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**Report by the Director General**

The present report responds to the request of the Industrial Development Board in its decision IDB.46/Dec.13, to regularly report on the progress made on IDDA III. It builds on the information contained in IDB.50/10 and GC.19/9, and should be considered in conjunction with the information on IDDA III contained in the “Partnerships and South-South Cooperation” chapter of the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2022*.

**I. Progress made in the implementation of the Third  
Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)**

**Technical assistance activities**

1. In 2022, UNIDO had 242 projects under implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa totalling \$47.4 million excluding interregional and global portfolios. There were nine Programmes for Country Partnerships (PCPs) at different stages of implementation in Côte d’Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia, as well as one self-starter PCP in Kenya. There were Country Programmes (CPs) in Cabo Verde, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Madagascar, and Mauritania. Six CPs were under formulation in Benin, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea-Bissau, the Niger and Sierra Leone.

2. In the agribusiness and agro-industry sectors, a project on strengthening the rice value chain was launched in Ghana. In Ethiopia, a project to enhance the competitiveness of the meat and livestock value chains was under implementation. In Egypt, the implementation of a project to strengthen the tomato value chain continued.

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3. Regarding entrepreneurship, a project to increase incomes and employment in the cassava, cocoa and horticulture value chains was initiated in Liberia. In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a project was launched to support economic empowerment in the South Kivu province. In Tunisia, the Mashrou3i project has helped to create more than 5,500 jobs.
4. Regarding energy and the environment, a project was launched in Nigeria to support the development of plastic waste management guidelines and strengthen the recycling capacity of municipalities. In the United Republic of Tanzania, UNIDO supported the establishment of an ethanol blending and bottling plant, and a stove assembly unit. In Sudan, the Organization helped strengthen the fishery statistics system and ecosystem management plans for two commercial species.
5. In relation to trade capacity building, the development and approval of a national quality policy was supported in Mozambique. In the United Republic of Tanzania, a programme with the Bureau of Standards helped develop business plans for nine laboratories.
6. Regarding digitalization, technology and innovation, a project in Somalia supported 300 SMEs and provided 500 individuals with vocational and technical skills trainings. A youth employment project was launched in Tunisia and Côte d'Ivoire to boost the integration of enterprises into Fourth Industrial Revolution ecosystems.
7. A pre-feasibility study for the establishment of an industrial park in Imo State was completed in Nigeria. In Kenya, a feasibility and master plan for an integrated agro-industrial park in Nyamira was completed, as was a feasibility study for an agropole in the northern region of Senegal.

#### **Collaboration with United Nations agencies and other stakeholders**

8. UNIDO, together with the African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank), the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Secretariat, the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), supported the Common African Agro-Parks (CAAPs) programme, an African Union (AU) food self-sufficiency initiative, with master plans for demonstration projects, an agricultural transformation facility and a seed funding facility.
9. UNIDO, the AUC, the International Trade Centre and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community, the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) initiated consultations on the joint development of a Pan-African Market Access and Trade Competitiveness Programme.
10. UNIDO assisted COMESA in drafting Terms of Reference for the feasibility study of an agro-industrial park between Zambia and Zimbabwe. UNIDO organized a study tour to Ethiopia's industrial development parks for Zambian and Zimbabwean stakeholders. In SADC, a project supported skills development for the management of natural resources in forestry and water management in mining. In ECOWAS, the West Africa Competitiveness and Quality Infrastructure Project continued to stimulate the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). In ECCAS, UNIDO helped formulate project concepts, including a regional programme on industrial value chains development.
11. UNIDO collaborated with the AUC and others to develop an action plan for the implementation of the decisions of the 17th Extraordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of States and Government on Africa's Industrialization and Economic Diversification. The plan was presented to the 36th Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in February 2023, by the

President of the Niger, who is also an AU Champion on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrialization and Productive Transformation.

