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Item 3 of the provisional agenda

### Adoption of the agenda

## Annotated provisional agenda

### Item 1. Opening of the session

In accordance with rule 34 of the rules of procedure of the General Conference, the President of the sixteenth session, or, in her absence, the head of the delegation from which the President of that session was elected (Austria), will open the seventeenth session of the General Conference.

### Item 2. Election of officers<sup>1</sup>

At each regular session the Conference shall, with due regard for equitable geographical representation, elect, from among the representatives of Members, the following officers: a President and nine Vice-Presidents, as well as a Chairman for each Main Committee (rule 35). The officers elected shall constitute the General Committee.

#### Election of the President

The election of the President of the General Conference is governed by rule 35 and appendix A of the rules of procedure. However, when the fifteenth session of the Conference took place in Lima, Peru in 2013, the members of the Lists of States reached an agreement that the President of the fifteenth session would be elected from States in List C of Annex I to the Constitution, while the President of the sixteenth session would be elected from States in List B. The agreement on the shift of the rotation cycle was circulated to Member States in working paper No. 5 on 18 October 2013. As per this agreement, the President of the seventeenth session should be elected from States in List D of Annex I to the Constitution.

<sup>1</sup> To ensure equitable geographical distribution in the election of officers and the elections to organs, account has to be taken of the latest lists of States to be included in Annex I to the Constitution. The list, as of the date of preparation of the present document, is the same as that included in document PBC.33/11. Before proceeding to the elections, as explained in paragraph 2 of that document, the General Conference will have to decide in which of the lists of States (A, B, C or D) one Member State (Kiribati) is to be included.

For reasons of economy, this document has not been printed. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.



**Election of other officers**

The nine Vice-Presidents shall be elected so as to ensure the representative character of the General Committee (rule 35.3). Should the Conference decide to establish Main Committees (see item 4 below), the Conference shall also elect a Chairperson for each Main Committee.

**Item 3. Adoption of the agenda**

In accordance with Article 9.4 (g) of the Constitution, the Industrial Development Board at its forty-fifth session adopted the provisional agenda for the seventeenth session of the General Conference, as reflected in decision IDB.45/Dec.14. The provisional agenda to be submitted to the Conference for approval is contained in document GC.17/1.

**Item 4. Organization of work**

In accordance with rule 40, the officers elected shall constitute the General Committee. The General Committee shall propose to the Conference the establishment of Main Committees and of any other sessional bodies of the Conference. It shall propose to the Conference the allocation of items between the plenary, the Main Committees and any other sessional bodies (rule 42). In the past, at each regular session the Conference established a Main Committee to which all the substantive items of the agenda were referred for a more focused debate aimed at the preparation of consensus draft decisions and resolutions for submission to the plenary. The Industrial Development Board, in decision IDB.45/Dec.14, paragraph (d), recommended to the Conference that substantive items of the provisional agenda be allocated to a Main Committee.

Furthermore, in accordance with decision IDB.45/Dec.14, paragraph (e), the President of the forty-fifth session of the Industrial Development Board will conduct informal consultations for the preparation of the seventeenth session of the Conference. The outcome of these consultations will be brought to the attention of the Conference.

In accordance with decision IDB.45/Dec.14, paragraph (f), Member States are urged to submit to the informal consultations any proposed draft decisions or resolutions by 3 November 2017.

When considering the organization of work, it should be kept in mind that the budget for the Conference in the programme and budgets of UNIDO, 2016-2017, provides only for a total of five working days, comprising plenary, Main Committee and geographical group meetings. Moreover, in its decision on preparations for the General Conference (IDB.45/Dec.14) the Board agreed to hold a forum on industrial development issues within the framework of the Conference (item 10 of the provisional agenda). The draft tentative schedule for the seventeenth session of the Conference is shown in the annex to the present document.

