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Third ISID Forum to be held in Addis Ababa

UNIDO will organize the third ISID Forum on 14 July 2015 in the Ethiopian capital. It will be held as a side event of the third International Conference on Financing for Development and is co-organized with the Governments of Ethiopia and Senegal, and the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA). It will take place at the ECA's Africa Hall.



Expected high-level participants include the Prime Ministers of Ethiopia and Senegal, the UN Secretary-General, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs, as well as the President of the World Bank, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, and representatives of other development finance institutions (DFIs), and heads of private sector companies.

The Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) approach has received support from the Secretary-General of the United Nations, a range of DFIs, private sector companies and development partners.

Chinese Premier, LI Keqiang, also expressed support for the new business model of Programmes for Country Partnership.

In Addis Ababa, UNIDO will present this model as one of the Conference's early deliverables, and demonstrate its relevance for mobilizing public and private finance to implement the post-2015 agenda.

Participants at the third ISID Forum will also go on a field visit to two established industrial parks to get a firsthand impression of the progress made by Ethiopia in this respect.

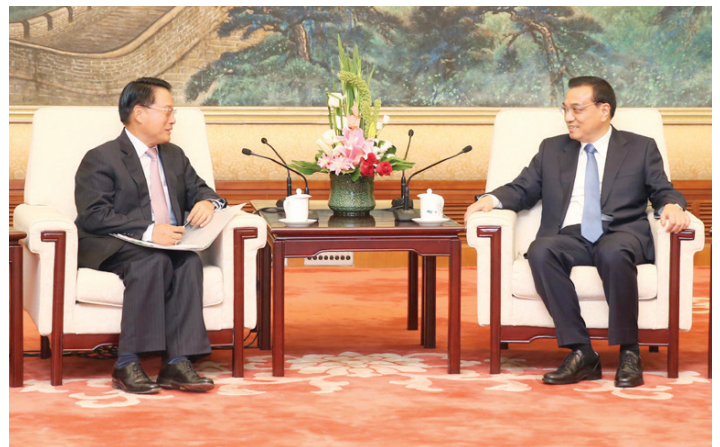


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Ethiopian delegation visits industrial parks in South-east Asia

A group of eleven officials, led by Mebrathu Meles, Ethiopia's State Minister of Industry, recently visited Malaysia, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The study tour for the Ethiopian government officials was organized by UNIDO.



Viet Nam in particular provides a good example of the positive role that industrial parks can play in a country's economic transformation. During the tour, the Ethiopian Delegation visited Gian Khau Industrial Park in Ninh Binh, and was particularly interested in understanding how to integrate food-processing industries within industrial parks. The delegation also met with Tran Duy Dong from the Department of Economic Zones Management at the Ministry of Planning and Investment. Ethiopia is one of the two pilot countries chosen for UNIDO's Programme for Country Partnership, an essential part of the Organization's focus on inclusive and sustainable industrial development. By helping develop modern and industrial parks, UNIDO supports the economic transformation of Ethiopia.

"Viet Nam is a benchmark for Ethiopia. The study tour in Viet Nam has opened our eyes to the opportunities we have to build industrial parks in our country," said Meles.

Programmes for Country Partnership presented in Poland and Japan

During Director General Li's recent visits to Warsaw and Tokyo, UNIDO's new PCP approach was presented to representatives of the private sector. Participants in Poland were interested in the the PCPs as a tool to promote partnerships with the private sector and DFIs. Polish representatives will be members of PCP Committees set up in Ethiopia and Senegal. At the UN University in Tokyo, some 300 participants, mainly from the Japanese private sector, learned about the technical advantages as well as the business and investment opportunities offered by the PCP approach. Also in Tokyo, the PCP approach was discussed with ambassadors from the African Diplomatic Corps, who expressed their interest in the PCP approach and expressed their hope that it will be used in other countries of the continent that are on the path of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. The PCPs were presented to various Japanese Ministries and at the Japan Business Federation (KEIDANREN). The Development Finance Institution of Japan (JBIC) has indicated its readiness to support two large-scale projects in the agribusiness sector as part of the PCPs.

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