

**Industrial Development Board****Fiftieth session**

Vienna, 21–23 November 2022

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

**Adoption of the agenda****Annotated provisional agenda****Opening of the session**

The fiftieth session of the Board will be opened by the outgoing President of the Board, H.E. Ms. Dominika Krois (Poland).

**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 fiftieth session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the States included in List C of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among African States included in List A, Asian States included in List A and States included in List B, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the States included in List D.

**Item 2. Adoption of the agenda**

A provisional agenda for the fiftieth session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.49/Dec.15, and updated to reflect mandates emanating from the nineteenth session of the General Conference and the thirty-eighth session of the Programme and Budget Committee, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document [IDB.50/1](#).

The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda ([IDB.50/1](#))
- Annotated provisional agenda ([IDB.50/1/Add.1](#))
- List of documents (IDB.50/CRP.1)

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### Item 3. Annual report of the Director General for 2021

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 was presented, through the thirty-eighth session of the Programme and Budget Committee,<sup>1</sup> 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.38/1/Add.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-eighth session of the Committee. With a view to enhancing the debate on the item, Member States are requested to bear in mind the statements delivered at the Committee and to focus their interventions on any further developments of note.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2021* (IDB.50/2-PBC.38/2)

#### (a) Managing for results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025

In paragraphs (e) and (f) of decision GC.15/Dec.17, the Conference requested a medium-term programme framework (MTPF) for four years. Through decision IDB.44/Dec.10, the Board requested an updated MTPF for the period 2018–2021 (IDB.45/8, Add.1 and Add.2), including the integrated results and performance framework (IRPF) with baseline and target values.

In line with the four-year horizon established by IDB.44/Dec.10, a proposal by the Director General for the medium-term programme framework 2022–2025 (IDB.49/8) was submitted to the thirty-seventh session of the Programme and Budget Committee and the forty-ninth session of the Industrial Development Board.

The implementation of the IRPF saw major advancements driven by the MTPF 2018–2021, and has been fully consolidated and mainstreamed in the MTPF 2022–2025. This includes the continuous development of guidance, tools, templates and capacity-building initiatives, as well as fine-tuning of the integration of the IRPF with UNIDO’s enterprise resource planning system.

With the MTPF 2022–2025, the application of the IRPF for decision-making is fully realized at the highest level of official organizational strategic planning processes. The IRPF provides the shared structure for the alignment of the MTPF, the results-based programme and budgets, 2022–2023 (IDB.49/5-PBC.37/5), organizational workplans and the annual report.

An update on the implementation of the MTPF as it relates to managing for results was presented to the thirty-eighth session of the Programme and Budget Committee.

The Board will have before it:

- Managing for Results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025. Report by the Director General (IDB.50/5-PBC.38/5)
- UPDATE – Managing for Results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025. Report by the Director General (PBC.38/CRP.5)

### 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

<sup>1</sup> The thirty-eighth session of the Programme and Budget Committee took place on 21 and 22 June 2022.

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-eighth session is reflected in document [IDB.50/13](#). The following subjects and documentation, dealt with by the Committee at its thirty-eighth session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the thirty-eighth session of the Committee ([PBC.38/1/Add.1](#)). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below.

**(a) Report of the External Auditor for 2021**

- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2021 ([IDB.50/3-PBC.38/3](#))
- Annexes to the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2021 (unaudited) (PBC.38/CRP.2)
- Comments on the Report of the External Auditor. Note by the UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (PBC.38/CRP.3)

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

- Conclusion 2022/2 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/4-PBC.38/4](#))
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.50/CRP.2)
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Update by the Secretariat (IDB.50/CRP.3)

**(c) Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues**

- Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-Chairs ([IDB.50/6-PBC.38/6](#))
- Update on the report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-Chairs (IDB.50/CRP.4)

**(d) Mobilization of financial resources**

- Conclusion 2022/3 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Funding performance. *Annual Report of UNIDO 2021* ([IDB.50/2-PBC.38/2](#), chapter 8)
- Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/7/Rev.1-PBC.38/7/Rev.1](#))
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, thematic and individual trust funds, and other voluntary contributions in 2021 (PBC.38/CRP.7)

**(e) General risk management**

- General Risk Management. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/8-PBC.38/8](#))

**(f) Updated medium-term investment proposals**

- Medium-term investment proposals, 2022–2025. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/9-PBC.38/9](#))

### **Item 5. 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.50/14](#))

### **Item 6. United Nations development system reform**

Under this item, the Board will consider a report submitted to the thirty-eighth 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.