The Conference will have before it:

- Lists of States included in Annex I to the Constitution of UNIDO (PBC.33/11)
- Report on the results of the informal consultations of Permanent Missions in Vienna for the preparation of the General Conference. Submitted by the President of the forty-fifth session of the Industrial Development Board, H.E. Ms. Paulina Franceshi Navarro (Panama) (GC.17/CRP.1)

**Item 5. Credentials of representatives to the Conference**

As stipulated in Article 8.1 of the Constitution of UNIDO, the Conference shall consist of representatives of all Members of the Organization. Membership in the Organization is defined in Article 3 of the Constitution. In accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and the names and titles of the other persons constituting the Member's delegation

shall be submitted to the Director General if possible not less than one week before the opening of the session which the delegation will attend. Any later change in the composition of the delegation shall also be submitted to the Director General. The credentials of representatives shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Member concerned. A Permanent Representative to the Organization does not require special credentials if his/her letter of accreditation to the Organization specifies that he/she is authorized to represent his/her Government at sessions of the Conference, it being understood that this does not preclude that Government from accrediting another person as its representative by means of special credentials.

A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference on the proposal of the President. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the United Nations General Assembly at its seventy-second session, which is as follows: Cabo Verde, China, Dominica, Indonesia, Ireland, the Russian Federation, Uganda, Uruguay and the United States of America. The Committee shall examine the credentials of representatives and report without delay to the Conference, which shall decide any question arising (rule 28).

#### **Item 6. Appointment of the Director General**

In accordance with Article 11.2 of the Constitution, the Director General shall be appointed by the Conference upon recommendation of the Board for a period of four years. Rule 103.4 of the rules of procedure of the Conference stipulates that the Conference shall also consider a draft contract, submitted to it at the same time by the Board for approval, establishing the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director General, including his salary and other emoluments attached to the office. When approved by the Conference, the contract of the appointment shall be signed by the new Director General and by the President of the Conference, acting in the name of the Organization.

The procedure to be followed by the Conference for the appointment of the Director General is contained in rule 104.

At its forty-fifth session, the Board decided to recommend to the Conference the appointment of Mr. LI Yong as Director General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 28 November 2017 or until the Director General to be appointed at the nineteenth regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later.

The Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.45/Dec.3 on the recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director General
- Board decision IDB.45/Dec.4 on the terms and conditions of appointment of the Director General

#### **Item 7. Elections to organs<sup>2</sup>**

##### **(a) Industrial Development Board**

In accordance with Article 9.1 of the Constitution, the Industrial Development Board shall consist of 53 Members of the Organization elected by the Conference, which shall give due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. In electing the members of the Board, the Conference shall observe the following distribution of seats: 33 members of the Board shall be elected from the States listed in Lists A and C, 15 from the States listed in List B, and 5 from the States listed in List D of Annex I to the Constitution.

In accordance with Article 9.2 of the Constitution, “members of the Board shall hold office from the close of the regular session of the Conference at which they were

<sup>2</sup> See footnote 1.

elected until the close of the regular session of the Conference four years thereafter. Members of the Board may be re-elected.”\*

At present the Board is composed of the following fifty-one States: Algeria,\* Angola,\*\* Argentina,\* Austria,\* Belarus,\*\* Burkina Faso,\* Cameroon,\* China,\*\* Côte d’Ivoire,\* Croatia,\*\* Cuba,\* Cyprus,\*\* Ecuador,\*\* Egypt,\*\* Finland,\*\* Germany,\*\* Greece,\*<sup>3</sup> Guatemala,\* India,\* Iran (Islamic Republic of),\* Ireland,\* Italy,\*\* Japan,\*\* Jordan,\* Kenya,\*\* Kuwait,\*\* Lebanon,\*\* Mexico,\*\* Namibia,\* Nigeria,\*\* Norway,\*\* Pakistan,\* Panama,\*\* Peru,\* Philippines,\* Poland,\*\* Republic of Korea,\*\* Romania,\* Russian Federation,\* South Africa,\*\* Spain,\* Sudan,\*\* Sweden,\*\* Switzerland,\* Syrian Arab Republic,\* Thailand,\*\* Tunisia,\* Turkey,\* Uruguay,\*\* Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)\* and Zimbabwe.\* Vacant (List B),\* Vacant (List B).\*\*

#### **(b) Programme and Budget Committee**

In accordance with Article 10.1 of the Constitution, the Programme and Budget Committee shall consist of 27 Members of the Organization elected by the Conference, which shall give due regard to the principle of equitable geographical distribution. In electing the members of the Committee, the Conference shall observe the following distribution of seats: 15 members of the Committee shall be elected from the States listed in Lists A and C, 9 from the States listed in List B and 3 from the States listed in List D of Annex I to the Constitution.

