IDDA3 at a glance

**AfCFTA Launch:**
Since its initial launch in 2018, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) has reached the minimum threshold of 22 ratifications, and advanced to its operational phase in July 2019.

**Investment Promotion:**
At an EU-Africa Business Forum, held in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, in November 2017, over 1,000 business leaders and investors from Africa and Europe discussed ways to stimulate investments in key sectors in Africa.

**Upgrading Quality Standards:**
UNIDO and the West African Health Organization (WAHO) developed a regional good manufacturing practices roadmap and framework for upgrading quality standards of pharmaceutical manufacturing.

**Creative industry:**
A project provided vulnerable women in Madagascar with the skills to increase their income from less than $1 to $3 a day. Women weavers produced furniture, mats and bags from local materials, some of which are for export to Europe.

**Eco-Industrial Parks:**
An International Framework for Eco-Industrial Parks was published by UNIDO, the World Bank, and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit to guide policy-makers and practitioners.

**3 ADI+:**
The new Accelerated Agriculture and Agro-Industry Development Initiative Plus harnesses partnerships to support value chains and market systems development in various African countries.

**Pharma industry:**
NEPAD, WHO, UNIDO, World Bank, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and others drew up a treaty and business plan for the African Medicines Agency to support the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry in Africa.

**ICT observatory:**
A pilot project to create an information and communications technology observatory linking SADC Member States has the potential to improve subregional trade and industrialization through ICT.

**Agro-industrial parks:**
A feasibility study on integrated agro-industrial parks was carried out by UNDP, FAO, UNIDO and the Italian Cooperation, which led to the launch of parks in four regions of Ethiopia.

**LKDF Platform:**
With support from Sida and the Volvo Group, 420 young people in Zambia are studying engineering and applied sciences as part of the UNIDO-managed Learning and Knowledge Development Facility.

**Green Industry:**
A workshop held in South Africa in April 2018 discussed the twelve principles of green chemistry that can reduce waste, conserve energy conservation and replace hazardous substances.

**Agro-value chains:**
The establishment of six staple crop-processing zones in Nigeria will address supply-side constraints and improve the competitiveness of agro value chains.

**The Technology Bank for LDCs:**
The bank was inaugurated on 4 June 2018 in Gebze, Turkey and focuses on the preparation of science, technology and innovation (STI), technology needs assessment as well as promoting digital access to research and technical knowledge.
Pillar 1 — Global Forums

Under pillar I, UNIDO ensures that IDDA III is on the agenda of United Nations, African Union (AU) and African regional economic communities and seeks to organize side events at other major conferences.

A high-level event on IDDA III was co-organized by ECA, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (OSAA), UNIDO, AUC and AfDB in the margins of the United Nations General Assembly, titled “From Political Commitments to Actions on the Ground” in September 2017.

In November 2017, UNIDO organized an event entitled “Helping Africa leapfrog its industrial development”, that explored key elements and best practices for partnerships within the IDDA III framework.

Another high-level event on IDDA III was co-organized by ECA, AFDB, FAO, AUC and UNIDO on “Enhancing global partnerships for IDDA III: Key for successful implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)” and held in September 2018 in the margins of the 73rd session of the UNGA.

Pillar 2 — Strategic Support to Develop and Manage Industrial Policy Instruments

Pillar 2 covers strengthening governance, research and statistics, policy advice and institutional human capital development within regional economic communities, policy advice and institutional human capital development in individual countries.

UNIDO provided training to enhance the analytical capacity of the East African Community (EAC) secretariat staff to assess industrial performance. This led to the preparation by the EAC secretariat of the EAC Industrial Competitiveness Report in October 2017.

As part of a capacity development programme for policymakers in the SADC region, UNIDO helped organize a one-week training course in Johannesburg, South Africa, in September 2017, on industry policy and development economics.

Pillar 3 — Technical Cooperation

Pillar 3 focuses on implementing programmes and projects to boost industrialization, taking into account future prospects for manufacturing and industry.

