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## General Conference: Sustainable industrialization for shared prosperity



The 16th session of the UNIDO General Conference was organized under the theme of sustainable industrialization for shared prosperity. Special attention was given to the criticality of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9, which focuses on building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialization, and fostering innovation.

The opening session was attended by government officials and representatives of all UNIDO Member States, as well as Austrian President, Heinz Fischer, and featured a keynote speech by Nobel Prize winner in economics, Joseph Stiglitz.

A series of events held on the sidelines of the conference highlighted the role of innovation hubs for sustainable industrialization and shared prosperity, youth and women entrepreneurship, as well as sustainable industrialization for climate action

The week-long event was attended by over 800 government officials and representatives from UNIDO Member States, the private sector, academia and international media.

Watch the wrap video of the conference: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAOHPQHVhU>





## Fourth ISID forum: Peru joins Programme for Country Partnership

The fourth UNIDO Forum on Inclusive and sustainable industrial development was held during the General Conference, from 30 November to 1 December. Titled “Partnerships: Moving SDG 9 into action”, the event focused on ways UNIDO can contribute to advancing industry, infrastructure and innovation in the context of SDG 9.

On the first day, moderator Todd Benjamin engaged speakers from development finance institutions, academia and development partners in a discussion on how multi-stakeholder partnerships can move forward SDG 9 as well as the rest of the 2030 Agenda. The second day of the forum presented the early achievements of the Programmes for Country Partnership (PCPs) in Ethiopia and Senegal, and introduced Peru as the newest pilot PCP.

### Panel discussion

The panel discussion centered on the three “I”s of SDG 9. The importance of industrialization for sustainable development was reiterated throughout the forum, with UNIDO as the key organization to spearhead the UN-system’s efforts in this regard. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General of the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, congratulated UNIDO and its Member States for their determination and far-sightedness in the Lima Declaration. “Industrialization is the way to get rid of extreme poverty,” said Wu.

Panelists also stressed the importance of hard and soft infrastructure for advancing industrialization and integration on the African continent. Both the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) described the value of partnering with UNIDO to develop infrastructure, commending UNIDO’s global presence and technical expertise in preparing feasibility studies and social/ environmental impact assessments. Heike Rüttgers from the EIB noted that the Bank is currently working with UNIDO on developing a sustainable leather industry in Ethiopia, while Moono Mupotola representing the AfDB described the Bank’s partnership with UNIDO to help upgrade the capacity of private companies to meet export standards. Private sector development was described as crucial for poverty eradication. Martin Ledolter from the Austrian Development Agency also stressed the importance of capacity-building, such as vocational training, for increased employability and productive capacity.



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Innovation means not having to reinvent the wheel and can accelerate sustainable development, according to panelists. Pavel Kabat, the Director of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, described how knowledge-sharing can produce innovation that can save money, while other panelists affirmed how innovation can create jobs. Specifically, renewable energy and clean technologies were put forward as examples where there is a huge potential for innovation and partnerships, particularly for developing countries.



*Moono Mupotola and Wu Hongbo at fourth ISID forum*

## PCP progress



*The fourth ISID forum*

In Ethiopia, early achievements include the set-up of national structures for PCP governance and monitoring, completed feasibility studies for integrated agro-industrial parks, and several investors already mobilized for infrastructure development. Among other successes, the PCP Senegal has established a national coordination mechanism, and developed an incentive package and business plan for the country's first integrated industrial platform. Public financing of an amount of USD 32 million has been mobilized for this industrial platform, construction has already started and the first garment factory is expected to start operations in February 2016.

The newest pilot country, Peru, will support the implementation of the government's National Plan for Productive Diversification, with a focus on priority sectors such as forestry, aquaculture, and textiles and garments. In January 2016, a team of UNIDO technical experts will undertake a mission to Peru to define the technical work plan, as well as the organizational and administrative set-up of the PCP.