In accordance with Article 10.2, “members of the Committee shall hold office from the close of the regular session of the Conference at which they were elected until the close of the regular session of the Conference two years thereafter. Members of the Committee may be re-elected”.

At its fifteenth session, the Conference elected the following States to hold office until the close of the seventeenth regular session of the Conference in December 2017: Algeria, Austria, Belarus, China, Costa Rica, Côte d’Ivoire, Cuba, Finland, Germany, Guatemala, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mexico, Nigeria, Poland, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Vacant (List B).

#### **Item 8. Annual reports of the Director General on the activities of the Organization for 2015 and 2016**

In accordance with rule 13.1 (b), the provisional agenda for each regular session of the Conference shall include the annual reports of the Director General on the activities of the Organization. The Conference will thus have before it the annual reports of UNIDO for 2015 and 2016, which were submitted to the Board at its forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions respectively:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2015* (including programme performance report) (IDB.44/2)
- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2016* (including programme performance report) (IDB.45/2)

In line with Board decision IDB.44/Dec.11, the Conference will be provided with updated information on the implementation of the UNIDO field policy and network in a note by the Secretariat. The Director General will continue to regularly report on the operationalization of the field policy in the annual report.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO field policy and network. Note by the Secretariat (GC.17/CRP.2)

\* Twenty-seven States whose term of office expires at the end of the seventeenth regular session of the General Conference in 2017 (decision GC.15/Dec.9 of 6 December 2013).

\*\* Twenty-six States whose term of office expires at the end of the eighteenth regular session of the General Conference in 2019 (decision GC.16/Dec.9 of 3 December 2015).

<sup>3</sup> Withdrawal effective from 31 December 2016.

**Item 9. Reports of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-fourth and forty-fifth regular sessions**

In accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution, the Board shall report to the Conference at each regular session on the activities of the Board. Since the closure of the sixteenth session of the General Conference, the Board will have held two regular sessions. The Conference will have before it the following reports of those sessions:

- Report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-fourth session, 22-24 November 2016 (GC.17/2)
- Report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its forty-fifth session, 27-29 June 2017 (GC.17/3)

**Item 10. Forum on industrial development issues**

At its forty-fifth session, the Board adopted decision IDB.45/Dec.14 on preparations for the seventeenth session of the General Conference. In paragraph (c) of that decision, the Board agreed to hold a forum within the framework of the Conference. Participants will be advised in due course on arrangements for the forum.

The Conference will have before it:

- Forum on industrial development issues. Issues paper by the Secretariat (GC.17/4)
- Forum on industrial development issues. Issues paper on additional events (GC.17/CRP.3)

**Item 11. Financial matters**

**(a) Scale of assessments of Member States**

In accordance with rule 13.1 (k) of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the provisional agenda for each regular session shall include recommendations of the Board for the establishment of the scale of assessments. Article 15 of the Constitution stipulates that regular budget expenditures shall be borne by the Members, as apportioned in accordance with a scale of assessments established by the Conference by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting, upon the recommendation of the Board.

The Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.45/Dec.8 on the scale of assessments, 2018-2019
- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2018-2019. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.45/6)

**(b) Financial situation of UNIDO**

Rule 13.1 (l) states that the provisional agenda shall include financial matters requiring action by the Conference or that should be brought to its attention. Information brought to the attention of the Conference under this item will include the status of payment of assessed contributions.

Information on the activities of the Industrial Development Fund is included in the annual reports of the Organization for 2015 and 2016 and in document IDB.43/4\* on the financial situation of UNIDO.

The Conference will have before it:

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General (GC.17/5)
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (GC.17/CRP.4)
- Status of unutilized balances of appropriations. Note by the Secretariat (GC.17/CRP.5)

**(c) Working Capital Fund**

In accordance with financial regulation 5.4, upon recommendation of the Programme and Budget Committee and subsequently the Board, the Conference shall determine the amount and purposes of the Working Capital Fund. Financial regulation 5.5 (d) stipulates that advances to the Working Capital Fund shall be assessed and paid in euros.

