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**Report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of
its fiftieth session****(21–23 November 2022)****Contents**

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Introduction

1. The report of the Industrial Development Board on the work of its fiftieth session is presented to the General Conference in accordance with Article 9.4 (c) of the Constitution. As per decision of the Board IDB.46/Dec.3 (e), the Secretariat continues replacing written summary records of the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference with digital records. These are available through the UNIDO Extranet.

I. Organizational and procedural matters

2. The fiftieth session of the Board was held at UNIDO headquarters, Vienna International Centre, from 21 to 23 November 2022 (seven plenary meetings). The session took place in a hybrid format involving in-person participation, as well as virtual attendance on the Interprefy conferencing platform.

Participation

3. The following 48 of the 52 members of the Board¹ were represented at the session: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Austria, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Türkiye, Uruguay and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

4. The following 46 Member States of UNIDO also participated in the session: Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Chile, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Montenegro, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Oman, the State of Palestine, Philippines, Qatar, the Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, the Syrian Arab Republic, Togo, Ukraine, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

5. The Holy See and the Sovereign Order of Malta participated as observers.

6. The following United Nations bodies were represented: the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

7. The following specialized agencies and related organizations were represented: the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

8. The following other intergovernmental organizations were represented: the Arab Industrial Development, Standardization and Mining Organization (AIDSMO), the Asian African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO), the Comunidad Andina (CAN), the European Union (EU), the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the International Bamboo and Rattan Organisation (INBAR), the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), the Organisation For Economic

¹ As per Article 9.1 of the UNIDO Constitution, the Board shall consist of 53 members of the Organization elected by the Conference. One seat from List C remains vacant. Currently the Board consists of 52 members.

Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries (SMIIC).

9. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: the China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC), the European Union Of Public Relations (EUPR), the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE), the International Council of Women (ICW), the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC), the International Federation of Automatic Control (IFAC), the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) and the World Union of Small and Medium Enterprises (WUSME).

Opening of the session

10. The fiftieth session of the Board was declared open by the President of the forty-ninth session, H.E. Ms. Dominika Krois (Poland).

Officers of the session

11. In accordance with rule 23 of its rules of procedure, the Board elected by acclamation H.E. Mr. Alejandro Edmundo Solano Ortiz (Costa Rica) as President, H.E. Ms. Mary Mugwanja (Kenya), H.E. Mr. Andreas Raphael Nägeli (Switzerland) and Mr. Gyanveer Singh (India) as Vice-Presidents, and Mr. Henryk Czubek (Poland) as Rapporteur.

Agenda of the session

12. The Board adopted the agenda, as presented below, and the schedule of work, as considered by the Enlarged Bureau on 14 November 2022:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Annual report of the Director General for 2021:
 - (a) Managing for results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025.
4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee:
 - (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2021;
 - (b) Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations;
 - (c) Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues;
 - (d) Mobilization of financial resources;
 - (e) General risk management;
 - (f) Updated medium-term investment proposals.
5. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
6. United Nations development system reform.
7. Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III).
8. Climate neutral industry and circular economy:
 - (a) UNIDO activities related to circular economy;
 - (b) UNIDO strategy in response to climate change.

9. UNIDO activities related to digital transformation and innovation.
10. UNIDO activities related to structural transformation and sectoral expertise.
11. UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
12. Inclusive and sustainable development in middle-income countries.
13. UNIDO's operational strategy and implementation plan for LDCs 2022–2031.
14. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit.
15. UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee.
16. Evaluation and internal oversight activities.
17. Personnel matters.
18. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations.
19. Provisional agenda and date of the fifty-first session.
20. Adoption of the report.

13. The Board adopted a proposal by the President to ensure the maximum utilization of available conference-servicing resources (see annex I, decision IDB.50/Dec.1), waiving its twenty-four hour notice period for the suspension of rules.

