

Final statement by the participants at the Regional Forum on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID)

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Co-organized by the Government of Senegal and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the Fifth ISID Forum was chaired by H.E. Mr. Dionne, Prime Minister of Senegal and gathered more than 400 participants including H.E. Ministers in charge of Industry of Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal and The Gambia as well as high-level representatives of the Ministries of Industry of Cape Vert, Mauritania, Nigeria, the representatives of the Presidents of West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) and Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Representing his country, the Ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia also attended the Forum. The national and international public and private sector as well as leading multilateral and bilateral development partners were also represented.

Participants in the Forum:

- Thanked the Government of Senegal for hosting such an important and timely Forum to exchange experience and facilitate regional cooperation to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development.
- Acknowledged the importance of regional integration to underpin Africa's industrialization and recalled the coordination role of ECOWAS to facilitate a harmonious industrial development of the West Africa region.
- Discussed and commended the successful experience and concrete results of the Programmes for Country Partnership (PCP) in Senegal and Ethiopia developed and implemented jointly with UNIDO.
- Highlighted the significant benefits of the PCP approach through high level national ownership and commitment to establish large partnerships between governments, development finance institutions, the private sector, all relevant development partners and UNIDO to mobilize and leverage the knowledge, expertise, technology, investment and funds necessary to spur ISID.
- Confirmed the high relevance and strong potential offered by UNIDO's PCP approach to support the ongoing and future efforts of West African countries to achieve ISID and commended the work of UNIDO
- Voiced their strong interest in having the PCP model disseminated among the West African countries and in using the PCPs as the leading mechanism to underpin the national industrial development strategies within the region.
- Proposed to use the PCP approach to operationalize the West African Common Industrial Policy (WACIP) and to implement in the region the programme for the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA_3) with the technical support of UNIDO.

- Invited the West African countries and ECOWAS in collaboration with UEMOA to strengthen cooperation with UNIDO and thus identify the most suitable, technically- and economically- feasible modalities to disseminate the PCP approach in the region and to establish a workable and achievable roadmap.
- Called the Governments of the region to ensure the mobilization and the deployment of all necessary means and resources to ensure that the West Africa region reaps the benefits of achieving ISID, notably by using the PCP approach.
- Requested the development finance institutions and the international community to support financially the efforts of the West African countries to achieve ISID through the design and implementation of new PCPs in the region.
- Invited the regional and international private sector operators to play a leading role in the industrialization of West Africa, notably by scaling up industrial investment.