



STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA ON AGENDA ITEM 3 DELIVERED BY AMB. ROBINSON NJERU GITHAU, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, DURING THE 49TH SESSION OF THE UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) HELD FROM THE 12TH TO 15TH JULY, 2021.

AGENDA ITEM 3: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR 2020

Madam President,

I wish to congratulate you **H.E Ambassador Dominika KROIS**, Permanent Representative of Poland, as you assume the Presidency of this 49th Session of Industrial Development Board. I assure you and the Bureau of my delegations' full support.

I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing President, **H.E. Ambassador Darmansjah DJUMALA**, Permanent Representative of Indonesia and members of the Bureau of the 48th Session, for the exemplary work done amidst the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic.

I also appreciate the Director General, **Mr. Li Yong** and the Secretariat for their commitment and tireless efforts that ensured timely circulation of the required reports.

Madam President,

My delegation takes note of the **Annual Report of the Director General for 2020** as presented in document IDB 49/2.

We align ourselves with the statements made by the G77 and China, and the Africa Group on this agenda item, and we wish to make the following comments in our National capacity:

1. Kenya commends the Director General for his report, which included the expansion of the flagship Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) to Tanzania and launch of the PCP Self-Starter in Kenya, as part of the priority areas of the **Third Industrial Decade for Africa (IDDA III)**.
2. I take this opportunity to commend the Secretariat for the close collaboration with the Kenya Government, which led to the joint launch of the PCP Self-Starter for Kenya on **22nd January, 2021** by **H.E Uhuru Kenyatta**, President of the Republic of Kenya and Director General Mr. Li Yong.



3. The PCP Self-starter will support both public and private sector institutions in Kenya to strengthen key elements of industrial productive capacity such as innovation, skills and technology transfer, as well as industrial financing and industrial knowledge. This will help enhance Kenya's traditional market-based economy and the existing institutional structures for industrial development.
4. We commend the Director General for the commitment to ensure that UNIDO provides the necessary sustained technical support for the PCP Self-Starter implementation as accorded to the traditional PCPs. In this regard, we thank the Secretariat for the technical support in the PCP self-starter document preparation, and we look forward to the joint signing ceremony of the final Document.

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5. During the launch of the PCP Self-Starter for Kenya, the Integrated Agro Industrial Parks (IAIP) in the County of Nyamira was also launched. The implementation of this anchor Integrated Agro Industrial Park, is the first step in the potential Kenya has to develop Agro-processing facilities in 41 of the 47 counties. The Government has allocated 265 acres of land and an initial USD. 1 Million towards the Nyamira IAIP.
6. In addition to our reporting at the 37th Session of the Programme and Budget Committee, we wish to update that the feasibility study that was being undertaken to sensitize key stakeholders was concluded this June. To this end, we take this opportunity to thank the Government of China for the support extended through UNIDO for the feasibility study.
7. The implementation of the industrial parks and the enhancement of value addition processes and market access, provides the opportunity for Kenya to enter the largest global markets with competitive goods and products.
8. In this regard, the Kenya Government has committed to providing conducive business environment and support the establishment of Industrial and Special Economic Zones that will provide a competitive platform for industrial development.
9. We call on UNIDO's stakeholders and partners to consider the available opportunities for investment and expansion of trade, and also as a crucial part in the steps towards accelerating industrial transformation in Africa's economies.



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10. The implementation of the industrial parks and the enhancement of value addition processes and market access, provides the opportunity for Kenya to enter the largest global markets with competitive goods and products. Further, the Kenya Government has committed to providing conducive business environment and support the establishment of Industrial and Special Economic Zones that will provide a competitive platform for industrial development.
11. In this regard, we call on UNIDO's stakeholders and partners to consider the available opportunities for investment and expansion of trade, and also as a crucial part in the steps towards accelerating industrial transformation in Africa's economies.
12. I cannot conclude ***Madam President***, without lauding the ongoing coordination between the UNIDO Country Office in Nairobi and the respective Ministries involved in the implementation of UNIDO programmes, including consultations on the PCP Self-Starter. Such engagements not only ensure effective and timely implementation of activities, but also attainment of concrete outcomes, that are beneficial to Member States.

I Thank You.