At its sixteenth session, the Conference in its decision GC.16/Dec.13 decided that for the 2016-2017 biennium, the level of the Working Capital Fund and the authorized purposes of the Fund should remain the same as for the previous bienniums (see decision GC.2/Dec.27).

The Conference will have to take action on the recommendations of the Board concerning the level and purposes of the Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2018-2019, based on consideration of document IDB.45/7. Thus, the Conference will have before it:

- Board decision IDB.45/Dec.9 on the Working Capital Fund, 2018-2019
- Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2018-2019. Proposals of the Director General (IDB.45/7)

**(d) Appointment of an External Auditor**

In accordance with financial regulation 11.1, an External Auditor, who shall be Auditor-General (or an officer exercising an equivalent function) of a Member State, shall be appointed in the manner and for the period decided by the Conference. By decision GC.16/Dec.14 the Conference decided to appoint the Auditor General of Germany as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years, from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018.

The Conference will have to take action on the question of the appointment of an External Auditor for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020, as contained in:

- Candidatures for the appointment of an External Auditor. Report by the Director General (IDB.45/10/Add.2)

**Item 12. Programme and budgets, 2018-2019**

In accordance with Article 14.4 of the Constitution, the Conference shall consider and approve the programme of work and the corresponding regular budget and operational budget submitted to it by the Board, by a two-thirds majority of the Members present and voting. At its forty-fifth session, the Board adopted the programme and budgets for the biennium 2018-2019 (IDB.45/5) and adopted Board decision IDB.45/Dec.11.

The Conference will thus have before it:

- Board decision IDB.45/Dec.11 on the programme and budgets, 2018-2019
- Programme and budgets, 2018-2019. Proposals of the Director General (IDB.45/5)

**Item 13. Medium-term programme framework, 2018-2021**

In paragraphs (e) and (f) of decision GC.15/Dec.17, the Conference at its fifteenth session requested the Director General to submit from 2015 onwards, on a quadrennial basis, to the Board in the second year of the biennium, through the Programme and Budget Committee, a draft medium-term programme framework (MTPF) for four years, taking into account the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development, the recommendations of the latest comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development, and the recommendations of the outcome document of the informal working group on the future, including programmes and resources, of UNIDO, entitled "Strategic Guidance

Document”. In line with this decision and with Board decision IDB.44/Dec.10, which requested the Director General to submit to the Board at its forty-fifth session, through the Programme and Budget Committee, an updated MTPF for the period 2018-2021, the main features of the proposals for the updated MTPF 2018-2021 were presented to the Committee (IDB.45/8) together with the comprehensive proposals of the Director General for the MTPF, 2018-2021 (IDB.45/8/Add.2). The Board recommended a draft resolution concerning the MTPF, 2018-2021, to the General Conference for adoption (IDB.45/Dec.12). In line with Board decision IDB.45/Dec.12, the Conference will be provided with further information on how the proposal of developing “Strengthening knowledge and institutions” as a new strategic priority will relate to and enrich the existing strategic priorities. In addition, to meet the requirements of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-SWAP), minor amendments have been introduced to paras. 40 (i) and 41 of document IDB.45/8/Add.2. These will be provided in a corrigendum (IDB.45/8/Add.2/Corr.1).

Thus, the Conference will have before it:

- Medium-term programme framework, 2018-2021. Proposal on “Strengthening knowledge and institutions”. Note by the Secretariat (GC.17/6)
- Board decision IDB.45/Dec.12 on the medium-term programme framework, 2018-2021
- Medium-term programme framework, 2018-2021. Proposals by the Director General (IDB.45/8)
- Medium-term programme framework, 2018-2021. Comprehensive proposals by the Director General (IDB.45/8/Add.2 and Corr.1)
- Medium-term investment plan, 2016-2019. Addendum to the proposals by the Director General (IDB.45/8/Add.1)

#### **Item 14. UNIDO, gender equality and the empowerment of Women**

In its resolution GC.16/Res.3, the sixteenth session of the General Conference welcomed the UNIDO Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women Strategy, 2016-2019 (GC.16/8) and requested that the Director General submit a report on the implementation of the same resolution.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO, gender equality and empowerment of women. Report by the Director General (GC.17/7)

