

## Germany and UNIDO

Germany has been a strong supporter of UNIDO since its inception in 1966, and was a founding member when UNIDO became a specialized agency in 1985. Germany is the second largest contributor to the regular budget of UNIDO and plays an important and active role in the Organization. Furthermore, over the past ten years the Government has provided US\$ 18 million to UNIDO programmes and projects, mainly through voluntary contributions from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation (BMZ).

One highlight of the recent cooperation between the Organization and Germany is UNIDO's flagship programme on strengthening local production of essential medicines in developing and least developed countries.

The German Government has also provided funding for livelihood recovery and the promotion of micro-industries in Iraq, as well as for projects supporting industrial policies, diagnosis and strategies. Germany has supported the Vienna Energy Forum, which UNIDO organized in 2009, 2011, 2013 and 2015. The most recent Vienna Energy Forum brought together around 1,700 participants from more than 80 countries under the theme "Sustainable energy for inclusive development". The Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety is one of the key contributors to UNIDO's programme. It has supported UNIDO's Chemical Leasing approach, an innovative business approach that focuses on the sound and efficient management of chemicals.

»In emerging economies and developing countries, Germany promotes the sustainable development of local and regional industries, the transfer of knowledge and technology, and investment in infrastructure. Germany fosters processes that lead to poverty-reducing industrial development and sustainable economic growth through the establishment of local and regional industries.«

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### Development Cooperation of Germany

Germany is committed to fulfilling its obligations towards implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and seeks to align its development policy with these goals. In their realization German development policy is guided by three principles:

- Reducing poverty;
- Promoting equitable forms of globalization; and
- Building peace.

In particular Germany prioritizes:

- Gender equality;
- Rural development;
- Urban development;
- Climate protection;
- Environmental protection;
- The raw materials sector;
- Economic cooperation.

### Opening of an ITPO Office in Bonn

Following a visit by UNIDO Director General LI Yong to Germany in May 2016, plans are under way to open an Investment and Technology Promotion Office Germany (ITPO Germany) in the city of Bonn. The ITPO is expected to be opened in the first half of 2017. "The ITPO Germany will help promote technologies, innovation and investments, particularly in the area of sustainability, for the benefit of developing countries and countries with economies in transition. It will enhance relations between industry and technology-related stakeholders in Germany and the developing world", said Director General LI after meeting H.E. Mr. Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

## Strengthening the Local Production of Essential Medicines in Developing Countries Through Advisory and Capacity-Building Support

Since 2006, Germany has supported UNIDO's global project on strengthening local production of essential medicines in developing and least developed countries. In 2017, a sixth phase of the project will be undertaken, at the end of which Germany will have contributed €11.3 million to the flagship programme co-funded by UNIDO.

This long-term support is exemplary and has enabled UNIDO to play a prominent role in the mainstreaming of this agenda and to pursue strategic approaches in support of industry and associated stakeholders. It is widely recognized that viable local production can play a key role in securing sustainable access to essential medicines while at the same time contributing to economic development and the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The pharmaceutical manufacturing ecosystem is complex, and requires comprehensive strategies and collaboration between stakeholders. UNIDO has developed strategies at the national level, including for Ghana, Kenya, and Viet Nam. In collaboration with the African Union Commission, it also developed a Business Plan for the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa (PMPA BP), which was endorsed by African Union Heads of State and Government. This is a multi-party undertaking for which UNIDO is the coordinating agency, and strong links have been established with key partners such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNAIDS. Project initiatives to support implementation of these strategies have included a stepwise approach to achieving WHO Good Manufacturing Practices, market data tools, human resource development, and the establishment of regional and continental business membership organizations in Africa.



### Achievements

- During the implementation of upgrading strategies, more than 70 pharmaceutical manufacturers in Africa assessed as to their compliance with WHO Good Manufacturing Practices;
- 180 professionals from African regulatory authorities and industry sponsored to participate in the Industrial Pharmacy Advanced Training (IPAT) course at St. Luke Foundation in Tanzania; *(see photo)*
- PMPA BP endorsed by 54 Heads of State and Government of the African Union, and supported inter alia, by WHO and UNAIDS, whose Director General and Executive Director co-authored an article with UNIDO Director General LI on the subject as published in the WHO Bulletin;
- Engaged by the West African Health Organization to develop a regional approach utilizing the project's stepwise methodology for upgrading the pharmaceutical industry to international standards;
- More than 30 capacity-building and training workshops conducted on critical issues related to quality and competitiveness in pharmaceutical manufacturing;
- Established the Federation of African Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Associations (FAPMA), which is the recognized trade association for the African industry.

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