



Industrial Development Board

Forty-ninth session

Vienna, 12–15 July 2021

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda

Opening of the session

The forty-ninth session of the Board will be opened by the outgoing President of the Board, H.E. Mr. D. Djumala (Indonesia).

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the forty-ninth session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the States included in List D of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among the African States included in List A, the States included in List B and the States included in List C, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the Asian States included in List A.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the forty-ninth session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.48/Dec.15, as well as on the agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the Programme and Budget Committee, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document IDB.49/1.

The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda (IDB.49/1)
- Annotated provisional agenda (IDB.49/1/Add.1)
- List of documents (IDB.49/CRP.1)

For reasons of economy, this document has not been printed. Delegates are kindly requested to bring their copies of documents to meetings.



Item 3. Annual report of the Director General for 2020

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization. The annual report will be presented through the thirty-seventh session of the Programme and Budget Committee¹ to the current session of the Board. Annotations in relation to the annual report and its content were contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the Committee session (PBC.37/1/Add.1/Rev.1). In line with Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution and decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States have been invited to deliver statements, including information on their activities related to the work of the Organization, at the thirty-seventh session of the Committee. With a view to enhancing the debate on the item, Member States are requested to bear in mind the statements to be delivered at the Committee and to focus their interventions to any further developments of note.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2020* (PBC.37/2-IDB.49/2)

Item 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee shall “report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative”. The report of the Committee on the work of its thirty-seventh session will be reflected in document IDB.49/16. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the thirty-seventh session of the Committee (PBC.37/1/Add.1). At its thirty-seventh session, the Committee is expected to recommend to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, to be indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below.

4. (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2020

- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2020 (PBC.37/3-IDB.49/3)
- Annexes to the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2020 (unaudited) (PBC.37/CRP.2)
- Comments on the Report of the External Auditor. Note by the UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (PBC.37/CRP.3)

4. (b) Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General (PBC.37/4-IDB.49/4)
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.49/CRP.2)

4. (c) Report by the Informal Working Group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues

- Informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-chairs (PBC.37/15-IDB.49/15)

4. (d) Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2022–2023

- Scale of assessments for the fiscal period 2022–2023. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.37/6-IDB.49/6)

¹ The thirty-seventh session of the Programme and Budget Committee will take place from 26 to 28 May 2021.

4. (e) Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2022–2023

- Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2022–2023. Proposals by the Director General (PBC.37/7-IDB.49/7)

4. (f) Mobilization of financial resources

- Funding performance. *Annual Report of UNIDO 2020* (PBC.37/2-IDB.49/2, chapter 8)
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, thematic and individual trust funds, and other voluntary contributions in 2020 (PBC.37/CRP.5)

4. (g) General risk management

- General risk management. Report by the Director General (PBC.37/9-IDB.49/9)

4. (h) Appointment of an External Auditor

- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Report by the Director General (PBC.37/10-IDB.49/10)
- Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor. Note by the Secretariat (PBC.37/CRP.6)

4. (i) Updated medium-term investment proposals

- Medium-term investment proposals, 2021–2024. Report by the Director General (PBC.37/11-IDB.49/11)

Item 5. Programme and budgets, 2022–2023

In accordance with Article 14.3 of the Constitution, the Board shall examine the proposals of the Director General together with any recommendations of the Programme and Budget Committee and adopt the programme of work, the regular budget and the operational budget for submission to the Conference for consideration and approval.

Through decision GC.18/Dec.14 (f)(iii), the Conference requested the Director General to establish the draft budget 2022–2023 according to results-based budgeting principles.

The Board will have before it:

- Programme and budgets, 2022–2023. Proposals by the Director General (PBC.37/5-IDB.49/5)

Item 6. Medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025

In accordance with decision GC.15/Dec.17 (e) and (f), the Board considered at its forty-third session, a proposal by the Director General for the medium-term programme framework, 2016–2019 (IDB.43/9 and IDB.43/9/Add.1). Furthermore, in line with decision IDB.44/Dec.10, the Board considered at its forty-fifth session the Director General's proposals for the medium-term programme framework, 2018–2021 (IDB.45/8, Add.1 and Add.2), including an integrated results and performance framework with baseline and target values, taking into account the recommendations of the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development.

A proposal by the Director General for the medium-term programme framework 2022–2025 is submitted to the Board, through the Committee for consideration and adoption.

