



UNIDO Director General's

Opening remarks

Inauguration of EXPO, held on the sidelines of

**First Regional Conference on Sustainable Industrial Development:
Promoting Sustainable Energy Solutions and Clean Technologies in CIS
Countries**

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LDC Ministerial Conference 2017

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Excellencies,
Friends and colleagues,

It is my privilege to inaugurate today a truly interregional EXPO, which is being held on the side lines of two important UNIDO events: the First Regional Conference on Sustainable Industrial Development: Promoting Sustainable Energy Solutions and Clean Technologies in CIS Countries and the 7th edition of UNIDO LDC Ministerial Conference, taking place simultaneously.

I am delighted to witness such a wide and varied participation of companies and regions representing different sectors from across the globe. You are all valuable partners for UNIDO in its pursuit of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID), as enshrined within SDG 9. We know that by acting alone we cannot be successful. In order to achieve the ISID goal, we work with development partners and the private sector to foster the advancement of manufacturing capabilities in a sustainable way and to promote global value chains across key industries and countries. By facilitating international business, investment, and the exchange of knowledge and technology, s between different stakeholders, we enhance the benefits of industrialization for the global community at large.



In line with the objective of this inaugural Regional Conference on Sustainable Industrial Development, UNIDO stands ready to harness its expertise, resources and networks to proliferate green industry strategies and technologies. We would be keep to be able to utilise our know-how to advise on resource efficient cleaner production techniques; to upscale energy efficiency standards; and to provide expertise on the implementation of clean energy solutions.

This EXPO is taking place at such a timely manner as we hold the 7th edition of the UNIDO LDCs Ministerial Conference. This EXPO will help participants to explore innovative schemes and mechanisms by enabling multi-stakeholder partnership building and resource mobilization for sustainable industrial development. The public-private dialogue and focused actions are vital steps to creating a positive investment promotion environment and contributing to the structural transformation and sustainable economic growth of LDC.

I am convinced that the EXPO will develop viable partnerships and fruitful exchanges for the attainment of inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the CIS region, for our LDC member countries, and beyond.

Thank you for your attention.