

**Statement of the delegation of the republic of Sudan under Agenda Item 9: Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)**

**Thank you Mr president,**

**Sudan aligns it self with the statements delivered under this agenda item by the G77 and china and the African group and would like to add the following in its national capacity.**

**Mr. President,**

- Sudan acknowledges UNIDO's collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC) and other stakeholders in organizing the 17th Extraordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government on Africa's Industrialization and Economic Diversification, held in Niamey, Niger, from 20th to 25th November 2022.
- Sudan encourages UNIDO to continue its support and mobilization of partners for the successful implementation of the Action Plan under the IDDA III.

**Mr. President,**

- Sudan expresses its appreciation to the Director General of UNIDO for initiating the process of developing the UNIDO strategy for Africa 2023-2025, and urges the Director General to maintain consultations with Member States and provide regular updates on the progress of the strategy's development, aiming to complete the process before the 20th Session of the General Conference

**Mr. President,**

- Industrialization has been a campaign promise across the African continent, with its acknowledged ability to bring prosperity, new jobs and better incomes for all. Yet the continent is less industrialized today than it was before.
- it's observed that while many countries deindustrialize as they grow richer, many African countries are deindustrializing while they are still poor...partly because technology is reducing the demand for low-skilled workers. Another reason is that weak infrastructure—lack of electricity, poor roads and congested ports—drives up the cost of moving raw materials and shipping out finished goods.
- Yet we know that Africa's "favourable demography, rising urbanization and extensive agricultural resource base underscore the potential of the region's manufacturing industry.

**Mr. President,**

- Sudan encourages UNIDO to help states to lead the way, with a firm hand on the wheel and by setting policies that create an enable environment for market-based growth that creates jobs.

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**Mr. President,**

- Some African countries have proved adept at navigating the bumpy path to industrialization. The common thread among them is that they have embraced policies that target and favour their own manufacturing industries. In addition to pursuing what experts call a “developmental state model,” under which states control, manage and regulate economies, they have also adopted investor-friendly policies. And most importantly, they have shown a commitment to and ownership of these policies. State control over economic policies appears to have contributed to less corruption in this case.

**Mr. President,**

- It has been clearly proven that industrialization can happen in Africa. What the continent needs is the political commitment and the smart partnership with UNIDO to implement the right policies.

**Mr. President,**

- Although the current reality is rather bleak, the fight for sustainable and inclusive development in Sudan is not without allies in the industrial sector. The Industrial Research and Consultancy Center, a parastatal RTO (research and technology organization), recently restructured and launched the Institute for Industrial Policy Studies (IPS) which is the first of its kind in Sudan. According to its mandate, IPS aims to establish and enhance industrial policy in the country by providing decision-makers and stakeholders with knowledge (data, information and lessons) and recommendations needed to design evidence-based and evidence-informed policies.

- **Mr. President,**
- What Sudan needs is an adequate governance and control, prioritization of development over mere economic growth.
- If Sudan is to have any chance at sustainable development possibilities, it needs UNIDO's support to implement Policy agenda such as infant industry promotion, increasing local content in manufacturing, increasing the technological and innovative capacities of the labor force, and state-leadership of industrial flagship projects, which are a few but important trajectories that have been tried and verified in almost every successful development story in the last few decades.

**Mr. President,**

- Sudan is looking forward to learn from UNIDO's best lessons and expertise and build its own evidence-informed policy frameworks.  
Thank you Mr, President.