The Board will thus have before it:

- Medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025. Proposals by the Director General (PBC.37/8-IDB.49/8)

Item 7. UNIDO’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic

In accordance with rule 12 of the rules of procedure, the Director General proposed this supplementary agenda item to provide the Board with information on UNIDO’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In accordance with Board decision IDB.48/Dec.4, the Director General will update the Board through the thirty-seventh session of the Programme and Budget Committee on UNIDO’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic highlighting UNIDO’s support to affected countries towards an inclusive and environmentally sustainable recovery from the socioeconomic impact of the pandemic, particularly in the retention and recovery of employment in industries, manufacturing and its associated productive sectors, and the restoration of livelihoods in respective supply chains, in line with the UNIDO COVID-19 response framework and UNIDO’s mandate to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development.

The Board will have before it:

- Update on UNIDO’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Report by the Director General (PBC.37/12-IDB.49/12)

Item 8. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

At its sixteenth session, the General Conference requested the Director General to report to Member States on UNIDO’s contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda, taking into consideration the report of the United Nations Secretary-General, and the Global Indicator Framework (GC.16/Res.2). In the same resolution, the General Conference also requested the Director General to continue to actively contribute and pursue a leading role for UNIDO in the ongoing discussions with other international organizations and stakeholders on the follow-up and review mechanism for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda. At its forty-fourth session, the Board reiterated the commitment of UNIDO and its Member States to the realization of the 2030 Agenda (decision IDB.44/Dec.9). Reports on UNIDO’s contribution to the 2030 Agenda were provided regularly to the Board and the General Conference.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Report by the Director General (IDB.49/17)

Item 9. UNIDO and the United Nations development system reform

Under this item, the Board will consider a report submitted to the thirty-seventh session of the Programme and Budget Committee on the United Nations development system reform.

Decision IDB.46/Dec.12 requires that the Director General reports regularly on the United Nations development system reform to the Programme and Budget Committee, the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference of UNIDO. Furthermore, through decision GC.18/Dec.14(f)(i)(b), the Conference requested the Director General to continue financing the United Nations Resident Coordinator system, and to proactively contribute to the process and the review of the cost-sharing formula for the calculation of contributions to the Resident Coordinator system, within the UNSDG, in the best interest of the Organization, bearing in mind inter alia the implications of the Organization’s current cost-sharing contribution on its regular budget, and regularly report to Member States, including to the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board.

The Board will have before it:

- United Nations development system reform. Report by the Director General (PBC.37/14-IDB.49/14)

Item 10. Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)

The United Nations General Assembly resolution [70/293](#) on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 2016–2025 (IDDA III) mandated UNIDO, as one of the lead Organizations, to develop, operationalize and spearhead the implementation of IDDA III as well as enhance technical assistance and efforts towards resource mobilization for African countries specifically for this purpose.

In its resolution GC.18/Res.6, the General Conference requested the Director General to report regularly to the policymaking organs on the tangible progress in terms of concrete implementation and impact at national levels, as well as the feedback from development partners, with a view to sustaining momentum for resource mobilization and supporting data collection.

Under this item, the Board will consider a report submitted to the thirty-seventh session of the Programme and Budget Committee on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III).

The Board will have before it:

- Report on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). Report by the Director General (PBC.37/13-IDB.49/13)

Item 11. UNIDO activities in the environment and energy

Through resolution GC.18/Res.7, the Conference requested the Director General to continue to integrate and scale up the energy and environment activities, focusing on (a) supporting Governments and industries to provide sustainable and resilient soft and hard infrastructure for industrial development, including favourable regulatory frameworks, sustainable design, eco-industrial parks, sustainable energy supply, and access to water; (b) supporting industries to contribute to climate neutrality and circular economy by adopting energy and resource efficient manufacturing practices and innovations in design, production processes and product lifespan management; (c) supporting Governments and industries in fulfilling national commitments under multilateral climate and environmental agreements.

In the same resolution, the Conference requested the Director General to report to the forty-eighth session of the Industrial Development Board on further developments regarding the implementation of resolution GC.18/Res.7.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO activities in the environment and energy. Report by the Director General (IDB.49/18)

Item 11. (a) Outcome of the consultations on circular economy

Through resolution GC.18/Res.7, the Conference requested the Director General to organize technical meetings and consultations for experts from Member States on circular economy, with a view to facilitating exchanges on best practices, and emerging innovations and the promotion and adoption of circular economy principles and practices by industries of Member States, as well as to continue undertaking formal and informal briefings, as recommended in General Conference resolution GC.17/Res.4 (i).

Under this item, the Board will be updated on the outcome of the consultations on circular economy convened by UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- Report of the consultations on circular economy. Report by the Director General (IDB.49/19)

- Outcome of the consultations on circular economy. Recommendations by the Co-Chairs (IDB.49/CRP.3)

Item 12. Inclusive and sustainable development in middle-income countries

Through resolution GC.17/Res.6 the General Conference requested the Director General to identify and discuss with Member States a strategic framework for collaboration of UNIDO, within its mandate and resources, with middle-income countries aiming at facilitating inclusive and sustainable industrial development in this group of countries. At its forty-sixth session, the Board considered a report by the Director General containing the proposed strategic framework (IDB.46/13). Through decision IDB.46/Dec.10, the Board requested the Director General to organize consultations with Member States for the finalization of the draft strategic framework, to present it for consideration to the Board at its forty-seventh session.

