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1. *Realizing the targets of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9 and other related SDGs, as well as the African Union Agenda 2063 and its First Ten-year Implementation Plan, through the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III).* In line with SDG 9 and corresponding goals in the Agenda 2063 (aspiration 1 and goal 4), the implementing partners of IDDA III shall strive to build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation in African countries. In addition, they shall aim to contribute to the achievement of other related SDGs in Africa.
2. *Industrialization to achieve shared socio-economic prosperity through the creation of decent jobs.* A key objective of IDDA III is to ensure that industrially-driven economic growth and development lead to prosperity for all. To this end, IDDA III must aim to create decent jobs in order to reduce unemployment and poverty, which are perennial challenges in Africa. In this process, IDDA III shall foster inclusiveness, with a special focus on the empowerment of women, youth, and rural and urban poor.
3. *Industrialization to achieve sustainable structural transformation in Africa.* IDDA III seeks to lift the level of development of African economies through sustainable structural transformation. Achieving higher value addition as well as a vertical and horizontal integration of African industry in regional and global value chains, are key targets of IDDA III.
4. *Ownership and leadership of Africa's industrialization.* The African Union and its member states must continue to lead the continent's industrialization endeavour. Therefore, IDDA III shall lead to an industrialization process that is owned and led by African countries with support from the private sector, Regional Economic Communities and the African Union.
5. *Broad-based and dynamic partnerships to leverage resources for Africa's structural transformation.* The number and magnitude of activities under IDDA III require broad-based co-operation (including North-South, South-South and Triangular cooperation). Hence, IDDA III seeks to leverage partnerships with all stakeholders – including the private sector, governments, academia, and other development actors – to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of development interventions. These co-operations shall strive to complement the industrialization efforts of African countries through a range of means, including technical assistance, skills development, financial support, investments, public-private partnerships, etc.



6. *Mobilization and prudent deployment of financial and non-financial resources in support of Africa's industrialization.* The successful implementation of IDDA III will call for a significant amount of resources. Consequently, ascertaining positive results of IDDA III shall require the mobilization and prudent deployment of resources. African countries, regional and continental institutions need to build capacities in industrial finance, but also related to physical infrastructure, industrial entrepreneurship, knowledge and skills, institutions/organizations to advocate industrialization, and different types of technologies. African countries further need to ensure an enabling business environment. This underscores the need for concerted international support. Resource mobilization can build on experience from the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The PCP is a multi-stakeholder partnership for the promotion of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. It builds on partnerships with various stakeholders, including development finance institutions (DFIs) and the private sector, to mobilize resources and achieve a greater impact. The implementation of the Industrialize Africa Strategy by the African Development Bank (AfDB), in collaboration with UNIDO and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), can also help to maximize resource efficiency of IDDA III.
7. *Leveraging regional integration for African industrialization.* In addition to facilitating international development co-operation, regional integration helps to create market conditions that incentivize innovation, creativity, international and national investment, and the intensification of commercial transactions (including through international trade). All of these are necessary conditions for inclusive and sustainable industrialization. In this regard, IDDA III will support the establishment of the Continental Free Trade Agreement and the implementation of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa.
8. *Results-based management of inclusive and sustainable industrialization in Africa.* The implementation of IDDA III must be well-managed to ensure that the development interventions produce the desired impact. Consequently, the implementing partners of IDDA III shall devise appropriate governance mechanisms that guide the design, implementation, monitoring, evaluation, and reporting of the entire process. For this purpose, the implementation of IDDA III shall be guided by a comprehensive results-based monitoring, evaluation, and reporting system.
9. *Advocacy and communication matters of IDDA III.* An outreach strategy must be developed to promote and publicize the activities of IDDA III. Foreseen programmes to support the advocacy and communication matters of IDDA III include designing an IDDA III Communication and Advocacy Strategy Paper and Promotional Instruments, undertaking an IDDA III Promotional Campaign, and organizing Championship Programmes for IDDA III.



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