The Modjo Leather City in Ethiopia is a modern and environmentally-conscious concentration of tanneries that will advance economic competitiveness by strengthening the leather value chain and provide employment.

In the United Republic of Tanzania, UNIDO helped increase the country’s renewable energy sector by installing eight small or mini-hydropower plants. A technical hub at the University of Dar es Salaam manufactures its own micro and mini hydropower turbines.

Pillar 4 — Cooperation at the Level of AU, Regional Economic Communities and Countries

Pillar 4 is concerned with the strengthening of cooperation with the African Union Commission (AUC) and regional economic communities, notably through the implementation of Accelerated Industrial Development for Africa (AIDA).

With UNIDO support, a new Implementation Coordination Unit (ICU) for the AIDA implementation was established, which enhances the capacities of the AUC Department of Trade and Industry, and coordinates and supports the programmes of the 3ADI initiative, PMPA and other continental frameworks focusing on industrial development in Africa.

In March 2018, UNIDO signed a new memorandum of understanding with the AU to strengthen cooperation in line with Agenda 2063. The joint AUC-UNIDO workplan focuses on issues such as capacity-building in industrial policy development and management.

Pillar 5 — Partnerships and Resource Mobilization

The success of the Decade relies on the mobilization of financial and technical resources. It is crucial to involve actors from government, the public and private sector, and multilateral and bilateral development cooperation agencies.

UNIDO and AfDB are working together on IDDA III priority areas. The Third Investing in Africa Forum was held under the China-Africa Cooperation Framework. A public-private Forum linked the African and Japanese private sectors.

The African Export-Import Bank promotes intra-African and extra-African trade. It is currently setting up a clearing mechanism allowing trade-related payments to be settled directly between two (typically not-convertible) currencies. Afreximbank will play a key role within the CFTA.

Pillar 6 — Communication and Advocacy

Pillar 6 features an outreach campaign to publicize IDDA III activities with particular focus on the achieved results and impact.

The IDDA III championship initiative aims at promoting and advocating the IDDA III implementation through the support and leadership of Heads of States and high-level dignitaries. Eight Heads of State have agreed to become IDDA III Champions for the period 2018-2020.
Partnerships

In 2014 UNIDO developed and introduced an innovative partnership model to support countries in advancing inclusive and sustainable industrial development: the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP). The PCP is a multi-stakeholder country-level partnership model that links efforts of the respective government, United Nations agencies, the business sector, global environmental financing mechanisms and financial institutions for the achievement of higher development impact. Through the PCP, UNIDO provides advisory services to the government on industry-related issues, leads programme design, delivers multidisciplinary technical assistance and facilitates overall coordination.

Under its PROGRAMME FOR COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP Ethiopia, UNIDO provided support on the establishment of three agropoles for high-potential value chains: fruits and vegetables, aquaculture and fisheries and livestock. Agropoles serve as geographical clusters of infrastructure and support services for SMEs operating in the agro-industrial sector.

Under its PROGRAMME FOR COUNTRY PARTNERSHIP Senegal, UNIDO is helping to establish three agropoles for high-potential value chains. A business model has been developed for the management of the first integrated industrial park in Senegal as well as incentives to attract public and private investment for infrastructure development.

Industry 4.0

INDUSTRY 4.0 increases the speed of innovation and benefits both employers and workers by shifting from centralized to decentralized smart manufacturing and production.

An event organized by UNIDO in November 2017 discussed the responses and strategies needed to face the challenges of Industry 4.0 as well as the role of international organizations in harnessing the benefits of Industry 4.0 in developing countries.

In February 2018, UNIDO hosted a public dialogue on Industry 4.0 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Participants stressed the importance of inclusiveness, system-wide education and adaptive skills development programmes to avoid leaving people behind in the wake of the digital transformation of industry and technological changes and to secure people’s jobs.

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