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# Promoting Sustainable Industrial Parks and Low-Carbon Urban-Industrial Development for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization

Wednesday, 6 November 2019 | 1.30 – 3 p.m.

### OBJECTIVE

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognizes the importance of inclusive and sustainable industrialization and the infrastructure that supports it in order to eradicate poverty. Industrial parks (including its forms such as eco-industrial parks, agro-industrial parks and industrial zones) can serve to overcome constraints that developing countries face in achieving sustainable industrialization, including barriers related to access to information, technology, and finance; as well as high production and transaction costs due to lack of infrastructure and weak institutions. It also provides opportunities for the sustainable and inclusive industrialization of cities.

In line with the General Conference's theme of "Industry 2030 – Innovate. Connect. Transform our Future", this event focuses on promoting an innovative approach for developing inclusive and sustainable industrial parks and pursuing low-carbon urban-industrial development through an integrated framework of actors and stakeholders, including the promotion of UNIDO's "international guidelines for the development of industrial parks". The event also brings together and connects stakeholders and partners by organizing a platform for the exchange of know-how and experience on different aspects of industrial parks and showcase their contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular Goal 9. It also contributes towards streamlining and transforming UNIDO's approach on industrial parks and sustainable cities by ensuring coherence and alignment of activities, as well as strengthening local ownership, partnerships and investment promotion.

### KEY MESSAGES

- Development of competitive and sustainable industrial parks and the promotion of low-carbon urban-industrial development rely on an effective and well-functioning industrial policy and strategy that fosters partnerships and collaboration between different actors and stakeholders.
- Sustainable industrial parks and urban industries help accelerate industrial development by addressing infrastructure constraints, attracting investment, stimulating innovation, improving production efficiency and fostering social inclusion and environmental protection.