UNIDO in 2016

This is an important year for UNIDO. Not only is the Organization celebrating its 50th anniversary, but it also marks the first year of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. UNIDO is focused on playing a leading role in advancing Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9, Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation. This will be done through a range of activities, including through the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP). Currently, UNIDO’s PCP for Ethiopia is the featured partnership initiative for SDG 9 on the United Nations Partnerships for SDGs platform, a site which currently hosts a total of 1,944 initiatives. The PCP for Senegal is also part of it.

In the course of the year, UNIDO will co-organize several major events:

• 28-30 June - fourth Green Industry Conference, Ulsan, Republic of Korea.
• 8-11 September - a side event and exhibition at the China International Fair for Investment and Trade.
• 5-7 October - first International Agro-Industry Investment Forum in Ethiopia.
• 10-12 October - Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS), Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
• November - fifth Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development Forum in Senegal.
UNIDO, African Development Bank and UN Economic Commission for Africa strengthen ties for industrialization in Africa

Representatives of UNIDO, the African Development Bank and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa met from 15 to 19 February in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire, to discuss joint programmes for promoting industrialization in Africa. A number of programmes for tripartite cooperation were identified, the lead agency defined for each of them, and the immediate steps forward outlined. Financial and administrative mechanisms for cooperation were also discussed. Ethiopia and Senegal, as the UNIDO PCP pilot countries, will serve as platforms for implementing the tripartite partnership.

Implementation of Programmes for Country Partnership gains momentum

Ethiopia and Senegal are entering their second year of PCP implementation. The first year focused on establishing a governance structure, forging partnerships, building synergy with partner programmes, and developing projects under the umbrella of the PCP.

In 2016, the PCPs will focus on mobilizing partners and financial resources to advance programme implementation. UNIDO is also ramping up the monitoring and evaluation aspect of the PCPs. A cross-divisional task force was established to report on PCP results against SDG 9 indicators, programme-level indicators, and project-level outcomes.

A briefing on PCP progress for Member States is planned for 14 April at the UNIDO Headquarters in Vienna. Here are some of the highlights for this year:

PCP Ethiopia

On 8 February, Ethiopian Prime Minister, Hailemariam Desalegn, chaired a meeting in Addis Ababa to launch the implementation phase of the integrated agro-industrial parks (IAIPs), a key component of the PCP for Ethiopia. Read the full press article:


Launch of IAIP implementation phase in Addis Ababa.
March

- Road shows are taking place to selected countries in Asia, Europe and the Middle-East to promote PCP-related investment opportunities in Ethiopia.
- Foreign diplomatic missions in Addis Ababa participate in a briefing session led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the PCP and the upcoming International Agro-Industry Investment Forum.

April

- Joint Steering Committee to mobilize funds for PCP components from development partners and development finance institutions (DFIs).
- Ethiopian diplomatic missions abroad to participate in a seminar on the PCP and the upcoming investment forum to mobilize investment in priority sectors.
- Feasibility studies and investment profiles presented for loan/grant negotiation with DFIs.

September

- The construction of four IAIPs will begin.

**PCP Senegal**

In 2016, the PCP for Senegal will continue to provide technical assistance towards the operationalization of the country's first integrated industrial park in Diamniadio and, together with partners such as the World Bank, will support the implementation of the Global Environment Facility sustainable cities programme in Senegal. Expected deliverables include the following:

April

- First partner and donor roundtable to be held in Dakar (chaired by the Minister of Economy, Finance and Planning) is expected to record partner pledges and establish a partner and donor working group tasked with developing a funding mechanism for the PCP.
- Launch of the South-South and triangular industrial cooperation component of the PCP.
- Launch of the investment monitoring programme.

August

- Feasibility study finalized and development of an investment promotion strategy for the first agro-pole.

November

- Feasibility studies finalized for the establishment of at least two integrated industrial platforms.
PCP Peru

The year will see the start of the implementation of the Programme for Country Partnership for Peru after it was launched in December 2015. Programme formulation and partnership mobilization was the focus of a week-long UNIDO mission to Peru at the end of January. The UNIDO team was briefed on the progress of the National Plan for Productive Diversification (NPPD) and discussed a technical work plan for the PCP and possibilities for joint interventions, particularly with regard to the development of sustainable industrial parks, quality standards, and technological innovation centres. As a next step, UNIDO will outline the role and contribution of prospective PCP partners, and develop a roadmap for attracting investment from DFIs.

A second UNIDO mission to Peru is planned for mid-March. The technical mission will assess the capacity of key national institutions and provide technical advice on ways to set up sustainable industrial parks. Together with the Ministry of Production and other partners, UNIDO technical experts will begin designing PCP interventions for each of the priority areas of the NPPD. Subsequent activities include the finalization and approval of the PCP-Peru programme document in April, and the development of a GEF-funded sustainable industrial zones project for Callao.

For more information on the 2016 timeline for the Programmes for Country Partnership, visit: https://isid.unido.org/index.html

Partnership Trust Fund: a catalyst for the PCPs

The Partnership Trust Fund (PTF) was launched during the sixteenth session of the UNIDO General Conference in December 2015. To date, three contributors – China, Italy and the Russian Federation – have deposited funds. The PTF is of critical importance to the operationalization of UNIDO’s partnership approach and the success of the PCPs. It is envisaged that additional voluntary contributions will support its activities.

Specifically, the PTF will support: (a) industrialization strategy development in partnership with the PCP country Government; (b) global forum activities promoting partnerships for ISID; (c) preparatory PCP activities in selected countries; (d) coordination of PCPs; (e) joint activities with PCP partners; and (f) implementation of PCP components aimed at triggering additional larger-scale funding.

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