1. *This is a non-exhaustive list of existing and potential partners*

2. The Gambia and UNIDO have had fruitful and long-standing working relations since 1986. In 2008, UNIDO responded to the GoTG’s request to develop the first Country Programme in collaboration with UN WOMEN, the private sector, civil society and other agencies. The Programme paved the way for several overall intervention projects in the country.

At the regional level, in cooperation with various partners, UNIDO is implementing comprehensive programmes that the Gambia is benefiting from. The West Africa Competitiveness Programme (WACOMP) is a partnership between ECOMAS and the EU. The overall objective of the programme is to strengthen the competitiveness of West Africa region and to enhance the country’s integration into the regional and international trading system. UNIDO is also providing capacity-building for the ECOMAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREE) in the scope of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC). Moreover, the Gambia has benefited from UNIDO’s global initiative on Strengthening the local production of essential medicines in participating countries, including The Gambia and The Gambia.

3. **UNIDO and The Gambia’s Long-term Cooperation**

The programme’s roadmap includes the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) Roadmaps for participating countries, through the creation of the Good Manufacturing Practice (GN-SEC). Moreover, the Gambia has benefited from UNIDO’s global initiative on Strengthening the local production of essential medicines in participating countries, including The Gambia and The Gambia.

4. **Snapshot of Ongoing Projects**

**Strengthening Adaptive Capacities to Climate Change through Capacity Building for Small-Scale Enterprises and Communities Dependent on Coastal Fisheries in The Gambia**

The project seeks to increase adaptive capacities and Climate Change (CC) resilience of coastal fisheries and dependent populations by facilitating investments into the fisheries value chain and two resource areas, such as downstream waste management technologies. Furthermore, aquaculture and waste management good practices will be used to expand livelihood options of vulnerable populations.

**Increasing competitiveness through enhanced quality and compliance along the onion value chain**

Aiming to strengthen The Gambia’s competitiveness and improve its integration into the regional and international trading system, this project works to expand local onion production and trade. The project’s roadmap includes the provision of storage facilities, measurement and processing equipment as well as training programmes on standards and compliance along the onion value chain.

**Promoting the Use and Integration of Small to Medium-Scale Renewable Energy Systems in the Productive Sectors**

The project brings together young and vulnerable women from 39 villages in order to train them in the design, installation and maintenance of small solar irrigation systems. The project seeks to expand local solar irrigation systems, create the largest solar installation in The Gambia, and providing women with the tools and skills to embrace opportunities in the new, green economy.
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UNIDO’s long-term strategy of inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) was adopted by UNIDO Member States at the General Conference in December 2015. This strategy is UNIDO’s primary source of income generating to allow for rapid and sustained increases in living standards for all people, and provide the technological solutions for environmentally sound industrialization.

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The CP will be based upon the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2017-2021. The Agenda for Sustainable Development (UNSDCF) will also ensure appropriate positioning of the CP within the United Nations system in The Gambia, for the period 2021 to 2025. Through the UNDAF, UNIDO is championing, in particular, the implementation of the SDGs in The Gambia, with the aim to ‘build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation’. Through its catalytic interventions, UNIDO also contributes to the achievement of multiple other SDGs.

By working closely with other UN agencies in the country under the UN Resident Coordinator’s leadership, UNIDO will also ensure appropriate positioning of the CP within the UN Country Programme (UNDAF) cycle based on the Country Common Assessment (CCA). UNIDO will explore potential synergies with other UN entities and pursue joint initiatives that contribute to implementation of both the current and the new UNDAF in The Gambia.

The Programme’s objective is to enhance The Gambia’s production and trade capacity towards increased food security, income and employment generation, poverty reduction and economic transformation. The structure of the Programme is patterned after the three thematic pillars, in line with UNIDO’s ISID mandate, whilst the fourth pillar – Strengthening knowledge and institutions – will be addressed as a cross-cutting theme.

1. National and International Policy Framework

Drawing from the achievements of the former CP and individual projects, the Country Programme provides a practical guide for UNIDO’s interventions in The Gambia over the next 5-year period. The CP is built on established national industrial development priorities enshrined in the country’s long-term vision and national development plans. UNIDO has assisted the country in activating the goals set by the Vision 2020, with a focus on the areas of industry, infrastructures, environment, energy, and trade, and will provide support in the implementation of the subsequent long-term vision, currently under formulation by the MoFA.

Moreover, the Programme supports the implementation of the National Development Plan of the Gambia (2016-2025) and will be aligned with the subsequent plan, to achieve key strategic priorities through initiatives promoting increased food production in the agricultural and fisheries sector, enhanced national efficiency and effectiveness, improved policy and regulatory frameworks and infrastructure for green economy, and more.

2. Country Programme Objective and Components

The CP is divided into the following thematic pillars, in line with UNIDO’s ISID mandate, whilst the fourth pillar – Strengthening knowledge and institutions – will be addressed as a cross-cutting theme:

- Value chains and agro-industry development support
- Strengthening MSMEs, entrepreneurship development
- Green industrialization, promoting green energy, energy efficiency, cleaner production and waste management
- Supporting industrial technology parks/processing zones as well as industrial structuring projects.