Industrial Development Board
Forty-fourth session
Vienna, 22-24 November 2016
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Opening of the session

The forty-fourth session of the Board will be opened by the Acting President of the Board, H.E. Mr. SONG Young-wan.

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the forty-fourth session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the Asian States included in List A of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the African States in List A, the States included in List C and the States included in List D, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the States included in List B.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the forty-fourth session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.43/Dec.13 and updated to reflect mandates emanating from the sixteenth session of the General Conference and the thirty-second session of the Programme and Budget Committee, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.44/1.

For reasons of economy, this document has not been printed. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.
The Board will have before it:

• Provisional agenda (IDB.44/1)
• Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.44/1/Add.1)
• List of documents (IDB.44/CRP.1)

Item 3. Annual report of the Director General for 2015

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization.

The annual report was presented through the thirty-second session of the Programme and Budget Committee to the current session of the Board due to the reduction of the number of sessions of the Board in non-General Conference years (decision IDB.39/Dec.7 (f)), and in line with the practice established in 2012. Annotations in relation to the annual report and its content were contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the Committee session (PBC.32/1/Add.1).

In line with Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution and decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States already delivered statements, which included information on their activities related to the work of the Organization, at the thirty-second session of the Committee. With a view to enhancing the debate on the item, Member States are requested to bear in mind the statements already delivered at the Committee and to focus their interventions to any further developments of note.

Under this item, information will also be provided on the enhanced dialogue with Member States on topical issues, undertaken in accordance with conclusion 2016/6 of the thirty-second session of the Programme and Budget Committee.

The Board will have before it:

• Conclusion 2016/5 of the Programme and Budget Committee
• Conclusion 2016/6 of the Programme and Budget Committee
• Annual Report of UNIDO 2015 (including programme performance report) (IDB.44/2)

Item 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee “report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative”. The report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-second session is reflected in document IDB.44/8. The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at that session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the thirty-second session of the Committee (PBC.32/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, as indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below.

Following the recommendations made by the External Auditor, the Committee also requested the Director General to prepare for the establishment of an Audit Advisory Committee by the Industrial Development Board at its forty-fourth session (Conclusion 2016/2). In compliance with this mandate, a report will be presented to
the Board under agenda item 4 (b). Under agenda item 4 (c), the Board will be presented with a proposed payment plan for Armenia, which will enter into force upon its approval by the Industrial Development Board. Further to its consideration of the financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations, the Programme and Budget Committee also invited the Director General to report to the next sessions of the Board on UNIDO’s general risk management strategy and suggest comprehensive measures for addressing the financial and administrative impact of Member States leaving the Organization, including with a view to reversing the trend of withdrawal (Conclusion 2016/8). The relevant report will therefore be presented to the Board under agenda item 4 (e).

4 (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2015

- Conclusion 2016/3 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2015 (IDB.44/3)
- Annexes to the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2015, presented in accordance with United Nations System Accounting Standards for the year ended 31 December 2015 (unaudited) (PBC.32/CRP.2)

4 (b) Establishment of an Audit Advisory Committee

- Conclusion 2016/2 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Establishment of an Audit Advisory Committee. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/9)

4 (c) Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations

- Conclusion 2016/7 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/4)
- Proposed payment plan for Armenia. Note by the Director General (IDB.44/10)
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.44/CRP.2)

4 (d) Mobilization of financial resources

- Conclusion 2016/4 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/5)
- Funding. *Annual Report of UNIDO 2015* (IDB.44/2, chapter 5)
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, thematic and individual trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2015 (PBC.32/CRP.4)

4 (e) General risk management strategy

- Conclusion 2016/8 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- General risk management strategy. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/11)
Item 5. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the implementation of the Lima Declaration

At its fifteenth session the General Conference adopted the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (GC.15/Res.1) calling on UNIDO to enhance its support for the efforts of countries towards achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development. In paragraph 13 of the Declaration, the Director General was requested to regularly report to the General Conference on UNIDO’s assistance to Member States towards achieving enhanced levels of inclusive and sustainable industrial development and on its developmental impact.

Furthermore, at its sixteenth session, the General Conference requested the Director General to “develop and implement strategies to support the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets”, and to “report to Member States on UNIDO’s contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” and to regularly report on the implementation of the resolution, starting with the forty-fourth session of the Industrial Development Board.

The documentation under this item will therefore provide up-to-date information on UNIDO’s implementation of the Lima Declaration and its work within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, including the implementation of the Lima Declaration. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/12)

- UNIDO technical cooperation programmes, projects and tools contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (IDB.44/CRP.3)


In line with existing mandates, the Director General presented the medium-term programme framework (MTPF), 2016-2019, through the Programme and Budget Committee to the Industrial Development Board (IDB.43/9). In line with paragraph (l) of conclusion 2015/4 of the thirty-first session of the Programme and Budget Committee, an addendum to the MTPF, containing the medium-term investment plan, 2016-2019, for which the annual cycle of reporting will start in 2017, was also presented.

