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(IDDA III)**

Report on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)

Report by the Director General

The present report responds to the request of the Industrial Development Board in its decision IDB.46/Dec.13, to regularly report on the progress made on IDDA III. It follows up on IDB.47/12 and GC.18/10 and should be considered in conjunction with the information on IDDA III contained in Chapters 6 and 7 of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2019*.

I. Introduction

1. In its resolution [70/293](#), adopted on 25 July 2016, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed the period 2016-2025 as the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) and requested the African Union Commission (AUC), the New Partnership for Africa's Development, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) and, specifically, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to develop, operationalize and lead the implementation of the programme for IDDA III.

II. Progress made in the implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)

2. Over the reporting period, UNIDO continued to implement various programmes and projects in line with resolution [70/293](#) which invited UNIDO, as the United Nations specialized agency for industrialization, in close collaboration with the African Union, to scale up its technical assistance to African countries in accordance with its mandate to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) for the successful implementation of IDDA III.

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Technical assistance activities

3. UNIDO's flagship Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) was expanded to cover four additional countries (Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Rwanda and Zambia) to support their respective industrialization goals. The PCPs in Ethiopia and Senegal advanced in implementation through an increasing number of partners involved in the realization of large-scale industrial projects. In Ethiopia, the construction of four pilot integrated agro-industrial parks (IAIPs) were 70 per cent complete as of November 2019. Development partners earmarked over \$600 million towards the IAIPs to augment the Government's resources. In Senegal, UNIDO provided support to the operationalization of three industrial parks. In parallel, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the Islamic Development Bank committed funding to support the development of selected agro-poles. In Morocco, development of nine new technical projects was initiated.

4. Several Country Programmes (CPs) continue to be implemented. As of January 2020, 10 CPs were under implementation in Angola, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, while nine were under formulation. Projects that were implemented under the various CPs included support towards industrial policy development and statistics; SME development; promotion of an enabling environment for business facilitation and enterprise competitiveness; promotion of energy access and environmental management.

5. UNIDO also continued to provide technical support at the regional level. In West Africa, a new phase of the competitiveness and quality infrastructure project funded by the European Union (EU) was launched. In the Southern African Development Community, a project to support the development of markets for energy efficient lighting and appliances across East and Southern Africa was also initiated. The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa and UNIDO collaborated on the development and implementation of the Regional Enterprise Competitiveness and Access to Market Programme in the context of the 11th European Development Fund. UNIDO interventions will focus on the development and management of industrial parks, clusters and special economic zones, as well as on investment promotion and building the regional standards and quality management capacity of firms.

Normative activities

6. The joint Roadmap for the Implementation of the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (2016–2025), initiated in early 2019, was finalized together with key IDDA III implementing partners. It comprises six pillars: global forums; strategic support to develop and manage industrial policy instruments; technical cooperation and investment to accelerate Africa's industrialization; cooperation at the level of the African Union, Regional Economic Communities and countries; partnerships and resource mobilization; and communication and advocacy. The development of a robust monitoring and evaluation framework has been initiated and is expected to be completed by mid-May 2020.

7. The comprehensive overview of all programmes and projects implemented by various stakeholders in support of Africa's industrial development, requested in decision IDB.46/Dec.13, was initiated. A mapping and data collection tool was developed and is being tested with selected IDDA III implementing partners prior to wider application.

8. Activities under the IDDA III Championship initiative were intensified during the reporting period. As IDDA III Champions, several Heads of State engaged in various activities to support Africa's industrialization. These included advocacy in various forums, such as the IDDA III high-level event held in September 2019 in the margins of the UNGA; the UNIDO General Conference held in November 2019 in Abu Dhabi; and the thirty-third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State

and Government of the African Union held in February 2020 during which it was decided to hold an African industrialization and economic diversification summit in November 2020. Several high-level bilateral meetings were held between IDDA III Champions and the UNIDO Director General during the reporting period, including with the Presidents of Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Kenya, Madagascar, Niger, Senegal, and Zambia.

9. In 2019, an IDDA III focal point's initiative was operationalized aiming to strengthen coordination with external stakeholders. It is currently comprised of focal points in 28 institutions. Two coordination mechanisms with external stakeholders have also been put in place, namely the IDDA III Expert Working Group and the Inter-Institutional Steering Committee.