14. The Board decided to set up informal in-session consultations with the aim of facilitating the drafting of decisions and entrusted Vice-Presidents H.E. Mr. Andreas Raphael Nägeli (Switzerland) and Mr. Gyanveer Singh (India) to chair those consultations. The Board furthermore set the deadline for the receipt of draft decisions at 5.15 p.m. on 21 November 2022, and decided to close the list of speakers at 3 p.m. on 22 November 2022.

II. Annual Report of the Director General for 2021 (item 3)

15. Under item 3, the Board had before it the Annual Report of UNIDO 2021 ([IDB.50/2](#)).

16. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

A. Managing for results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025 (item 3 (a))

17. Under item 3 (a), the Board had before it a report by the Director General providing an update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025 ([IDB.50/5](#)) and a conference room paper on the same subject (PBC.38/CRP.5).

18. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

III. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee (item 4 (a) to (f))

19. Under item 4 (a) to (f), the Board had before it the report of the Programme and Budget Committee on the work of its thirty-eighth session ([IDB.50/13](#)).

A. Report of the External Auditor for 2021 (item 4 (a))

20. Under item 4 (a), the Board had before it the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2021 (IDB.50/3), the unaudited annexes for the year ended 31 December 2021, contained in conference room paper PBC.38/CRP.2, and a note by the UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee providing comments on the report of the External Auditor (PBC.38/CRP.3).

21. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.50/L.10) and adopted decision IDB.50/Dec.2 (see annex I).

B. Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations (item 4 (b))

22. Under item 4 (b), the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.50/4), a note by the Secretariat on the status of assessed contributions (IDB.50/CRP.2) and an update by the Secretariat on the financial situation of UNIDO (IDB.50/CRP.3).

23. The Board considered a draft decision on the financial situation of UNIDO submitted by the President (IDB.50/L.2) and adopted decision IDB.50/Dec.3 (see annex I).

C. Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues (item 4 (c))

24. Under item 4 (c), the Board had before it a report by the Co-Chairs of the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues (IDB.50/6) and their update on the working group's deliberations (IDB.50/CRP.4).

25. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

D. Mobilization of financial resources (item 4 (d))

26. Under item 4 (d), the Board considered information on the mobilization of financial resources contained in chapter 8 of the Annual Report of UNIDO 2021 (IDB.50/2), a report by the Director General on the mobilization of financial resources (IDB.50/7/Rev.1) and a conference room paper prepared by the Secretariat on projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, thematic and individual trust funds and other voluntary contributions in 2021 (PBC.38/CRP.7).

27. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.50/L.3) and adopted decision IDB.50/Dec.4 (see annex I).

E. General risk management (item 4 (e))

28. Under item 4 (e), the Board had before it a report by the Director General on general risk management (IDB.50/8).

29. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

F. Updated medium-term investment proposals (item 4(f))

30. Under item 4 (f), the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the medium-term investment proposals, 2022–2025 (IDB.50/9) and a note by the

Secretariat on UNIDO information technology and digitalization priorities for 2022–2023 (IDB.50/CRP.14).

31. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

IV. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (item 5)

32. Under item 5, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (IDB.50/14).

33. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

V. United Nations development system reform (item 6)

34. Under item 6, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the United Nations development system reform (IDB.50/11).

35. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

VI. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (item 14)

36. Under item 14, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the activities of the Joint Inspection Unit (IDB.50/21) and a note by the Director General on the same topic (IDB.50/CRP.9).

37. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

VII. UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (item 15)

38. Under item 15, the Board had before it a report by the Chair of the UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IDB.50/22) and UNIDO Management's response thereto (IDB.50/23), as well as two notes by the Secretariat on the membership of the UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (IDB.50/24 and IDB.50/CRP.13).

39. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.50/L.7) and adopted decision IDB.50/Dec.7 (see annex I).

VIII. Evaluation and internal oversight activities (item 16)

40. Under item 16, the Board had before it reports by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight on internal oversight activities (IDB.50/25) and on evaluation activities (IDB.50/26).

41. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

IX. Personnel matters (item 17)

42. Under item 17, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on personnel matters (IDB.50/27), together with annexes thereto (IDB.50/CRP.10). The

Board also had before it a list of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat, submitted by the Secretariat (IDB.50/CRP.11).

43. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.50/L.8) and adopted decision IDB.50/Dec.8 (see annex I).

X. Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) (item 7)

44. Under item 7, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) (IDB.50/10), together with an update by the Secretariat on the African Union Summit on Industrialization and Economic Diversification (IDB.50/CRP.5).

45. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

XI. Climate neutral industry and circular economy (item 8)

46. Under item 8, the Board considered the following two sub-items.

A. UNIDO activities related to circular economy (item 8 (a))

47. Under item 8 (a), the Board had before it a report by the Director General on the UNIDO activities related to circular economy (IDB.50/15) and a note by the Secretariat, providing an update on the consultations on circular economy (IDB.50/CRP.6).

48. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

B. UNIDO strategy in response to climate change (item 8 (b))

49. Under item 8 (b), the Board had before it a report by the Director General presenting the UNIDO strategy in response to climate change (IDB.50/16).

50. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.50/L.11) and adopted decision IDB.50/Dec.5 (see annex I).

XII. UNIDO activities related to digital transformation and innovation (item 9)

51. Under item 9, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on UNIDO activities related to digital transformation and innovation (IDB.50/17).

52. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

XIII. UNIDO activities related to structural transformation and sectoral expertise (item 10)

53. Under item 10, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on UNIDO activities related to sectoral development, including agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation (IDB.50/18).

54. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

XIV. UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic (item 11)

55. Under item 11, the Board had before it the report by the Director General on UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic (IDB.50/12).

56. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

XV. Inclusive and sustainable development in middle-income countries (item 12)

57. Under item 12, the Board had before it a report by the Director General on inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries (IDB.50/19) and the updated UNIDO workplan for partnering with middle-income countries, prepared by the Secretariat (IDB.50/CRP.7).

58. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.50/L.9) and adopted decision IDB.50/Dec.6 (see annex I).

XVI. UNIDO's operational strategy and implementation plan for LDCs 2022–2031 (item 13)

59. Under item 13, the Board had before it a report by the Director General providing an update on the preparation process of the UNIDO operational strategy for the least developed countries 2022–2031 (IDB.50/20) and a note by the Director General on the UNIDO operational strategy for the least developed countries 2022–2031 (IDB.50/CRP.8).

60. At the proposal of the President, the Board took note of the documentation provided.

XVII. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations (item 18)

61. Under item 18, the Board had before it notes by the Director General on an application for consultative status from a non-governmental organization (IDB.50/28) and on information on two intergovernmental organizations (IDB.50/29).

62. The Board considered two draft decisions submitted by the President with regard to the application for consultative status from one non-governmental organization (IDB.50/L.5), based on a recommendation by the Bureau, and to the relationship agreement with two intergovernmental organizations (IDB.50/L.4), and adopted decisions IDB.50/Dec.9 and IDB.50/Dec.10 (see annex I).

XVIII. Provisional agenda and date of the fifty-first session (item 19)

63. Under item 19, the Board had before it a note by the Director General on the provisional agenda and date of the fifty-first session (IDB.50/CRP.12).

64. The Board considered a draft decision submitted by the President (IDB.50/L.6) and adopted decision IDB.50/Dec.11 (see annex I).

XIX. Adoption of the report (item 20) and closure of the fiftieth session

65. On 23 November 2022, the Board adopted the English language report on the work of its fiftieth session (IDB.50/L.1) on the understanding that the Rapporteur would be entrusted with the task of finalizing the language versions of the report in consultation with the designated representatives.

66. The Board closed its fiftieth session in the afternoon of 23 November 2022.

Annex I

Decisions adopted by the Board at its fiftieth session

Decision IDB.50/Dec.1 Utilization of available conference-servicing resources

The Industrial Development Board, with the aim of utilizing the available conference-servicing resources to the maximum extent possible, decided to suspend with immediate effect rule 32 of its rules of procedure relating to the quorum, for the meetings of its fiftieth session only, provided no substantive decisions were taken at those meetings.