### **Global forums and advocacy**

12. In February 2023, UNIDO collaborated with the AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, FARA, Afreximbank, the AfCFTA Secretariat, IFPRI, FAO, UNECA and others, to organize the CAAPs Investors Roundtable which enriched the public private partnership governance and financing models that will be presented to the 5th Ordinary Session of the AU Specialized Technical Committee on Industry, Trade and Mining in October 2023.

13. In November 2022, UNIDO collaborated with the AfroChampions Initiative, the AUC, AUDA-NEPAD and UNECA to organize the 17th AU Extraordinary Summit on Industrialization and Economic Diversification. The Summit was attended by 28 African Heads of State/Government and attracted around 7,000 participants. Key outcomes included the adoption of the AU Heads of States and Government Assembly Declaration and Decisions, highlighting critical areas of action to be implemented in support of Africa's industrialization.

14. In September 2022, UNIDO and Afreximbank, the AfroChampions Initiative, the AUC, OSAA and UNECA organized the fifth IDDA III high-level event in the margins of the seventy-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly, under the theme "Accelerating energy access and green transition for Africa's inclusive and sustainable industrialization".

15. In August 2022, UNIDO with various partners organized side events in the margins of the eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development, including webinars on investment and technology transfer from Japan to Africa.

16. In March 2023, UNIDO participated in the fifth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (UN LDC5), held in Doha, Qatar. UNIDO organized an exhibition and several side-events with IDDA III partners.

### **Normative activities**

17. In November 2022, UNIDO released the *Guidelines for Planning, Development and Management of Integrated Agro-Food Parks*, produced in collaboration with Afreximbank, AfDB, AUDA-NEPAD, and the Export Import Bank of China.

18. UNIDO, AfDB and the AUC intensified efforts towards establishing an Industry Observatory, supporting evidence-based policy making.

## **II. Outlook**

19. *Africa Strategy*: UNIDO initiated the formulation of the Strategy, which will provide a common guiding framework for its interventions in promoting industrial development. The IDDA III Secretariat will continue supporting its development and implementation in synergy with other IDDA III partners.

20. *LDC Strategy*: The formulation of a UNIDO Operational Strategy was initiated and the draft presented at UN LDC5 in Doha, Qatar. The IDDA III Secretariat will support its implementation in synergy with other IDDA III partners.

21. *Implementation of the AU Action Plan for implementing the AU Summit declaration and decisions (2023–2025)*: The organization of the AU Summit on Industrialization and Economic Diversification is a result of the implementation of the Joint IDDA III Roadmap. The IDDA Secretariat will continue supporting and mobilizing IDDA III partners for the successful implementation of the Action Plan.

22. *UNIDO-AUC Africa Investment Conferences*: UNIDO will collaborate with the AUC and others to co-organize investment conferences, potentially including in the margins of the United Nations SDG Conference in September 2023 in New York.

23. *Organization/Contribution to the organization of IDDA III high-level event and regional IDDA III/AfCFTA forums:* The sixth IDDA III high-level event is planned for September 2023. Selected IDDA III/AfCFTA regional forums are foreseen, to rally support for the implementation of regional programmes.
24. *AU Ministerial Conference of the Specialized Committee on Industry, Trade and Mining:* UNIDO plans to co-organize the AU Ministerial Conference of the Specialized Committee on Industry, Trade and Mining and support the AUC to revive the biannual Conference of African Ministers of Industry.
25. *Africa Industrialization Week (November 2023):* UNIDO will continue to monitor the implementation of the Summit Decisions, by convening the 2023 Africa Industrialization Week with the AUC and other stakeholders.
26. *Consultative Meetings with RECs:* Building on consultations with various RECs such as ECCAS and COMESA in 2022, similar ones will be held in 2023 with the other RECs.
27. *Submission of United Nations General Assembly progress report:* The seventh IDDA III annual progress report is scheduled for submission to the Secretary-General in July 2023.

### **III. Action required of the Committee**

28. The Committee may wish to take note of the information contained in the present document.
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