At its eighteenth session, the Conference adopted the UNIDO strategic framework for partnering with middle-income countries, as contained in Board decision IDB.47/Dec.7 and requested the Director General to prepare a workplan for its implementation which was considered at the forty-eighth session of the Board (IDB.48/15). The Board requested the Director General, through decision IDB.48/Dec.7, to finalize the workplan through consultations with Member States, ensuring the inclusion of recovery efforts in the context of the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into consideration opportunities at the United Nations system level offered by the reform of the United Nations development system, and present it for consideration to the Board at its forty-ninth session.

The Board will have before it:

- Inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries. Report by the Director General (IDB.49/20)

Item 13. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit

In accordance with the follow-up scheme to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following documents:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director General (IDB.49/21)
- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Note by the Director General (IDB.49/CRP.4)

Item 14. UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

Decision IDB.44/Dec.4 established the UNIDO Independent Audit Advisory Committee, the name of which was changed through decision IDB.48/Dec.5 to Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. At the proposal of the Chairperson of the Independent Audit Advisory Committee, the Board approved revised terms of reference of the committee, as contained in the annex to the decision.

The revised terms of reference specify that the “Oversight Committee shall report to the Board through an annual report containing its advice, as well as the results of an annual self-assessment of the effectiveness and compliance with these terms of reference.” Furthermore, the terms of reference specify that the “report will be presented to the Board, including any Management response.”

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Report by the Chair (IDB.49/22)
- Report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Management Response (IDB.49/22/Add.1)

Item 15. Evaluation and internal oversight activities

With its decision IDB.44/Dec.3, the Board mandated the establishment of an effective and functionally and operationally independent Office of Internal Oversight. On this basis, the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight will submit annual reports on internal oversight and on evaluation activities to the Board for its consideration. Evaluation reports are made publicly available on the UNIDO website upon issuance. Audit reports are made available for Member States on the UNIDO Extranet, when issued throughout the year. These reports include agreed management action plans.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Internal oversight activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.49/23)
- Evaluation activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.49/24)

Item 16. Personnel matters

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18, the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of any recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system. The documentation under this item will also contain information on personnel-related developments in UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director General (IDB.49/25)
- Personnel matters. Annexes to the report by the Director General (IDB.49/CRP.5)
- List of UNIDO staff. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.49/CRP.6)

Item 17. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

The General Conference in its decision GC.1/Dec.41 established guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in article 19.1 of the Constitution. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status. Accordingly, the Board shall decide whether to grant consultative status to the organizations concerned in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference.

The Board will therefore have before it information concerning organizations on which decisions are required:

- Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status. Note by the Director General (IDB.49/26)

Item 18. Recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director General

Pursuant to Article 11.2 of the Constitution, Rule 61 of the rules of procedure of the Board and in compliance with decision IDB.45/Dec.3, the Board will decide upon the recommendation of a candidate for the post of Director General to the

nineteenth session of the General Conference to be convened from 29 November to 3 December 2021.

The Board will have before it:

- Candidates for the post of Director General. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.49/27)
- Draft contract for appointment of the Director General. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.49/28)

Item 19. Preparations for the nineteenth session of the General Conference

At its eighteenth session, the General Conference decided that its nineteenth session shall be held in Vienna from 29 November to 3 December 2021 (decision GC.18/Dec.17). In accordance with Article 9.4 (g) of the Constitution, the Board shall prepare the provisional agenda for the Conference. A list of agenda items for consideration by the Conference as well as a draft schedule of work will be included as annexes to the following document:

- Preparations for the nineteenth session of the General Conference. Report by the Director General (IDB.49/29)

Item 20. Provisional agenda and date of the fiftieth session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the fiftieth session. Note by the Director General (IDB.49/CRP.7)

The following dates have been reserved for the policymaking organs of UNIDO in 2021, 2022 and 2023:

2021

29 November–3 December 2021 General Conference, nineteenth session

2022

21–22 June 2022
(*tentative*) Programme and Budget Committee,
thirty-eighth session

21–23 November 2022
(*tentative*) Industrial Development Board,
fiftieth session

2023

15–17 May 2023
(*tentative*) Programme and Budget Committee,
thirty-ninth session

3–6 July 2023
(*tentative*) Industrial Development Board,
fifty-first session

27 November–1 December 2023
(*tentative*) General Conference, twentieth session

Item 21. Adoption of the report

In accordance with rule 71 of the rules of procedure, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.