

It is a great honor for me to address the esteemed participants of the fiftieth session of the Industrial Development Board of UNIDO from Kyiv, Ukraine.

We can be proud of all the important results achieved in many areas of our industrial development agenda.

Together, we are successfully implementing a portfolio of projects aimed at implementing climate-neutral solutions and circular economy practices in industry, developing eco-industrial parks, supporting small and medium-sized enterprises with the aim of increasing their competitiveness and entering international markets, reducing the negative impact of chemicals on the environment.

I would be happy to continue to tell you the success story of cooperation with UNIDO. And share with you my vision of how we could scale up and increase our impact on the prosperity and well-being of the people in Ukraine.

But today I must remind you of the terrible war in my country as of when the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine.

Through constant shelling, subversions, cyber-attacks and drones, the aggressor causes unprecedented losses and damages that cannot be imagined. Industry and trade are among the sectors most affected by the war. According to estimates, the damage caused to this sector¹ (World Bank information) is more than 10 billion US Dollars.

Businesses in war-torn areas were destroyed or went bankrupt. 14 million Ukrainians were forced to leave their homes. Women, children, elderly people die.

Our key task right now is to provide an adequate response to these unprecedented challenges. The National Recovery and Development Plan, currently being prepared, provides a roadmap for this response. This is a complex document and is being prepared with the support of our international partners, including UNIDO. It serves as a tool for coordinating our joint efforts.

The plan is aimed not only at the recovery process, but also introduces a new economic model after the war, which emphasizes the importance of economic growth and quality of life in Ukraine.

"Re-Build and make it better" when combined with the use of advanced, green and sustainable technologies is one of the key guiding principles of the National Plan. Small and medium-sized enterprises are seen as an important pillar of the new economic model.

The implementation of this Plan requires active involvement of our partners. UNIDO is considered a key partner of the UN in the field of "green" recovery and post-crisis industrial development and modernization of Ukraine.

The Ministry of Strategic Industries welcomes UNIDO's persistent efforts, which translate into an immediate response to specific new projects, aimed at meeting the country's pressing needs for job creation and technology transfer.

Now we are jointly working on the preparation of the five-year UNIDO Program for "green" recovery and post-crisis recovery of Ukraine. It will be within the strategic framework of the Government of Ukraine, including the National Recovery and Development Plan.

It is assumed that our work within the framework of the Program will concentrate around the following five key components, with different goals depending on the stages of implementation: 1) development of SMEs and creation of new jobs; 2) circular economy and environmental protection; 3) decarbonization and sustainable energy; 4) agribusiness and infrastructure development; 5) competitiveness, quality and compliance

The Ministry of Strategic Industries will provide all the necessary support to our coordinated efforts with UNIDO aimed at updating Ukrainian industry, greening it and increasing competitiveness.

The main goals of the UNIDO Program "Green recovery and post-crisis recovery of Ukraine" can be achieved only under condition of mobilizing a sufficient amount of resources for the implementation of technical cooperation measures provided for by its components.

Therefore, I call on our donors and partners to support the Program and provide the necessary funding for its implementation and the implementation of immediate response measures aimed at meeting the most urgent needs of industry and the country's population.

I wish to thank all those who help Ukraine in these difficult times.
Glory to Ukraine!

¹ - Operational assessment of damages and needs of Ukraine, August 2022, p.117 ([Ukraine Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment , August 2022](#))