

**STATEMENT OF THE AFRICAN GROUP DURING THE UNIDO 50<sup>TH</sup>  
SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD (IDB), TO BE  
DELIVERED BY H.E. AMBASSADOR PHILBERT ABAKA JOHNSON,  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF GHANA**

**AGENDA ITEM 8 (B): UNIDO'S STRATEGY IN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

*Mr. President,*

1. The African Group associates itself with the statement of the Group of G77 and China on UNIDO's strategy in response to climate change.
2. The Group recognizes the importance of developing the strategy, taking into consideration the severe ramifications of climate change on the life and prosperity of tens of millions of African citizens, and subsequently, the ability to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and attain Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) in Africa.
3. The Group highlights the need to secure meaningful financial commitments and investments for Africa's renewable energy and low-carbon programmes at scale to enhance energy access and support the social and equity dimensions of the just transition pathways. Therefore, the Group underscores that the strategy should enhance UNIDO's current role in facilitating the transfer of climate-related clean and innovative technologies from the developed countries to African countries, in accordance with the latter's development needs and industrial policy priorities.
4. The African Group stresses that the strategy and its action plan shall strengthen activities in support of deploying sustainable technologies for electricity generation, primarily in agro industries, reinforce efforts made by UNIDO's clean energy programmes, including the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centers Programme and the Global Cleantech Innovation Programme and increase the number of Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPO) in the African countries and expand their services for promotion of investment and transfer of technology.

*Mr. President,*

5. The Group appreciates the efforts exerted by the Director General and his team in the preparation towards COP27, held in Egypt, on behalf of the African continent, from 6 to 18 November 2022, and acknowledges the successful engagement of UNIDO during the Implementation Summit as well as the relevant Thematic Days of the conference.
6. In this regard, the Group urges UNIDO to work in tandem with the African stakeholders, including the African Union Commission and the African Development Bank, to support the relevant African initiatives announced during COP27, including the Transition Fuels Oversight & Regulatory Management Accelerator (Transforma Platform) and the Alliance

for Green Infrastructure in Africa (AGIA). Furthermore, the Group welcomes the establishment of the Global Renewable Hydrogen Forum and acknowledges UNIDO's designation as partner for the implementation of the Forum.

7. To this end, the Group requests the Secretariat to report to the Member States on the expected role of UNIDO in supporting the African Union-led climate related policies, including African Common Position on Energy Access and Just Transition, the Digital Green Corridor and Green Recovery Action Plan for Africa (GRAP) as well as UNIDO's role in implementing the relevant outcomes and initiatives announced during COP27 and its reflection on the action plan of the strategy.

I thank you Mr. President.