#### **Item 15. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

At its sixteenth session, the General Conference requested the Director General to report to Member States on UNIDO’s contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, taking into consideration the report of the United Nations Secretary-General, and the Global Indicator Framework (GC.16/Res.2). In the same resolution, the General Conference also requested the Director General to continue to actively contribute and pursue a leading role for UNIDO in the ongoing discussions with other international organizations and stakeholders on the follow-up and review mechanism for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda. At its forty-fourth session, the Board reiterated the commitment of UNIDO and its Member States to the realization of the 2030 Agenda (decision IDB.44/Dec.9). A report on UNIDO’s contribution to the 2030 Agenda was provided to the forty-fifth session of the Board (IDB.45/12). A further progress report building on previous documents will be presented to the Conference.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Report by the Director General (GC.17/8)
- High-level event “Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 2016-2025: From political commitment to actions on the ground” at the seventy-second session of the United Nations General Assembly. Note by the Secretariat (GC.17/CRP.6)

**Item 16. UNIDO activities related to energy and the environment**

In its resolution GC.15/Res.4, the Conference provided a number of guiding recommendations regarding UNIDO activities in the intertwined areas of energy and environment. Progress reports were presented to the Board in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2015* (IDB.44/2) and the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2016* (IDB.45/2). This information will be further updated.

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to energy and the environment. Report by the Director General (GC.17/9)

**Item 17. UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation**

In both the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2015* (IDB.44/2) and the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2016* (IDB.45/2), Member States were informed of UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation. The Conference will be provided with an update on these issues, as contained in:

- UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation. Report by the Director General (GC.17/10)

**Item 18. UNIDO activities related to the Vienna Ministerial Declaration for the Least Developed Countries**

In resolution GC.16/Res.4, the General Conference at its sixteenth session took note of the Vienna Ministerial Declaration for the Least Developed Countries. Furthermore, the Conference requested the Director General to report to the seventeenth session of the Conference on related UNIDO activities. Since then, a number of important developments have taken place on which information has been provided in the *Annual Reports of UNIDO 2015* (IDB.44/2) and *2016* (IDB.45/2). This information will be updated in a report by the Director General, as contained in:

- UNIDO activities in support of least developed countries. Report by the Director General (GC.17/11)

**Item 19. UNIDO activities related to cooperation with middle-income countries taking into account the San José Declaration**

At its forty-first session, the Board took note of the declaration adopted by the High-Level Conference of Middle-Income Countries, hosted by the Government of Costa Rica and co-organized by UNIDO in San José, Costa Rica, from 12 to 14 June 2013 (decision IDB.41/Dec.4). Further to the decision, reports on UNIDO activities related to cooperation with middle-income countries were contained in document GC.16/13 as well as in the *Annual Reports of UNIDO 2015* (IDB.44/2) and *2016* (IDB.45/2).

The Conference will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to cooperation with middle-income countries. Report by the Director General (GC.17/12)

**Item 20. Personnel matters, including the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee**

The Conference will have to take action on the recommendations of the forty-fourth and forty-fifth sessions of the Board to the General Conference to approve certain amendments to the staff regulations (decisions IDB.44/Dec.13, paragraphs (h) and (i) and IDB.45/Dec.15, paragraph (d)). The Conference will also have to take action concerning candidates for election to the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the years 2018 and 2019 as well as any developments that have occurred since the adoption of that decision. The Conference may also wish to authorize the Board to proceed with the election for any Committee posts that might become vacant before the Conference holds its eighteenth session.

The Conference will thus have before it:

- Board decision IDB.44/Dec.13 on personnel matters
- Board decision IDB.45/Dec.15 on personnel matters and the Staff Pension Committee

**Item 21. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations**

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, the provisional agenda for each regular session shall include reports from specialized and related agencies and from other intergovernmental organizations with which UNIDO has concluded a relationship agreement pursuant to Article 19.1 (a) of the Constitution, and items proposed by them, where the agreement establishing the relationship with the organization concerned so provides.

In the guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations adopted by the General Conference at its first session (GC.1/Dec.41, annex), it is stipulated that the Director General shall report to the Conference at each regular session on any agreements with intergovernmental and governmental organizations entered into by him on behalf of the Organization since the preceding regular session as well as on any consultative relations established with non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the same period.

