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Relations with intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

Note by the Director General

The present document provides information on events related to agreements with intergovernmental organizations and to the consultative status of non-governmental organizations associated with the work of UNIDO since the nineteenth session of the General Conference.

I. Introduction

1. In accordance with Article 19 of the Constitution, the General Conference, at its first session, issued guidelines according to which the Director General, with the approval of the Industrial Development Board, may enter into agreements or establish appropriate relations with certain organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex). Paragraphs 4, 11 and 19 of the guidelines stipulate that the Director General shall report to the Conference at each regular session on any agreements with intergovernmental or governmental organizations or other organizations of the United Nations system entered into by him on behalf of the Organization and on any consultative relations established since the preceding regular session. The present document complies with those stipulations and provides information on related events that have taken place since the nineteenth session of the General Conference.

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II. Intergovernmental organizations

2. At its fiftieth session, in decision IDB.50/Dec.10, the Board authorized the Director General to conclude an appropriate relationship agreement with two intergovernmental organizations (IGOs): the Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM); bringing the total number of IGOs with which the Director General was authorized to negotiate such agreements to 66. A listing of the 66 IGOs is provided in annex I to the present document.

III. Non-governmental organizations

3. In decision IDB.50/Dec.9, the Board decided to grant consultative status to a non-governmental organization (NGO), namely the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).

4. At its fifty-first session, the Board had before it a note by the Director General contained in document IDB.51/27 on an application from an NGO for consultative status, the International Economic Senate (Internationaler Wirtschaftssenat e.V., IWS), as submitted under agenda item 16, matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations. The session was adjourned in accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure of the Board prior to consensus being reached on this item. Consideration of this item will be resumed, following pre-session informal consultations on the matter, at the resumed session of the Board taking place on the margins of the twentieth session of the General Conference. Any decision on this issue will be contained in the report of the resumed session of the fifty-first session of the Board.

5. Thus, a total of 39 NGOs currently have consultative status with UNIDO, as shown in annex II to the present document.

IV. Action required of the Conference

6. The Conference may wish to take note of the information contained in the present document.

Annex I

Intergovernmental organizations with which relationship agreements have been authorized

(as of 26 September 2023: 66 organizations)

Name of organization	Abbreviation/acronym	Authority/decision	Background information document
* Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific States ¹	OACPS	IDB.39/Dec.9	IDB.39/23
* African Development Bank	AFDB	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* African Intellectual Property Organization	OAPI	IDB.6/Dec.19	IDB.6/15
* African Regional Centre for Technology	ARCT	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* African Regional Organization for Standardization	ARSO	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* African Union	AU	IDB.31/Dec.9	IDB.31/10
* International Organization of la Francophonie ²	OIF	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Agency for International Trade Information and Cooperation	AITIC	IDB.33/Dec.9	IDB.33/14
Andean Parliament		IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa	BADEA	IDB.42/Dec.7	IDB.42/18
* Arab Industrial Development and Mining Organization	AIDMO	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organization	ALECSO	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Arab Maghreb Union	AMU	IDB.17/Dec.7	IDB.17/21
* Arab Union for Cement and Building Materials	AUCBM	IDB.3/Dec.43	IDB.3/24
* Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization	AALCO	IDB.10/Dec.20	IDB.10/16/Add.1
* Asian and Pacific Coconut Community	APCC	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
Asian Forest Cooperation Organization	AFoCO	IDB.50/Dec10	IDB.50/29
* Black Sea Economic Cooperation	BSEC	IDB.15/10	IDB.15/8/Add.1
Caribbean Community	CARICOM	IDB.5/Dec.40	IDB.5/22
* Caribbean Development Bank	CDB	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Cartagena Agreement	JUNAC	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Central African Customs and Economic Union	CPCEU/UDEAC	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Central African States Development Bank	CASDB/BDEAC	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa	COMESA	IDB.4/Dec.44	IDB.4/6
* Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf	GCC	IDB.10/Dec.20	IDB.10/16
* Council of Arab Economic Unity	CAEU	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
Development Bank of the Great Lakes States	BDEGL	IDB.10/Dec.20	IDB.10/16
* Economic Cooperation Organization	ECO	IDB.11/Dec.35	IDB.11/18
* Eurasian Development Bank	EDB	IDB.44/Dec.16	IDB.44/19
Eurasian Economic Commission	EEC	IDB.43/Dec.12	IDB.43/16

