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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 |
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* 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 |

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| 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 |