At its sixteenth session, the General Conference took note with appreciation of the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019 (resolution GC.16/Res.1). In paragraph (c) of the same resolution, the Conference noted that the MTPF already included performance indicators, while also noting its understanding that the Organization would “set a baseline for these indicators and continue its efforts towards enriching these indicators in a continuous manner”. Therefore, the Conference requested the Director General to report the progress on this matter at the forty-fourth session of the Board.

A progress report by the Director General on the establishment of a baseline for the integrated results and performance framework of the MTPF (IDB.44/6-
PBC.32/6) was presented to Programme and Budget Committee at its thirty-second session, and complemented by a note by the Secretariat (PBC.32/CRP.5). In conclusion 2016/5 related to the Annual Report, the Programme and Budget Committee also encouraged “the continuous efforts of the Secretariat to set indicators and baselines for the integrated results and performance framework in an expeditious manner and invited the Secretariat to set target values for indicators.” As anticipated in the Secretariat’s note (PBC.32/CRP.5), an Action Plan will be submitted to the Board.

The Board will thus have before it:

• Progress report on the establishment of a baseline for the integrated results and performance framework of the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/6)

• Integrated results and performance framework of the medium-term programme framework, 2016-2019. Action plan by the Secretariat (IDB.44/6/Add.1)

• Updated indicators and metadata for the integrated results and performance framework. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.44/CRP.4)

**Item 7. UNIDO field policy and network**

At the sixteenth session of the General Conference, the Director General presented an action plan on the UNIDO field policy and network (GC.16/6). Following consultations with Member States on the matter and its consideration at the thirty-second session of the Programme and Budget Committee, a report on the operationalization of the field policy action plan was submitted through the Committee to the Board (IDB.44/7-PBC.32/7). In its conclusion 2016/4, the Committee took note of the report on the operationalization and requested the Director General to report on the implementation of the field policy action plan to the Board at its forty-fifth session.

The Board will have before it:

• Conclusion 2016/4 of the Programme and Budget Committee

• Operationalization of the field policy action plan. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/7)

**Item 8. Evaluation activities**

By decision IDB.29/Dec.7, the Board requested the Secretariat to report on evaluation activities on a biennial basis.

The Board will have before it:

• Evaluation activities. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.44/13)

**Item 9. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit**

In accordance with the follow-up scheme to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following document:

• Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/14)
**Item 10. Personnel matters**

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18 the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of any recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system. The documentation under this item will also contain information on personnel-related developments in UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/15)
- Personnel matters. Annexes III, IV and V to the report by the Director General (IDB.44/CRP.5)
- List of UNIDO staff. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.44/CRP.6)

**Item 11. Support by the Republic of Austria towards the financing of an educational institution**

The Republic of Austria, the United Nations (UNOV), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) have negotiated an agreement, further to which the Republic of Austria will provide financial support to an educational institution providing schooling places for children of officials of Vienna-based international organizations, as well as to children of members of the diplomatic and consular corps. The text of the agreement will be submitted to the Board, which will be invited to recommend that the General Conference approve the agreement and authorize the Director General to bring it into force for UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- Support by the Republic of Austria towards the financing of an educational institution. Report by the Director General (IDB.44/16).

**Item 12. Preparations for the selection process for the post of the Director General**

At its second special session on 28 June 2013, the General Conference appointed Mr. LI Yong as Director General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 28 June 2013 or until the Director General to be appointed at the seventeenth regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later. In order to ensure a smooth and timely selection process in accordance with recommendations 1 and 4 of the Joint Inspection Unit’s report on the “Selection and conditions of service of executive heads in the United Nations system organizations” (JIU/REP/2009/8) and based on the successful introduction of the forum of candidates for the post of the Director General on 21 May 2013 (decision IDB.40/Dec.10), the Secretariat will provide background information on the subject and the timelines, including the scheduling of a candidates’ forum in case it is required, in the following document:

- Preparations for the selection process for the post of Director General. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.44/17)
Item 13. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

Guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in Article 19.1 of the Constitution were established by the General Conference in decision GC.1/Dec.41. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to grant consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will have before it information concerning organizations on which decisions are required.

Item 14. Provisional agenda and date of the forty-fifth session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the forty-fifth session. Note by the Director General (IDB.44/CRP.7)

The following dates have been reserved for the policymaking organs of UNIDO in 2017:

- 16-18 May Programme and Budget Committee, thirty-third session
- 27-30 June (tentative) Industrial Development Board, forty-fifth session
- 27 November to 1 December 2017 General Conference, seventeenth session

Item 15. Adoption of the report

In accordance with rule 71, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.