Overall, the forum showed a strong commitment to continued collaboration with UNIDO and highlighted the value of the Organization's technical expertise in advancing the Sustainable Development Agenda, particularly through the PCP approach. Senegal will host the next ISID forum in 2016.



## Meetings on the sidelines of the fourth ISID forum

### PCP Ethiopia



*PCP Ethiopia coordination meeting in Vienna*

UNIDO and Ethiopian government officials held a series of meetings to discuss progress and agree on next the steps of PCP implementation. They addressed issues such as resource mobilization, investment promotion and coordination with potential partners.

- Mebrahtu Meles, State Minister of Industry, met with representatives from the Austrian Development Agency to discuss the technical scope and opportunities for funding a project aimed at developing the fisheries value chain in Ethiopia.
- A project proposal was submitted to the new South-South cooperation facility of the Ministry of Commerce of China; important progress for the South-South and triangular industrial cooperation component of the PCP.
- Ahmed Abtew, Ethiopia's Minister of Industry, met with 14 business representatives from Polish companies interested in investing in Ethiopia and briefed them on agribusiness-related investment opportunities and incentives.
- Mebrahtu Meles, together with a delegation from UNIDO, visited the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences in Vienna to explore potential collaboration with Ethiopian universities.

### PCP Peru

Director General LI Yong and Peru's Minister of Production, Piero Ghezzi Solís, signed a joint declaration on cooperation within the framework of the PCP. The Peruvian delegation and UNIDO held a number of coordination meetings and visited the Technology and Research Centre-Wiener Neustadt for insights on clustering and others ways of supporting small and medium-sized enterprises. During a technical briefing, UNIDO experts presented the activities of the Organization's different branches and their potential contributions to implementing the PCP in Peru.



*Model of industrial park to be established in Ancon, Peru*



*Senegalese delegation meets UNIDO PCP Senegal team*

### PCP Senegal

The Senegalese delegation led by Modienne Guisse, Vice-Minister of Industry and Mining, comprised officials from the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Investment Promotion Agency, and the operational and monitoring office of the Plan Sénégal Emergent. The delegation met with UNIDO senior management, and held a meeting with the UNIDO PCP Senegal team to discuss the 2016 priority action plan. A series of bilateral meetings were also held with PCP Senegal project managers to provide guidance on the next steps in implementation.



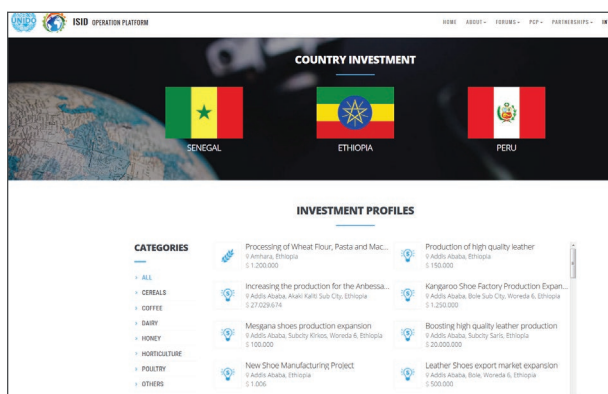
## Ethiopia to host first international agro-industry investment forum

The first of its kind international agro-industry investment forum, being co-organized by the Government of Ethiopia and UNIDO, will take place from 2 to 4 May 2016 in Addis Ababa under the theme “Unleashing Ethiopia’s investment potential”.

UNIDO is preparing more than 200 investment profiles and ten green field investment projects for presentation to international and local investors. Over 500 participants are expected to take part in the event.



Press conference in Addis Ababa



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## New investment promotion section on UNIDO’s ISID operation platform

A new feature has been added to the ISID platform to present investment-related information. The section introduces promotional events, specific investment profiles, countries’ general investment climate, and various sub-contracting information. The section will be progressively rolled-out, starting with the PCPs and gradually expanding to other countries.

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