Global Forums

10. In September 2019, the high-level event "Promoting innovation and infrastructure development: A pathway for boosting manufacturing in Africa in the Fourth Industrial Revolution" was held in collaboration with AUC, UNECA, AfDB, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), AfroChampions and Afreximbank. Attended by high-level participants including two Heads of State and one Vice-President, as well as heads of international organizations and prominent representatives of the African private sector, the meeting acknowledged the importance of scaling up investments in physical and digital infrastructure to unlock Africa's full potential.

11. In August 2019, UNIDO held a side event in the margins of the Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD 7) in Yokohama. Co-organized with the AUC and AfDB, the theme of the side event was "Promoting Africa's structural transformation and economic diversification, in the context of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), IDDAIII and TICAD 7: Partnering for Africa's future."

12. On 20 November 2019, Africa Industrialization Day was celebrated both at UNIDO Headquarters and in field offices. Held under the theme "Positioning African Industry to Supply the AfCFTA Market", the celebrations provided a platform for participants to discuss the opportunities stemming from the AfCFTA. In Ethiopia, UNIDO supported the AUC in holding the Africa Industrialization Week from 16 to 22 November 2019. The event brought together various stakeholders and provided an opportunity for countries that have made progress in their industrialization to share best practices, with special attention given to the development of start-ups.

Collaboration with other agencies

13. In East Africa, UNIDO, the International Trade Centre (ITC), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GIZ) and national partners continued to collaborate on a €35 million project providing assistance to SMEs to increase exports of selected agribusiness products to the European market.

14. A joint project between the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and UNIDO, funded by the EU, focused on transferring environmentally sound technology continued to be implemented in the southern Mediterranean region. In Algeria, assistance provided to targeted enterprises under the project led to energy savings of 29.8 gigawatt, water savings of 435,489 m³ and a reduction in solid waste of 819.3 tons per year.

15. UNIDO collaborated with the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UNOHRLLS) to organize the 8th Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The conference was hosted in Abu Dhabi and took place on 2 November 2019, preceding the UNIDO General Conference. It

explored strategies for industrialization in LDCs beyond 2020, taking into account lessons learned under the Istanbul Plan of Action for LDCs, which comes to an end this year. One of the main outcomes of the conference was the Ministerial Declaration, which emphasized the need for the next LDC plan of action to be developed based on lessons learned. It additionally contained a strong reflection of UNIDO's mandate of ISID.

16. Since Africa Day 2020, held in Dakar, Senegal, on 27 February 2020 and organized by the European Investment Bank and the Government of Senegal, UNIDO has been in contact with UN-Habitat to develop joint initiatives in the urbanization-industrialization nexus, which is a central concern of policymakers across the continent. UN-Habitat posits that without industrialization, rapid rural-urban migration will fuel unemployment and increase poverty in cities.

III. Outlook

17. *Organization of a Summit on Africa's Industrialization:* In its decision AU/Dec.751 (XXXIII), the African Union has called on UNIDO, together with UNECA and AfroChampions, to support the organization of the summit during Africa Industrialization Week from 16 to 22 November 2020.

18. *Operationalization of IDDA III Secretariat:* The establishment of the secretariat, approved by the UNIDO Executive Board in February 2020, is expected to take place as soon as possible. The secretariat will manage and coordinate activities within the IDDA III framework.

19. *Development of a monitoring and evaluation framework and resource mobilization strategy for the joint road map.*

20. *Roll-out of a comprehensive overview of programmes and projects being implemented by various stakeholders in support of Africa's industrialization:* The exercise will be carried out using a mapping and data collection tool that has been developed.

21. *Joint programme and project development:* This will build on work already initiated with various stakeholders and IDDA III partners.

22. *Regional sensitization workshops:* These workshops will be held with the different Regional Economic Communities to enhance the common understanding and ownership of IDDA III and to develop regional projects.

23. *IDDA III Champions initiative:* Implementation of activities within this initiative will continue to be enhanced. Several activities with IDDA III Championship initiative are foreseen to be implemented based on the 2020 Plan of Action.

24. *Submission of UNGA progress report:* The fourth edition of the annual progress report is under preparation and is scheduled for submission to the Secretary-General in July 2020.

IV. Action required of the Committee

25. The Committee may wish to take note of the information in the present document.