*1st plenary meeting
21 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.2 Report of the External Auditor for 2021

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the financial period 1 January to 31 December 2021 as contained in document [IDB.50/3](#);

(b) Also took note of the statements of the Director General and the External Auditor made at the thirty-eighth session of the Programme and Budget Committee;

(c) Recognized the relevance and important contribution the External Auditors' recommendations make to the improvement of UNIDO's operational performance, including those in the recent report [IDB.50/3](#);

(d) Requested the Director General to continue implementing the recommendations, including those of prior years, and to report on the follow-up of their implementation to the Industrial Development Board at its fifty-first session.

*7th plenary meeting
23 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.3 Financial situation of UNIDO

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document [IDB.50/4](#);

(b) Urged those Member States and former Member States that have not yet paid their assessed contributions, including advances to the Working Capital Fund and prior years' arrears, to do so without delay;

(c) Requested the Director General to pursue his efforts and contacts with Member States and former Member States to effect the collection of arrears.

*7th plenary meeting
23 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.4 Mobilization of financial resources

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document [IDB.50/7/Rev.1](#);

(b) Decided to delegate to the Director General the authority to approve projects for financing, previously selected by UNIDO and the donor, under the Industrial Development Fund in 2022 and 2023 in accordance with the priorities defined in the medium-term programme framework 2022–2025 ([IDB.49/8](#));

(c) Encouraged Member States and other funding partners to increase their voluntary contributions to UNIDO, including for the Partnership Trust Fund as well

as the Special Account of Voluntary Contributions for Core Activities (SAVCCA) and the Major Capital Investment Fund (MCIF);

(d) Also encouraged all funding partners to consider contributing programmable funds, specifically to enable UNIDO to respond rapidly to requests for assistance and develop and implement its programmatic activities in a prompt and coordinated manner;

(e) Requested Member States to consider contributing to UNIDO to enable the Organization to work with funding sources requiring co-funding, either through contributing to the dedicated trust funds or by special purpose funding at country or global level;

(f) Encouraged governments of recipient countries to play an active role in sharing with UNIDO the responsibility for mobilizing funds for jointly agreed priority activities, and specifically to take the lead in identifying and accessing funds available at the country level, including local cost-sharing opportunities, and funds from bilateral funding partners, multi-donor trust funds, the World Bank as well as other development finance institutions;

(g) Strongly recommended that Member States cooperate with and support the Organization in its efforts to develop and promote its programmes and initiatives in the international development context, and especially through international conferences and other forms of dialogue, in order to ensure that these initiatives are well known, their relevance for international development targets are recognized, and resources are made available.

*7th plenary meeting
23 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.5 UNIDO strategy in response to climate change

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Recalled resolution GC.19/Res.2, in which the Director General was requested to develop a draft strategy in response to climate change in consultation with Member States, for consideration by the Industrial Development Board at its fiftieth session;

(b) Took note of the report by the Director General on UNIDO's strategy in response to climate change;

(c) Requested the Director General to continue consultations with Member States on the development of the draft strategy based on the document [IDB.50/16](#) in order to ensure its objective as identified in resolution GC.19/Res.2;

(d) Further requested the Director General to develop, in consultation with Member States, an action plan to implement the strategy, within the mandate and available resources of UNIDO, after the above strategy is formulated;

(e) Welcomed the outcomes of 27th session of the Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27), held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from 6 to 20 November 2022 and took note of UNIDO's participation in the conference;

(f) Recommended that the strategy and the action plan shall take into account UNIDO's potential role in the implementation of the outcomes and initiatives of COP27 relevant to the mandate of UNIDO, explore the prospects of utilizing climate finance funds in implementing the strategy as well as give due consideration to the special needs of the most vulnerable developing countries to climate change, noting the importance for some of the concept of "climate justice";

(g) Decided to further consider the UNIDO Climate Change Strategy and its action plan at the fifty-first session of the Board.

