SELECTED KEY ACHIEVEMENTS
High-Level event in the margins of the 73rd UNGA (September 2018)

On 26 September 2018, a second IDDA III High-Level event was co-organized by AUC, UNECA, AfDB, UNIDO and FAO on “Enhancing global partnerships for IDDA III - Key for successful implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).” Considering the importance of the new and continent-wide African trade arrangement, the event focused on exploring key features of the IDDA III initiative and the AfCFTA, and how their implementation supports integration and synergies.

Launch of the IDDA III Champions Initiative (September 2018)

Successful realization of the objectives of the decade can only be attained with high level political commitment and involvement. Bearing this in mind, UNIDO has come up with an IDDA III championship initiative. The following eight Presidents have agreed to be Champions for the period 2018-2020: Presidents of Côte d’Ivoire, Egypt, Kenya, Malta, Niger, Senegal, South Africa and Zambia. The initiative will leverage high-level political leadership for the promotion and visibility of IDDA III.

UNIDO Roadmap for IDDA III implementation

As required by the IDDA III resolution and in order to kick-start its implementation, a UNIDO roadmap was developed based on six key pillars: Global forums; Strategic support to develop and manage industrial policy instruments; Technical cooperation; Cooperation at the level of the African Union, Regional Economic Communities and countries; Partnerships and resource mobilization; and Communication and advocacy. The roadmap outlines broad programmes and projects to be implemented in line with key areas of the resolution, including technology transfer, access to information and communications technology, productive diversification, agribusiness value chain development, trade capacity-building, renewable energy and energy efficiency, industrial policy, special economic zones and industrial parks, action on climate change and human capital development.

IDDA III Focal Points Workshop (March and July 2019)

Two Workshops with IDDA III Focal Points were held in March and July 2019 at the UN Headquarters in Vienna and in Geneva. The Workshops were attended by IDDA III Focal Points from over 25 different key implementing partners and provided a solid basis for the development of a Joint Roadmap and Flagship projects and programmes. The Joint Roadmap will be presented at the next IDDA III UNGA High-level Event to be held in September 2019.
Successful implementation of IDDA III requires innovative partnerships of stakeholders. UNIDO’s Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) is UNIDO’s innovative model for accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Member States. Aligned with the national development agenda and focused on sectors with high growth potential, the programme supports a country in achieving its industrial development goals. The PCP rests on a multi-stakeholder partnership led by the host government. It builds synergies with ongoing government and partner interventions relevant to industrial development. Initially piloted in Ethiopia and Senegal, the PCP is being expanded to other African countries, including Morocco in 2018. Four other African countries (Côte d’Ivoire, Egypt, Rwanda, and Zambia) are also scheduled to start implementation in 2019.

UNIDO co-organized EIB-Africa Day with the European Investment Bank (EIB), which was held on 22 November 2018 in Addis Ababa under the theme “Sustainable industrialization in Africa”. The event highlighted sustainable industrialization in Africa, ranging from how industrialization programmes can be implemented to identifying the right means to finance them.

UNIDO and the African Development Bank (AfDB) signed a memorandum of understanding in May 2018 to collaborate more closely on key IDDA III priority areas (such as agro-industry development; circular economy; eco-industrial parks; investment in innovation and technology). UNIDO and Afreximbank also signed a joint declaration in December 2018 on joint cooperation in the areas of value addition, trade linkages and market access for African industries.

UNIDO in co-operation with AUC, UNECA, AfDB and OSAA co-organized a High-level event on “The Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa: From political commitment to actions on the ground” held on 21 September 2017. Participants agreed on the importance of strengthening private sector engagement, in view of its fundamental role in driving growth, creating jobs, generating income and wealth, and contributing to fiscal revenue.