

National Statement of the United Arab Emirates at the UNIDO 20th Session of the General Conference

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Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

let me first congratulate you Madam Chairperson for your election as president of the UNIDO General Conference.

The United Arab Emirates has been steadfast in its commitment to advancing sustainable industrial development on both the national and global fronts.

Our journey with UNIDO has been one of collaboration strong partnerships, marked by significant milestones. In 2019, the UAE hosted the 18th session of UNIDO's General Conference, leading to the adoption of the Abu Dhabi Declaration.

This landmark event reinforced the critical role of industrial development in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Today, we continue to build upon this foundation, to share the UAE's continued dedication to transformative industrial progress.

The United Arab Emirates has been at the forefront of these efforts, driving initiatives that positioned it as a global manufacturing hub. Operation 300bn, launched in 2021, is a testament to our commitment to fostering sustainable industrial development.

In tandem with these efforts, the UAE is gearing up to host COP28, a pivotal moment for global climate action. UNIDO, recognizing the significance of industrialization in climate initiatives, has developed a Climate Change Strategy in close consultation with Member States.

This strategy aligns seamlessly with the UAE's vision, where industry propels low-emission economies, improves living standards, and safeguards the environment.

Our involvement as a host of COP28 adopts a holistic approach consistent with the UNIDO Climate Change Strategy. Thematic tracks such as Industry Decarbonization, Green Hydrogen, Food Security and Food Systems, Climate Adaptation, and Resilience are central to our commitment. Cross-cutting themes of Innovative Solutions, Innovative Finance, and Gender and Youth further underscore our dedication to inclusive and effective climate action.

As we navigate COP28, UNIDO and the UAE are poised to launch the UNIDO International Centre for Industry Readiness. This initiative aims to enhance industrial sector capacity to respond to shocks and emergencies using Fourth Industrial Revolution applications.

In conclusion,

We express our thanks to UNIDO DG for his leadership and for the secretariat for the ongoing efforts and achievements.

The UAE remains committed to the ideals and objectives of UNIDO. Our collaborative efforts, including hosting key conferences, contributing to negotiations, and actively participating in transformative initiatives, underscore our dedication to a world where industry serves as a catalyst for positive social, economic, and environmental outcomes.

Thank you.