*7th plenary meeting
23 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.6 Inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the report by the Director General (IDB.50/19) and the updated UNIDO workplan for partnering with middle-income countries as contained in document IDB.50/CRP.7;

(b) Requested the Director General to:

(i) Operationalize the UNIDO workplan for partnering with middle-income countries ensuring its effective and efficient implementation in 2022–2025;

(ii) Introduce through the integrated results and performance framework specific results and indicators related to the impact achieved by UNIDO in MICs and undertake further efforts to improve results-based management of the Organization's projects, programmes and activities in MICs;

(iii) Hold consultations with Member States on the implementation of the UNIDO workplan for partnering with middle-income countries;

(iv) Consider establishing an internal coordination mechanism within UNIDO to identify priorities and actions to accelerate inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries, and report accordantly on its conclusions;

(v) Organize, within existing resources and in close collaboration with Member States, a side event on the margins of the 2023 High-Level Political Forum under the auspices of ECOSOC to highlight the UNIDO's efforts to support the attainment of SDG 9 on industry, innovation and infrastructure and its targets in MICs;

(vi) Report regularly to the Board on the implementation of the Strategic framework for partnering with middle-income countries (GC.18/Res.9) and its related workplan with possible future updates.

*7th plenary meeting
23 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.7 Membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of document IDB.50/24 on the membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee;

(b) Approved the following non-exhaustive roster of candidates for the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee to be considered for future vacancies on the committee:

Mr. Ibrahim James Pam (Nigeria)	African Group
Mr. Hesham ElGindy (Egypt)	African Group
Ms. Susan Verghese (India)	Asia-Pacific Group
Mr. Hock-Chye Ong (Malaysia)	Asia-Pacific Group
Mr. José Roberto Alpizar Fallas (Costa Rica)	GRULAC
Mr. Martín Guozden (Argentina)	GRULAC
Mr. Michael Schrenk (Germany)	WEOG

(c) In line with paragraph 8 of the revised terms of reference of the committee, appointed the following members to the committee for a term of three years, from

23 November 2022 to 22 November 2025, or until the appointment (or reappointment) of members at the fifty-third regular session of the Board, whichever is later:

Ms. Sabina Blaskovic (Croatia)	States in List D
Mr. Tuncay Efendioglu (Türkiye)	WEOG

*7th plenary meeting
23 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.8 Personnel matters

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document [IDB.50/27](#);

(b) Decided, in accordance with paragraph (b) of General Conference decision GC.19/Dec.17, to elect the following two alternate members of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of the biennium 2022–2023:

Alternate: Mr. Joseph Debono (Malta)

Alternate: Ms. Pragashnie Adurthy (South Africa)

*7th plenary meeting
23 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.9 Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document [IDB.50/28](#);

(b) Decided, in accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, para. 17), to grant consultative status with UNIDO to the following non-governmental organization:

International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

*7th plenary meeting
23 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.10 Relationship agreement with intergovernmental organizations

The Industrial Development Board:

(a) Took note of the information contained in document [IDB.50/29](#);

(b) Authorized the Director General, in accordance with Article 19.1 (a) of the Constitution and the guidelines for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (General Conference decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex, para. 9), and on the basis of the information contained in the annex to document [IDB.50/29](#), to conclude an appropriate relationship agreement with the following intergovernmental organizations:

Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO), and
Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM).

*7th plenary meeting
23 November 2022*

Decision IDB.50/Dec.11 Provisional agenda and date of the fifty-first session

The Industrial Development Board:

- (a) Took note of the information contained in document IDB.50/CRP.12;
- (b) Decided to approve the following provisional agenda for its fifty-first session:¹

