The Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) is UNIDO’s innovative multi-stakeholder partnership model for accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID). Led by the host government, the PCP builds synergies with ongoing government and partner interventions relevant to industrial development, and facilitates the mobilization of partners and resources to achieve larger development impact.

The model has gained international recognition and is hailed as a concrete model for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular 9 and 17. Following Ethiopia, Senegal, Peru, and Kyrgyz Republic, Cambodia is the first country in Southeast Asia adopting the PCP model. Tailored to the national development agenda, the Industry Development Policy (IDP 2015-2025), the PCP Cambodia has two core components: Agro Value Chain Development, and Industrial Diversification, Innovation and Special Economic Zones (SEZ) Development. The core components are supported by five cross-cutting components: Industrial Policy and Statistics, Quality Infrastructure, Sustainable Energy, Circular Economy, Women Empowerment & Youth Employment.

The aim of industrial policy related interventions is to strengthen institutional capacity for industrial policy design and its implementation. Relatedly, industrial statistics are of crucial importance for monitoring the industrial development progress and measuring the effect of industrial policies.

UNIDO PCP INTERVENTION

UNIDO can provide Cambodia with relevant interventions to support the development of legal and regulatory reforms and of skills and capabilities for policy design and assessment. In this context, UNIDO will support the effective implementation of the IDP 2015-2025 through the development of industrial policy capacity, the provision of strategic advice and knowledge, and the review and upgrade of industrial strategy and policy for Cambodia.

The Industrial Statistics component will not only support the development of a national statistical system, but also help other stakeholders concerned with the collection of baseline data and the monitoring of key development indicators to improve their capacities. The overall goal is to provide Cambodia with an increased capacity to develop evidence-based industrial policies in support of the SDGs.

The component supports these goals by:

- Providing support for inter-institutional and international cooperation and coordination;
- Building capacities to benchmark positioning in value chains through an industrial observatory;
- Strengthening the capacity of the Royal Government of Cambodia to compile timely, accurate and internationally comparable industrial statistics;
- Supporting Cambodia’s policy making and policy monitoring.

PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Partnership opportunities exist for multi- and bilateral donors, financial institutions, local and international business entities, industry associations and the civil society. For more information please contact: partnerships@unido.org or visit the UNIDO PCP website.