing access to clean energy for rural communities not connected to the national grid.

The DG confirmed UNIDO’s readiness to work closely with Nigeria on its power sector reforms and assured H.E of UNIDO’s commitment to Nigeria and readiness to partner with the country in the drive towards improving sustainable access to clean energy for productive activities.

The DG also met with the Hon. Minister of Environment, H.E Ms. Laurentia Laraba – Mallam. The minister acknowledged UNIDO’s long partnership with Nigeria and welcomed the new ISID mandate towards achieving green industries. She commended UNIDO’s activities in Nigeria and requested amongst others for UNIDO’s assistance in achieving Nigeria’s vision 20: 2020 for the environment sector and in the creation of green industries in Nigeria to facilitate job creation.

The Director General commended the Federal Government of Nigeria for its enthusiasm towards creating a sustainable environment for industrial growth and asserted the organisation’s continuous support to the government towards achieving its environmental goals and policies.

During his visit the DG attended the official opening of the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) Office in Abuja, supported by UNIDO and the launch of the Regional Centre for Small Hydro Power.
UNIDO IMPROVES THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF RICE MILL CLUSTERS IN THE SOUTH-EAST

UNIDO in partnership with the Federal Government of Nigeria and the Ebonyi State Government established a pilot 3 ton/hr modern milling machine to demonstrate efficiency in milling operation within the cluster.

This project modernized the milling process in the state, as an assessment of the Ebonyi State rice mill clusters revealed that 90% of the nearly 700 existing small rice mills depend on old, inefficient and non-motorised diesel engines.

The successful implementation of this project is expected to empower farmers within the cluster and improve the quality of rice made in Nigeria.

The establishment of the 3 ton/hr modern milling machine is a spring board and catalyst for agribusiness and industrial growth in the region, with the:

I. Establishment of three (3) industrial clusters by the Ebonyi state government

II. Establishment of a 5 ton/hr Satoke rice milling facility in each industrial cluster by the state government

III. Establishment of a 12 ton/hr rice milling facility in one of the three (3) industrial cluster by the private sector
In simple words, define inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID)

ISID means that no one is left behind in benefiting from industrial growth, and that prosperity is shared among all parts of society.

It also means that every country achieves a higher level of industrialization in their economies and benefits from the globalization of markets in a sustainable way.

With this in mind, I am pleased to inform you that during the LDC conference 2013, Nigeria and Ethiopia were selected as pilot countries in Africa to drive this initiative.

How do you achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development and what is UNIDO’s contribution to ensuring this happens in Nigeria and the West Africa region?

For developing economies to achieve inclusive & sustainable industrial development there is an urgency to move from the increased export of raw materials to manufacturing and production. Take cocoa beans as an example, Africa is the world’s largest producer of this crop but 90 per cent of the crop is either exported raw to the U.S. and Europe. The consequence of this is that Africa is denied the most

profitable part of the confectionary market value chain – the processing of the cocoa into chocolate, a confectionary market estimated to be worth $84 Billion. In essence, by depending on natural resources for export revenues, the value gains of Africa’s export is skewed towards developed countries and does not yield greater income or economic prosperity for the producers.

In the drive towards ISID and to improve Nigeria’s industrial capacity UNIDO has committed itself to activities that cushion some of the supply side constraint to trade.

One, we are improving infrastructure, in particular, renewable energy: UNIDO has built a model 32KW biomass power plant in Ebonyi State. This project has been upscaled through public private partnership to a 5MW biomass power plant using rice husk as fuel. We have completed similar projects small Hydro in Waya Dam, Bauchi State; Ezióha Mgbowo, Enugu State; Amoke in Benue State, Ikejile in Osun State and Kakara in Taraba State. There are ongoing projects in Osun and Ogun States while others in the North-Eastern States are at the inception stages.

Two, we have enhanced competitive production capacity: In the Agribusiness & Agro-industry, UNIDO is working closely with trade clusters to improve efficient production & processing technologies, management practices and organizational structures.

One of such projects, is the establishment of a 3 ton/hr modern milling machine to demonstrate efficiency in milling operations within the cluster. The advantage of this ‘technology inflow’ and ‘market know how’ is that rice mill clusters will begin to produce competitive, safe, premium and cost-effective goods for enhanced industry competitiveness and market share.

In addition, UNIDO together with the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has formulated and developed the Masterplan for the different phases of the Staple Crop Processing Zone. The implementation of the master plan and the establishment of the SCPZ is expected to reduce current levels of post harvest losses, link farmers in clusters to food manufacturing plants and finally, create jobs and drive rapid rural economic growth.

Three, establish quality & compliance infrastructure: Nigerian goods miss the opportunity to compete efficiently in the international market because of the inability to comply with international quality standards and conformity assessment requirement. To address this challenge, UNIDO together with the European Union and the Federal Government agreed to fund a EUR 12,080,000 private sector programme that would develop policies and put in place measures to improve competitiveness in the non oil sector. This project is called the ‘National Quality Infrastructure’.