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| 1. Election of officers. | Rule 23.1 |
| 2. Adoption of the agenda. | Rule 17 |
| 3. Annual Report of the Director General for 2022. ² | Constitution, Article 11.6
GC.4/Res.2 (2)
GC.13/Res.3 (3)
GC.14/Dec.18
GC.15/Dec.17
IDB.45/Dec.5 (d)
IDB.46/Dec.13 (i) |
| 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee: | Constitution,
Article 10.4 (d) |
| (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2022; | Financial regulations 11.9
and 11.10
PBC conclusion 1987/19 (j)
IDB.46/Dec.2 (g) |
| (b) Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations; | IDB.27/Dec.2 (e)
IDB.48/Dec.2 (c)
GC.18/Dec.13
GC.18/Dec.14
GC.19/Dec.16 |
| (c) Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues; | IDB.45/Dec.7 (d)
IDB.46/Dec.8 (b) |
| (d) Scale of assessments for apportionment of the regular budget expenses for the biennium 2024–2025; | Constitution, Article 10.4 (b) |
| (e) Working Capital Fund for the biennium 2024–2025; | Financial regulation 5.4 (a) |
| (f) Mobilization of financial resources; | Recurrent item
IDB.25/Dec.5 |
| (g) General risk management; | PBC conclusion 2016/8 |
| (h) Appointment of the External Auditor; | Financial regulation 11.1 |

¹ To be updated to take account of mandates adopted by the Board at its fiftieth session and by the Programme and Budget Committee at its thirty-ninth session.

² The Annual Report incorporates the programme performance report, including on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework and the integrated results and performance framework. The report also informs Member States of UNIDO's contribution to the realization of the 2030 Agenda and to the quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (QCPR, General Assembly resolution 75/233), as well as on the implementation of the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (GC.15/Res.1), the Abu Dhabi Declaration (GC.18/Res.1), and on the progress made on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III) (IDB.46/Dec.13 (i)).

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| (i) | Updated medium-term investment proposals. | GC.14/Dec.18(e)
IDB.43/Dec.6(l)
IDB.44/Dec.2(c) |
| 5. | Programme and budgets, 2024–2025. | Constitution, Articles 14.1, 14.2, 14.3 |
| 6. | UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. | GC.16/Res.2
IDB.44/Dec.9
JIU/REP/2017/1 Rec.1 |
| 7. | United Nations development system reform. | IDB.46/Dec.12 |
| 8. | Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). | GC.18/Res.6(8) |
| 9. | Climate neutral industry and circular economy. | GC.17/Res.4
GC.18/Res.7 |
| 10. | Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. | IDB.24/Dec.11 |
| 11. | UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. | IDB.44/Dec.4, Annex, para. 24
IDB.47/Dec.6
IDB.48/Dec.5, Annex, para. 3 |
| 12. | Evaluation and internal oversight activities. | IDB.44/Dec.3
IDB.48/Dec.10, Annex, paras. 30 and 31 |
| 13. | Personnel matters. | GC.1/Dec.37
IDB.1/Dec.18
Staff regulations 13.3 and 13.4 |
| 14. | Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations. | GC.1/Dec.41 |
| 15. | Preparations for the twentieth session of the General Conference. | Constitution, Article 9.4 (g) |
| 16. | Provisional agenda and date of the fifty-second session. | Rule 10.2 |
| 17. | Adoption of the report. | Rule 71 |
- (c) Decided to hold its fifty-first session from 3–6 July 2023.

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23 November 2022*

Annex II

Documents submitted to the Board at its fiftieth session

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
1 Election of officers	-	-
2 Adoption of the agenda	IDB.50/1	Provisional agenda
	IDB.50/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
	IDB.50/CRP.1	List of documents
3 Annual Report of the Director General for 2021	IDB.50/2	<i>Annual Report of UNIDO 2021</i>
3 (a) Managing for results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025	IDB.50/5	Managing for Results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025. Report by the Director General
	PBC.38/CRP.5	UPDATE – Managing for Results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025. Report by the Director General
4 Report of the Programme and Budget Committee	IDB.50/13	Report of the Programme and Budget Committee on the work of its thirty-eighth session
4 (a) Report of the External Auditor for 2021	IDB.50/3	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
	PBC.38/CRP.2	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.3	Comments on the Report of the External Auditor. Note by the UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee
4 (b) Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations	IDB.50/4	Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General
	IDB.50/CRP.2	Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat
	IDB.50/CRP.3	Financial situation of UNIDO. Update by the Secretariat
4 (c) Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues	IDB.50/6	Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-Chairs
	IDB.50/CRP.4	Update on the report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-Chairs
4 (d) Mobilization of financial resources	IDB.50/2 , chapter 8	Funding performance. <i>Annual Report of UNIDO 2021</i>
	IDB.50/7/Rev.1	Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director General

