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Director General hosts high-level event during UN Sustainable Development Summit

“We at the UNIDO believe that the path to sustainable development is through inclusive and sustainable industrialization. The African Union Commission, UNOSAA and ECA think no differently, and so do many other development practitioners. Indeed, it is through a strong process of industrial development that poverty will finally be eradicated in Africa.” This was emphasized by Director General LI Yong during an event entitled the “Operationalization of the 2030 Agenda for Africa’s industrialization”.

Held at the UN Headquarters in New York on 26 September, it brought together African heads of state and government, heads of UN organizations, other senior officials and key development actors to discuss concrete partnerships for the operationalization of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Africa, particularly as related to the Sustainable Development Goal 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.



Workshop on Programmes for Country Partnership (PCP)

A workshop held on 12 October at the UNIDO Headquarters in Vienna was attended by senior UNIDO management, directors and unit chiefs, as well as government officials from Ethiopia and Senegal who presented their respective PCPs. They reviewed traditional country programme models in terms of design, implementation and resource mobilization. Participants at the workshop voiced strong support for the PCP approach and suggested that key features of the new approach should be integrated into all future country programmes.



UNIDO mission to Senegal advances Programme for Country Partnership



UNIDO technical team and APROSI staff at Diamniadio construction site

A UNIDO team has returned from a three-week mission to the capital of Senegal, Dakar, where it held discussions with government officials and partners on the adoption of a roadmap for the implementation of the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) by the end of 2015.

As plans move ahead to make Senegal's integrated industrial zone in Diamniadio fully operational by the beginning of 2016, UNIDO is providing the Government of Senegal with recommendations for the development of a legal framework, a business plan and an incentive package. This will help attract additional investment from development finance institutions.

In the coming weeks, UNIDO will submit to the government a report on growth identification and facilitation for industrial upgrading and diversification.

UNIDO will also produce a value chain diagnostics report, a study on investment opportunities, and investment promotion materials, and conduct a pre-feasibility study for the three agro-poles to be

established in the course of the next year. This will be a step forward for the PCP as the government did not foresee the operationalization of the first agro-pole prior to 2017.

In mid-November, a roundtable for partners and donors is expected to define cooperation modalities within the PCP, including funds mobilization. Participants at the event will discuss matters relating to coordination and develop a monitoring, reporting and evaluation mechanism.

UNIDO will also organize two training workshops for government officials on tools for effective industrial policy implementation.

Ethiopian delegation visits Vienna to discuss PCP progress

From 24 to 28 August, the Director of Multilateral Cooperation from the Ethiopian Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and the National Programme Coordinator for PCP Ethiopia visited Vienna for meetings at UNIDO Headquarters which focused on the progress of PCP activities, identifying gaps and formulating a joint action plan for the next steps of implementation.

UNIDO and the Government of Ethiopia agreed to develop joint six-month work plans to address the identified gaps, with monthly reporting to PCP counterparts. The need for a joint resource mobilization approach to ensure the successful implementation of the PCP was also a key topic during the meetings.



Stakeholder consultation meeting in preparation for the Ethiopia investment forum, Addis Ababa

Ethiopian officials emphasized that UNIDO's Programme for Country Partnership forms a core component of the national 2015-2020 Growth and Transformation Plan. They expressed appreciation for the work being undertaken by UNIDO and stated that they were looking forward to continued technical consultations in the course of implementation. The National Programme Coordinator reported on the progress made during the last months, emphasizing the roles of the regional governments and the growing interest of development partners in the PCP.



Addis Ababa to host international investment forum

An international investment forum will be held within the framework of the Programme for Country Partnership in the first half of 2016 in Addis Ababa. The event is being organized by the Government of Ethiopia with the support of UNIDO and the involvement of the Ethiopian Investment Commission, the Ethiopian Chambers of Commerce and the World Bank, among others. The Forum will promote investment opportunities in the three PCP Ethiopia priority sectors (agro-industry, leather and textiles), with a focus on Integrated Agro-Industrial Parks.

Several preliminary events will be organized this November, both in Ethiopia and in Vienna. UNIDO will also utilize its global network, including the Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPOs), to identify and mobilize international investors.



Countdown to fourth ISID Forum

Preparations for the next UNIDO forum on inclusive and sustainable industrial development are underway. The fourth such Forum will be held from 30 November to 1 December in Vienna.

Titled “Partnerships: Moving Sustainable Development Goal 9 into Action”, it will take place as part of the 16th session of the UNIDO General Conference.

The first session will feature a panel discussion on the potential of multi-stakeholder partnerships for creating linkages and synergies between infrastructure investment, industrial development and investment in innovation.

The second session will focus on the progress made in implementing the Programme for Country Partnership in Ethiopia and Senegal. It will also announce the expansion of the programme to new countries.

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