UNIDO’s niche is its mandate: Inclusive and Sustainable industrial development, Whilst we understand that there are several agencies with noteworthy objectives, but when the financial crises hit in 2008/09, what was the slogan?

‘Go back to the real sector’.

What is the real sector?

Manufacturing and production and this is what UNIDO supports.
CREATING LINKAGES 
TO MARKETS FOR THE 
GARMENT INDUSTRY

UNIDO organised a capacity building workshop for members of the National Union of Textile Garment and Tailoring Workers of Nigeria (NUTGTWN) in the tailoring garment sector from the six geo-political zones of Nigeria. Participants in the workshop were exposed to modern garment making techniques and were encouraged to adopt such standards for the growth of the sector. In addition, the workshop served as a platform for ‘networking’ and for development agencies with a similar mandate for SME development to converge and interact on the best strategies to drive the sector. We are pleased to announce that a positive outcome of this workshop is a comprehensive capacity building project that will expand the present niche of tailors and garment makers in the country, improve their expertise & efficiency and ultimately create access and linkages to global trade.

BUILDING TRUST FOR TRADE – THE LAUNCH OF THE NQI PROJECT

In January, 2014, UNIDO together with the EU launched the National Quality Infrastructure (NQI) project, a component under the Nigeria Competitiveness Support Programme. This EU funded project delivers a comprehensive approach towards strengthening the quality infrastructure for trade and alleviating the existing technical barriers to trade in Nigeria.

According to its Vision20:2020, Nigeria’s development goal is to be among the top 20 economies of the world by the year 2020. With six years to go, how do we make this vision a reality? We are delighted to say that the National Quality Infrastructure Project is a catalyst for this reality. The NQI Project aims to foster compliance with international trade rules and regulations, in particular the World Trade Organization agreements on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) and Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) measures through the strengthening of the Quality Infrastructure in Nigeria. This will enhance the integrity and trust of products and services from Nigeria.

UNIDO SENSITIZES THE PUBLIC ON THE NEED TO PHASE OUT NON-BIODEGRADABLE PLASTICS

In an attempt to ensure environmental sustainability for green industrial growth, UNIDO together with the Federal Ministry of Environment organised a sensitization workshop to phase out non-biodegradable plastics in Nigeria.

From using plastic bags as waste bins to having them as sachets for “Pure water”, non-biodegradable plastics are readily available and freely used. What we do not know however, is that these plastic bags are harmful to our health and the environment.

For instance, non-biodegradable plastics or plastic bags are made of toxic chemicals such as, xylene, ethylene oxide and benzene which are a source of various diseases and illnesses to humans. When disposed carelessly, they block drainages causing flood, go into landfills absorbing nutrients, or killing sea animals and nature.

The sensitization workshop sought to create awareness on the menace of these non-biodegradable materials, carry stakeholders along and establish an action plan for the successful phase-out.

It is expected that at the end of this initiative, Nigeria will not only be a step closer to a cleaner environment but will also improve the social and economic standard of the people, through job creation along the 3Rs of waste management, i.e. reduce, re-use and recycle.
At the end of a “365 days” cycle of hard work, the drive through sunny days and traffic, the jostle of the day's routine, strategies and anticipation, celebrations of completed projects and deep expectations as new ones are birth, at the end of the day what you would really like is to go home and have someone say “well done, it's been a great year, thank you".

It is no surprise then that on the 13th of December, 2013, UNIDO (Regional Office Nigeria) organized an end of the year working dinner, in honour of all our partners and stakeholders who have worked relentlessly with us to fulfil our mandate of inclusive and sustainable industrial development for countries like Nigeria and economies in transition.

The event kicked off with an opening remark by the UNIDO Representative in Nigeria, Ecowas & Director, Regional Office, Nigeria – Dr. Patrick Kormawa. Afterwards, there was a beautiful reception and buffet.

**INVESTMENT REPORT:**
NAFDAC gets international accreditation from the 'American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (AAA)'

“UNIDO made us realize that it was possible to achieve the AAA international accreditation and without them we would not be where we are today...we got significant encouragement from UNIDO and we look forward to strengthening the partnership between our organizations”

Comments from the Director General – Dr. Paul Orhii:
UNIDO IMPLEMENTS A 5MW BIOMASS POWER PLANT WORTH $14.6 MILLION(USD)

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This project is an off-shoot of the recently concluded project in the State - Energy Efficiency in Rice Mills- which was also implemented by UNIDO. The rice husk produced from the milling operations in the rice mill clusters will be used as the fuel source for the power plant.

The development of the 5MW power plant will not only provide access to sustainable electricity for businesses and residents of the communities but will also facilitate the Federal Government’s drive to improve access to electricity supply. In addition, a 32 KW demonstration plant has been completed in the State.

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