The Board will have before it:

- United Nations development system reform. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/11-PBC.38/11](#))

### **Item 7. 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.

A report by the Director General was considered by the nineteenth session of the General Conference ([GC.19/9](#)) in conjunction with the information on IDDA III contained in chapter 7 of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2020* and the United Nations General Assembly's Note by the Secretary-General on IDDA III ([A/74/199](#)).

Under this item, the Board will consider a report submitted to the thirty-eighth 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 ([IDB.50/10-PBC.38/10](#))

- Update on the African Union Summit on Industrialization and Economic Diversification. Update by the Secretariat (IDB.50/CRP.5)

## **Item 8. Climate neutral industry and circular economy**

### **(a) UNIDO activities related to circular economy**

Through resolution GC.18/Res.1, the Conference recognized a circular economy as one of the means to achieve sustainable development. 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 sub-item, the Board will be updated on the UNIDO activities related to climate neutral industry and circular economy, and the outcome of the consultations on circular economy convened by UNIDO in September and October 2022.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to circular economy. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/15](#))
- Outcome of the consultations on circular economy. Report by the Co-Chairs ([IDB.50/CRP.6](#))

### **(b) UNIDO strategy in response to climate change**

Through resolution GC.18/Res.3, the Conference requested the Director General to continue the activities of UNIDO, in line with the priorities outlined in UNIDO's MTPF, to address climate change.

At its nineteenth session, the General Conference considered documents [GC.19/14](#) and [GC.19/CRP.5](#) on UNIDO's strategic framework for climate action, which provided information on the impact of climate change on industrial development and the response of UNIDO to the climate crisis and its socioeconomic consequences.

Through resolution GC.19/Res.2, the Conference requested the Director General to develop a draft strategy in consultation with Member States, for consideration by the Industrial Development Board at its fiftieth session, that will enhance the efficiency, effectiveness and coordination of UNIDO's activities in support of Member State ISID-related climate priorities and to implement climate-related best practices across its operations.

Under this sub-item, the Board will be updated on the UNIDO activities related to the development of a UNIDO Climate Change Strategy, including the sessions of the related Development Dialogue and the consultations that were organized between July and September 2022, building on prior work in 2020 and 2021.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO Strategy in response to climate change. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/16](#))

## **Item 9. UNIDO activities related to digital transformation and innovation**

Through the Abu Dhabi Declaration (GC.18/Res.1), the General Conference acknowledged that the new technologies associated with the fourth industrial revolution, with both transformative and disruptive potential, offer significant opportunities to advance inclusive economic growth, reduce inequalities, contribute to sustainable development, resilience and human well-being, and address climate change and safeguard the environment in the framework of a circular economy. Such

technologies therefore present the means to achieve sustainable development, while also bringing with them challenges such as the widening of the technology gap between countries, job losses and threats to industrial safety and security.

UNIDO's MTPF 2022–2025, reflecting the evolving nature of industrial development as well as Member States' priorities promulgated through the Lima and Abu Dhabi declarations, identifies "Digital transformation and innovation" as one of the three interlinked focus areas of the Organization.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to digital transformation and innovation. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/17](#))

#### **Item 10. UNIDO activities related to structural transformation and sectoral expertise**

The *Annual Report of UNIDO for 2020* ([IDB.49/2](#)) and 2021 ([IDB.50/2](#)), as well as the *Report by the Director General on UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation* ([GC.19/15](#)), provided updates to Member States on UNIDO activities related to agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation. Following the endorsement by Member States of the MTPF 2022–2025 ([IDB.49/8](#)), these three themes acquired a central role in the operations of the Organization reflecting their critical importance in the process of structural transformation of the economies of developing countries, either as prerequisites, enablers or immediate results thereof.

The Board will be provided with an update on these issues, as contained in:

- UNIDO activities related to sectoral development, including agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/18](#))

#### **Item 11. UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic**

In accordance with Board decision IDB.48/Dec.4, the Director General updated the Board through the thirty-eighth 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 also called on UNIDO to coordinate its response to the COVID-19 pandemic with the United Nations system, and requested the Director General to provide regular updates to Member States on the implementation of the COVID-19 response framework of UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Report by the Director General ([IDB.50/12-PBC.38/12](#))

#### **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.

Through decision IDB.49/Dec.11, the Board decided to continue consideration of the workplan at its fiftieth session and requested the inclusion of this item on the agenda of the session.

