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# Launch of the Industrial Development Report 2020

Tuesday, 5 November 2019 | 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.

### OBJECTIVE

The Industrial Development Report (IDR) is a bi-annual flagship publication and the major research output of UNIDO, covering the latest developments and trends in the area of industrial development in a global context.

The launch event will serve to present and discuss the report's main messages, which are expected to bring new insights on how advanced digital production technologies are re-shaping the process of industrial development. It will furthermore elaborate on the possible responses that developing countries can take to prepare for these changes.

The event additionally aims to help stimulate thinking on future courses of action in terms of policymaking, development practices, research and advocacy.

The theme of the report is closely related to the theme of the eighteenth session of the General Conference. As such, the report will address key conditions necessary for innovation and transformation in industry and will outline relevant policies.

### KEY MESSAGES

- Why industrialization continues to be the main avenue for successful development in the current context of rapid technological change.
- How countries can, through industrialization, build and strengthen the skills and capabilities needed to succeed in the new technological paradigm.