

“UNIDO’s Partnership Model for Implementing SDGs”
Closing Remarks of the Director General at the occasion of the
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[Salutations]

Thank you all for attending today. Your valuable time and patience do not go unappreciated.

Panelists, you each provided a unique perspective on how we can work together to contribute to financing and achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development. I thoroughly enjoyed the constructive discussions on how the pilot Programme for Country Partnership, the PCP, can be used to implement the other proposed sustainable development goals. This Third International Conference on Financing for Development has given us the occasion to think about how to catalyze resources for our ambitious, yet urgent development goals.

As September draws near, bringing with it the adoption of the proposed SDGs, I believe that our forum today has made a positive contribution towards finalizing the post-2015 development agenda.

I look around the room and am encouraged by the diverse group of distinguished participants convened at this occasion. I see representatives from governments, development finance institutions, the private sector and elsewhere. This is precisely the spirit behind our partnership approach. To bring together various actors who are committed to advancing ISID. To bring the strengths of each partner so that the impact of their collective action is greater than the sum of its parts.

I would like to thank H.E. Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn and H.E. Mr. Macky Sall again. Your visionary leadership in executing the PCPs in your respective countries is very promising. It exemplifies how country ownership can lead to the effective mobilization of financial resources, from both the public and private sectors, for the successful implementation of the PCP.

Secretary-General Mr. Ban Ki-moon, thank you for your continued support. UNIDO is proud to work in close cooperation with the broader United Nations System and all bilateral and multilateral development partners towards the realization of our ISID mandate.

A special thank you also to participants from academia, the private sector and civil society, both local and from far away. Your respective contributions are an indispensable part of the inclusive and sustainable industrial development process. Let us also not forget the valuable work of our interpreters and conference services – without them, conducting our forum surely would not have been possible.

As the international community embarks on a new era of development goals, I am optimistic about the way forward. The PCP is our proposal for making these goals a reality.

I hope that, in the near future, we will have the opportunity to gather here again in this historical Africa Hall, or at some other location, to report and discuss what has been achieved under the PCP approach.

Thank you.