Updated information on the status of relations with intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations will be provided to the Conference.

The Conference will thus have before it:

- Relations with intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations. Note by the Director General (GC.17/13)

**Item 22. Support by the Republic of Austria towards the financing of an educational institution**

At its forty-fourth session the Industrial Development Board took note of a report by the Director General on the conclusion of an agreement between the Republic of Austria and the four VIC-based organizations, which provides for the financing of an educational institution providing schooling places for children of officials and of members of the diplomatic and consular corps (decision IDB.44/Dec.14). With the same decision, the Board decided to submit the agreement to the General Conference for its final approval.

The Conference will have before it:

- Support by the Republic of Austria towards the financing of an educational institution. Note by the Director General (GC.17/14)
- Board decision IDB.44/Dec.14 on the support by the Republic of Austria towards the financing of an educational institution

**Item 23. Date and place of the eighteenth session**

Article 8.2 (a) of the Constitution stipulates that the Conference shall hold a regular session every two years, unless it decides otherwise. In the programme and budget proposals of the Director General for 2018-2019, provisions have been made to hold the eighteenth session of the General Conference for the duration of five working days. The dates of 2 to 6 December 2019 have been scheduled tentatively for the eighteenth session of the Conference in Vienna.

**Item 24. Closure of the session**

## Annex

## Proposed tentative schedule of work of the General Conference, seventeenth session, 27 November-1 December 2017

*Overarching theme: “Partnering for impact — achieving the Sustainable Development Goals”*

<i>Monday, 27 November</i>	<i>Tuesday, 28 November</i>	<i>Wednesday, 29 November</i>	<i>Thursday, 30 November</i>	<i>Friday, 1 December</i>
		<b>Breakfast meeting on “Partnering for Impact: Advancing gender equality in industry to achieve the 2030 Agenda”</b> 8:45-10 a.m.		
<b>1st plenary meeting</b> <u>10 a.m. to 1 p.m.</u> Opening of the session Appointment of the Director General Statements by Heads of State and Government General Debate	<b>3rd plenary meeting</b> <u>9-11 a.m.</u> General debate  <b>UNIDO Donor meeting 2017</b> <u>11 a.m.-1 p.m.</u>  <b>Main Committee – 1st meeting</b> <u>10 a.m.-12.30 p.m.</u>	Credentials Committee (tentative) <u>9.30-10.15 a.m.</u>  <b>5th plenary meeting</b> <u>10 a.m.-1 p.m.</u> General debate  <b>Main Committee – 3rd meeting</b> <u>10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.</u>  <b>Industry 4.0 – The opportunities behind the challenge</b> <u>1-3.30 p.m.</u>	<b>7th plenary meeting</b> <u>10 a.m.-12 noon</u> General debate Credentials of representatives to the Conference  <b>Main Committee – 5th meeting</b> <u>10 a.m.-1 p.m.</u>  <b>IDDAIII: Helping Africa leapfrog its industrial development</b> <u>12-2:30 p.m.</u>	<b>9th plenary meeting</b> <u>10 a.m.-1 p.m.</u> Consideration and adoption of decisions and resolutions
<b>General Committee</b> <u>2.30-3 p.m.</u>		<b>6th plenary meeting</b> <u>3.30-4.30 p.m.</u> Launch of the Industrial Development Report 2018 General debate <u>4.30-6 p.m.</u>	<b>8th plenary meeting</b> <u>3.30-6 p.m.</u> General debate (if required)	
<b>2nd plenary meeting</b> <u>3-4 p.m.</u> World women leaders talk	<b>4th plenary meeting</b> <u>2-4 p.m.</u> General debate  <b>TEDx Talks: The circular economy</b> <u>4-8 p.m.</u>  <b>Main Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting</b> <u>2.30-4 p.m.</u>	<b>Main Committee – 4th meeting</b> <u>3-6 p.m.</u>	<b>Main Committee – 6th meeting</b> <u>3.30-6 p.m.</u> (tentative)	
<b>The sixth UNIDO Forum on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development</b> <u>4-6 p.m.</u>  Reception hosted by Director General <u>6.30-8 p.m.</u>				