



**STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KENYA ON AGENDA ITEM 10 DELIVERED BY AMB. ROBINSON NJERU GITHAE, PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE, DURING THE 49<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE UNIDO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB) HELD FROM THE 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021**

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**Agenda Item 10: Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa**

***Madam President,***

Kenya takes note of the Report on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) as presented, and appreciates the Director General of UNIDO and the Secretariat for their efforts in relation to this agenda.

We align ourselves with the statements made by the G-77 and China and the African Group, and wish to make the following remarks in our National Capacity:

***Madam President,***

1. Kenya commends UNIDO and all stakeholders of the IDDA III for their efforts towards its full implementation. We note the expansion of the flagship Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) to Tanzania and the launching of the PCP Self-Starter in Kenya in October 2020 and January 2021 respectively.
2. As one of the Champions of the IDDA III, **H.E Uhuru Kenyatta**, President of the Republic of Kenya is committed to support UNIDO in mobilizing resources for IDDA III implementation in Africa.
3. In this regard, H.E. President Uhuru Kenyatta jointly with Director General Mr. Li Yong, launched the PCP Self-Starter for Kenya on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2021. It is envisioned that the PCP self-starter will support both public and private sector institutions to strengthen key elements of industrial productive capacity. This will help enhance Kenya's traditional market-based economy and the existing institutional structures for industrial development.
4. Further, the adoption of the PCP model is a clear manifestation of his Government's commitment to ensure that Kenya tangibly contributes to the IDDA III implementation results, including an increase in budgetary allocation for the manufacturing sector in support of the PCP implementation.
5. During the PCP self-starter launch, the implementation of the anchor Integrated Agro Industrial Parks in the County of Nyamira was also



launched, as a first step in the potential Kenya has to develop Agro-processing facilities in 41 of the 47 counties. The implementation of the integrated agro-industrial parks will contribute to value chain development, especially in rural poor areas so as to ensure that the furthest behind are included in the development agenda.

6. We have also taken note of the progress made in the implementation of PCP's, as well as Country Programmes. We urge UNIDO to expand the programmes to more African countries.

***Madam President,***

7. The operationalization of the IDDA III Secretariat is at the core of the implementation of the programmes and projects under the IDDA III if we are to achieve targets within the timelines set in the Joint Road Map.
8. In view of this, Kenya believes that it is important that Member States are continuously updated on the progress in the operationalization of the IDDA III Secretariat, and also consulted on the key deliverables and activities of the Secretariat.

***Finally, Madam President,***

9. The PCP model could be an entry-point for Public-Private-Partnership to harness opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Area which is now operational. In this regard, Kenya is ready and committed to build synergies with other stakeholders, including the private sector and development partners in PCP self-starter priority intervention areas, which include:
  - Agro-processing
  - Trade and Investment Promotion
  - Industrial Zones
  - ICT and Digitalization
  - Green industry
  - Research and Policy
  - Blue economy
10. We believe that the priority intervention areas are not only relevant to industrial development but will also support national priorities such as food security and manufacturing, while enhancing diversification of the economy and regional value chain development which will support the attainment of SDGs.

**I thank you.**