The Board will have before it:

- Inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries. Report by the Director General (IDB.50/19)
- Updated UNIDO workplan for partnering with middle-income countries. Update by the Secretariat (IDB.50/CRP.7)

### **Item 13. UNIDO's operational strategy and implementation plan for LDCs 2022–2031**

Through its resolution GC.19/Res.3, the General Conference invited the Director General to take special account of the needs of the least developed countries (LDCs) in accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development, in cooperation with relevant partners and stakeholders during the next Decade of Action, and to contribute to the sessions of the Fifth United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries (UN LDC5) and the draft Doha Programme of Action for LDCs for 2022–2031, building on the deliberations and outcomes of the ninth Ministerial Conference of the LDCs. The Conference also requested UNIDO to develop the next operational strategy and implementation plan for LDCs 2022–2031, based on the convened position paper, while ensuring alignment with the forthcoming Doha Programme of Action for LDCs for 2022–2031 and relevant UNIDO strategic frameworks and policies, and to mainstream the new strategy into the Organization's overall work. Through the same resolution, the General Conference further invited UNIDO to duly implement the operational strategy and implementation plan for LDCs 2022–2031, within regular budget and extrabudgetary resources, and encouraged its Member States and partners to support this endeavour, including through mobilization of adequate additional resources for normative leadership, policy and advisory services, as well as technical projects and programmes conforming to the priorities outlined in the operational strategy and capitalizing on the previous good practices and innovative cooperation models, including the UNIDO Programmes for Country Partnership (PCPs). The Conference also invited UNIDO to continue its contribution to the work of the Inter-agency Task Force on the LDC Graduation Support, led by the United Nations Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, inter alia, by providing necessary inputs on the role of industrialization in the graduation of LDCs.

Resolution GC.19/Res.3, requested the Director General to report on related UNIDO activities to the Industrial Development Board at its next session and the General Conference at its twentieth session and to continue reporting annually to the United Nations Secretary-General on its work in the LDCs.

Taking note of the update on the preparation process of the UNIDO strategy for the least developed countries, the Board is requested to consider the strategy for

endorsement at the next UNIDO General Conference, following the Fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (UN LDC5) to be held on 5–9 March 2023, in Doha, Qatar.

The Board will have before it:

- Update on the preparation process of the UNIDO operational strategy for the least developed countries 2022–2031. Report by the Director General (IDB.50/20)
- UNIDO operational strategy for the least developed countries 2022–2031. Note by the Director General (IDB.50/CRP.8)

#### **Item 14. 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.50/21)
- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Note by the Director General (IDB.50/CRP.9)

#### **Item 15. UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee**

Decision IDB.44/Dec.4 established the UNIDO Independent Audit Advisory Committee, the name of which was changed to Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC) through decision IDB.48/Dec.5, which also expanded the OAC's mandate.

The terms of reference of the OAC 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.50/22)
- Report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Management response (IDB.50/23)

As the terms of some of the OAC members will expire with the fiftieth session of the Board (Board decision IDB.48/Dec.6) and in accordance with paragraph 7 of the OAC's terms of reference endorsed by the Board in its decision IDB.48/Dec.5, "The Director General will provide an open call for nominations to the Oversight Committee to Member States". Following consultations with Member States, the Enlarged Bureau of the Board shall submit to the Board a non-exhaustive list of candidates to be considered for appointment. Candidates interviewed, but not selected at the time, may be included in the roster established for future vacancies on the OAC.

Through information note No. 11 dated 21 April 2022, the Director General circulated an invitation for nomination of candidates as agreed by Member States in early 2017. Through information note No. 16 dated 13 May 2022, the Director General circulated to Member States supplementary information on the call for nominations of candidates that included, inter alia, the selection procedure.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.50/24)



### **Item 16. 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.50/25)
- Evaluation activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.50/26)

### **Item 17. 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.

By decision GC.1/Dec.37, the General Conference accepted the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and established the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee. In decision GC.19/Dec.17, the Conference elected the two members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2022–2023, while the two posts of alternate members remained vacant. Furthermore, the Conference authorized the Industrial Development Board to proceed with the election for any of the posts of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee that might become vacant before the General Conference holds its twentieth session. To fill the two vacant alternate members posts, the Board is required to nominate candidates for election to the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of the biennium 2022–2023.

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director General (IDB.50/27)
- Personnel matters. Annexes to the report by the Director General (IDB.50/CRP.10)
- List of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat. Submitted by the Secretariat (IDB.50/CRP.11)

### **Item 18. 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.50/28)
- Information on intergovernmental organizations. Note by the Director General (IDB.50/29)

**Item 19. Provisional agenda and date of the fifty-first 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 fifty-first session. Note by the Director General (IDB.50/CRP.12)

The following dates have been reserved for the policymaking organs of UNIDO in 2023:

**2023**

15–17 May 2023	Programme and Budget Committee, thirty-ninth session
3–6 July 2023 (tentative)	Industrial Development Board, fifty-first session
27 November–1 December 2023	General Conference, twentieth session

**Item 20. 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.

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