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
	PBC.38/CRP.7	Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, thematic and individual trust funds, and other voluntary contributions in 2021
4 (e) General risk management	IDB.50/8	General Risk Management. Report by the Director General
4 (f) Updated medium-term investment proposals	IDB.50/9	Medium-term investment proposals, 2022–2025. Report by the Director General
	IDB.50/CRP.14	UNIDO information technology and digitalization priorities for 2022–2023. Note by the Secretariat
5 UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	IDB.50/14	UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Report by the Director General
6 United Nations development system reform	IDB.50/11	United Nations development system reform. Report by the Director General
7 Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)	IDB.50/10	Report on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). Report by the Director General
	IDB.50/CRP.5	Update on the African Union Summit on Industrialization and Economic Diversification. Update by the Secretariat
8 Climate neutral industry and circular economy	-	-
8 (a) UNIDO activities related to circular economy	IDB.50/15	UNIDO activities related to circular economy. Report by the Director General
	IDB.50/CRP.6	Update on the consultations on circular economy. Note by the Secretariat ³
8 (b) UNIDO strategy in response to climate change	IDB.50/16	UNIDO Strategy in response to climate change. Report by the Director General
9 UNIDO activities related to digital transformation and innovation	IDB.50/17	UNIDO activities related to digital transformation and innovation. Report by the Director General
10 UNIDO activities related to structural transformation and sectoral expertise	IDB.50/18	UNIDO activities related to sectoral development, including agribusiness, trade capacity-building and job creation. Report by the Director General
11 UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic	IDB.50/12	UNIDO's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Report by the Director General
12 Inclusive and sustainable development in middle-income countries	IDB.50/19	Inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries. Report by the Director General
	IDB.50/CRP.7	Updated UNIDO workplan for partnering with middle-income countries. Update by the Secretariat

³ Please note that this document was included in the annotated provisional agenda of the fiftieth session of the Board (IDB.50/1/Add.1) as “Outcome of the consultations on circular economy. Report by the Co-Chairs”. However, to reflect the changes in the substance of the document due to the current status of the consultation process, the title was updated to “Update on the consultations on circular economy. Note by the Secretariat”.

<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Title</i>
13 UNIDO's operational strategy and implementation plan for LDCs 2022–2031	IDB.50/20	Update on the preparation process of the UNIDO operational strategy for the least developed countries 2022–2031. Report by the Director General
	IDB.50/CRP.8	UNIDO operational strategy for the least developed countries 2022–2031. Note by the Director General
14 Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit	IDB.50/21	Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director General
	IDB.50/CRP.9	Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Note by the Director General
15 UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee	IDB.50/22	Report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Report by the Chair
	IDB.50/23	Report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Management response
	IDB.50/24	Membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Note by the Secretariat
	IDB.50/CRP.13	Membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Note by the Secretariat
16 Evaluation and internal oversight activities	IDB.50/25	Internal oversight activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight
	IDB.50/26	Evaluation activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight
17 Personnel matters	IDB.50/27	Personnel matters. Report by the Director General
	IDB.50/CRP.10	Personnel matters. Annexes to the report by the Director General
	IDB.50/CRP.11	List of staff of the UNIDO Secretariat. Submitted by the Secretariat
18 Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations	IDB.50/28	Application from a non-governmental organization for consultative status. Note by the Director General
	IDB.50/29	Information on intergovernmental organizations. Note by the Director General
19 Provisional agenda and date of the fifty-first session	IDB.50/CRP.12	Provisional agenda and date of the fifty-first session. Note by the Director General
20 Adoption of the report	-	-