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Name of organization	Abbreviation/acronym	Authority/decision	document
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	EBRD	IDB.21/Dec.14	IDB.21/25
* European Community	EC	IDB.6/Dec.19	IDB.6/15
European Investment Bank	EIB	IDB.43/Dec.12	IDB.43/16
* Financial Fund for the Plata Basin Development	FONPLATA	IDB.8/Dec.39	IDB.8/44
* Fund for Solidarity and Economic Development of the West African Economic Community	FOSIDEC	IDB.6/Dec.19	IDB.6/15/Add.1
* GCC Standardization Organization	GSO	IDB.46/Dec.5	IDB.46/24
* Group of Latin American and Caribbean Sugar Exporting Countries	GEPLACEA	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Gulf Organization for Industrial Consulting	GOIC	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Intergovernmental Organization for Marketing Information and Cooperation Services for Fishery Products in Africa	INFOPECHE	IDB.15/Dec.10	IDB.15/8
* International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology	ICGEB	IDB.15/Dec.10	IDB.15/8
* International Centre for Promotion of Enterprises	ICPE	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* International Centre for Scientific and Technical Information	ICSTI	IDB.5/Dec.40	IDB.5/22
* International Conference on the Great Lakes Region	ICGLR	IDB.37/Dec.7	IDB.37/12
* International Institute of Refrigeration	IIR	IDB.15/Dec.10	IDB.15/8
International Jute Organization	IJO	IDB.4/Dec.44	IDB.4/6
* International Lead and Zinc Study Group	ILZSG	IDB.5/Dec.40	IDB.5/22
International Network for Bamboo and Rattan	INBAR	IDB.49/Dec.13	IDB.49/30
* International Organization for Migration	IOM	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* International Pepper Community	IPC	IDB.8/Dec.39	IDB.8/44
International Tropic Timber Organization	ITTO	IDB.5/Dec.40	IDB.5/22
Islamic Centre for the Development of Trade	ICDT	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
Islamic Development Bank	ISDB	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	ICESCO ³	IDB.11/Dec.35	IDB.11/18
Islamic Foundation for Science, Technology and Development	IFSTAD	IDB.8/Dec.39	IDB.8/44
* Latin American Integration Association	LAIA/ALADI	IDB.11/Dec.35	IDB.11/18
* League of Arab States	LAS	IDB.9/Dec.18	IDB.9/19
Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development	OECD	IDB.46/Dec.5	IDB.46/24
* Organization of the Islamic Conference	OIC	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean	PAM	IDB.50/Dec.10	IDB.50/29
* Senegal River Development Organization	OMVS	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31

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* South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme	SACEP	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
Standards and Metrology Institute for Islamic Countries	SMIIC	IDB.48/Dec.13	IDB.48/29
* Union for the Mediterranean	UfMS	IDB.42/Dec.7	IDB.42/18
* West African Development Bank	WADB	IDB.2/Dec.28	IDB.2/31
* West African Health Organization	WAHO	IDB.46/Dec.5	IDB.46/24
World Intellectual Property Organization	WIPO	IDB.37/Dec.6	IDB.37/13

* Agreement concluded.
¹ Formerly the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP Group).
² Formerly the Agency for Cultural and Technical Cooperation (ACCT).
³ Formerly ISESCO.

Annex II

International non-governmental organizations having consultative status with UNIDO

(as of 26 September 2023: 39 organizations)

Name of organization	Abbreviation/ acronym	Authority/decision	Background information document
AISEC International		IDB.24/Dec.12	IDB.24/24
Arab Federation for Food Industries	AFFI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
AVSI Foundation	AVSI	IDB.41/Dec.16	IDB.41/20
Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation	CGDC	IDB.41/Dec.16	IDB.41/20
China Chamber of International Commerce	CCOIC	IDB.44/Dec.17	IDB.44/18
European Business Council for Africa and the Mediterranean	EBCAM	IDB.47/Dec.10	IDB.47/28
European Union of Public Relations	EUPR	IDB.14/Dec.24	IDB.14/23
Forum Francophone des Affaires	FFA	IDB.34/Dec.4	IDB.34/10
Global Alliance of SMEs	GASME	IDB.40/Dec.9	IDB.40/23
Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization	GEIDCO	IDB.49/Dec.12	IDB.49/26
Global Options and Linkages	GOAL	IDB.33/Dec.10	IDB.33/13
Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition	GWNET	IDB.49/Dec.12	IDB.49/26
International Alliance of Women	IAW	IDB.8/Dec.40	IDB.8/14
International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience	IAESTE	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
International Association ZNANIE		IDB.24/Dec.12	IDB.24/24
International Centre on Small Hydro Power	ICSHP	IDB.19/Dec.6	IDB.19/4
International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs	ICIE	IDB.21/Dec.13	IDB.21/28
International Council of Women	ICW	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Electrotechnical Commission	IEC	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Federation of Automatic Control	IFAC	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
International Federation of Business and Professional Women	IFBPW	IDB.4/Dec.45	IDB.4/17
International Foundation for the Promotion of Privatization and Foreign Investments	FPI	IDB.11/Dec.36	IDB.11/6
International Gas Union	IGU	IDB.40/Dec.9	IDB.40/20
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis	IIASA	IDB.50/Dec.9	IDB.50/28
International Institute of Industrial Ecology and Green Economy	2iecologie	IDB.46/Dec.14	IDB.46/23
International Investment Center	IIC	IDB.28/Dec.8	IDB.28/12
International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization	IMSCO	IDB.17/Dec.8	IDB.17/12
International Network for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	INSME	IDB.28/Dec.8	IDB.28/12/Add.1
International Organization for Standardization	ISO	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
ISEKI-Food Association	IFA	IDB.38/Dec.11	IDB.38/19
Organization for International Economic Relations	OIER	IDB.39/Dec.10	IDB.39/18
Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities	OICC	IDB.11/Dec.36	IDB.11/16

Name of organization	Abbreviation/ acronym	Authority/decision	Background information document
Society for International Development	SID	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Society of Chemical Industry	SCI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Soroptimist International	SI	IDB.14/Dec.24	IDB.14/23
World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations	WAITRO	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
World Federation of Engineering Organizations	WFEO	IDB.43/Dec.11	IDB.43/17
World Free Zones Organization	World FZO	IDB.44/Dec.17	IDB.44/18
World Union of Small and Medium Enterprises	WUSME	IDB.48/Dec.14	IDB.48/28