



Industrial Development Board

Fifty-second session

Vienna, 25–27 November 2024

Item 2 of the provisional agenda

Adoption of the agenda

Annotated provisional agenda

Opening of the session

The fifty-second session of the Industrial Development Board will be opened by the outgoing President of the Board, H.E. Mr. Magdi Ahmed Mofadal Elnour (Sudan).

Item 1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 23.1 of the rules of procedure, each year, at the commencement of its regular session, the Board shall elect from among the representatives of its members a President, three Vice-Presidents and a Rapporteur. Rule 23.3 stipulates that the offices of the President, the three Vice-Presidents and the Rapporteur shall be subject to equitable geographical rotation within a five-year cycle described in appendix A to the rules of procedure. Accordingly, for the fifty-second session, the President should be elected from members of the Board among the States included in List B of Annex I to the Constitution. The three Vice-Presidents should be elected from members of the Board among Asian States included in List A, States included in List C and States included in List D, respectively. The Rapporteur should be elected from among the representatives of members of the Board among the African States included in List A.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

A provisional agenda for the fifty-second session, based on the provisional agenda adopted in decision IDB.51/Dec.12, and updated to reflect mandates emanating from the twentieth session of the General Conference and the fortieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee, is submitted to the Board for adoption in document [IDB.52/1](#).

The Board will have before it:

- Provisional agenda ([IDB.52/1](#))
- Annotated provisional agenda ([IDB.52/1/Add.1](#))
- List of documents ([IDB.52/CRP.1](#))

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Item 3. Annual report of the Director General for 2023

In accordance with Article 11.6 of the Constitution, the Director General is to prepare an annual report on the activities of the Organization. The annual report was presented, through the fortieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee,¹ to the current session of the Board. Annotations in relation to the annual report and its content were contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the Committee session (PBC.40/1/Add.1). In line with Article 9.4 (d) of the Constitution and decision IDB.1/Dec.29, Member States have been invited to deliver statements, including information on their activities related to the work of the Organization, at the fortieth session of the Committee. To enhance the debate on the item, Member States are requested to bear in mind the statements delivered at the Committee and to focus their interventions on any further developments of note.

The Board will have before it:

- *Annual Report of UNIDO 2023* (IDB.52/2-PBC.40/2)
- Appendices to the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2023* (IDB.52/2/Add.1-PBC.40/2/Add.1)

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

In paragraphs (e) and (f) of decision GC.15/Dec.17, the Conference requested a medium-term programme framework (MTPF) for four years. The Board, through decision IDB.44/Dec.10, requested an updated MTPF for the period 2018–2021 (IDB.45/8, Add.1 and Add.2), including the integrated results and programme framework (IRPF) with baseline and target values.

In line with the four-year horizon established by IDB.44/Dec.10, a proposal by the Director General for the MTPF 2022–2025 (IDB.49/8) was submitted to the thirty-seventh session of the Programme and Budget Committee and the forty-ninth session of the Industrial Development Board.

The implementation of the IRPF saw major advancements driven by the MTPF 2018–2021 and is fully consolidated and mainstreamed in the MTPF 2022–2025. Transition towards greater maturity of results-based management continued to include fine-tuning of guidance, tools, templates and capacity-building initiatives, as well as a revision of the monitoring mechanism to ensure greater data quality.

With the MTPF 2022–2025, the application and use of the IRPF for decision-making is fully realized at the highest level of organizational official strategic planning processes, including in the programme and budgets, 2022–2023. The IRPF continues to provide the metrics for the results-based programme and budgets, 2024–2025 (IDB.51/6-PBC.39/6, Add.1) and related reporting.

An update on the implementation of the MTPF as it relates to managing for results was presented to the fortieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee.

The Board will have before it:

- Managing for Results: Update on the implementation of the medium-term programme framework, 2022–2025. Report by the Director General (IDB.52/3-PBC.40/3)

Item 4. Report of the Programme and Budget Committee

Article 10.4 (d) of the Constitution requires that the Programme and Budget Committee shall “report to the Board at each regular session on all activities of the Committee and submit advice or proposals on financial matters to the Board on its own initiative”. The report of the Committee on the work of its fortieth session is reflected in document IDB.52/13. The following subjects and documentation, dealt

¹ The fortieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee took place on 10 and 11 June 2024.

with by the Committee at its fortieth session, are of relevance to the work of the Board at its current session. Annotations are contained in the annotated provisional agenda of the fortieth session of the Committee (PBC.40/1/Add.1). At that session, the Committee recommended to the Board the adoption of a number of draft decisions, indicated in the report of the session and under the respective subheadings below.

(a) Report of the External Auditor for 2023

- Report of the External Auditor on the accounts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2023 (IDB.52/4-PBC.40/4)
- Annexes to the report of the External Auditor on the accounts of UNIDO for the financial year 1 January to 31 December 2023 (unaudited) (PBC.40/CRP.2)
- Comments on the Report of the External Auditor. Note by the UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (PBC.40/CRP.3)

(b) Financial situation of UNIDO, including unutilized balances of appropriations

- Financial situation of UNIDO. Report by the Director General (IDB.52/5-PBC.40/5)
- Status of assessed contributions. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.52/CRP.2)
- Financial situation of UNIDO. Update by the Secretariat (IDB.52/CRP.3)

(c) Budget implementation flexibility

The twentieth session of the General Conference considered a proposal of the Director General on budget implementation flexibility for the biennium 2024–2025.

With GC.20/Dec.14, the General Conference took an interim decision for the biennium 2024–2025, to allow the Director General, to increase expenditure on technical cooperation to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development up to €60 million of the operational budget commensurate with the actual income received. In accordance with the decision, the Director General shall inform in writing the General Conference through the Programme and Budget Committee and the Industrial Development Board, at the session following such action, of the details and reasons for these increased expenditures. Accordingly, a report by the Director General on the application of budget implementation flexibility will be presented to the fifty-second session of the Board.

Furthermore, through conclusion 2024/2, the Programme and Budget Committee “recommended that the fifty-second session of the Industrial Development Board continue negotiating with a view to taking the interim decision, on a time-bound basis for the biennium 2024–2025, to allow the Director General to make, within the amounts approved by the General Conference for the regular budget, transfers between the major objects of expenditure within result areas up to [10] per cent of the initially appropriated regular budget amounts from which the transfers are made.”

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Conclusion 2024/2 of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Budget implementation flexibility. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.52/6-PBC.40/6)
- Application of budget implementation flexibility. Report by the Director General (IDB.52/32)

(d) Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues

- Report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-Chairs (IDB.52/7-PBC.40/7)

- Update on the report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-Chairs (PBC.40/CRP.5)
- Update on the report by the informal working group on Programme and Budget Committee-related issues. Report by the Co-Chairs (IDB.52/CRP.4)

(e) Mobilization of financial resources

In addition to the documents presented on this item to the fortieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee and as requested in the Board's decision IDB.51/Dec.5, relevant documentation on draft strategic guidelines on partnerships and resource mobilization will be presented to the fifty-second session of the Board.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Conclusion [2024/3](#) of the Programme and Budget Committee
- Mobilization of financial resources. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/8-PBC.40/8](#))
- Funding performance. *Annual Report of UNIDO 2023* ([IDB.52/2-PBC.40/2](#), chapter 6)
- Projects approved under the Industrial Development Fund, thematic and individual trust funds, and other voluntary contributions in 2023 (PBC.40/CRP.6)
- Update on the development of the draft strategic guidelines on partnerships and resource mobilization. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/14](#))
- Draft strategic guidelines on partnerships and resource mobilization. Note by the Secretariat ([IDB.52/CRP.5](#))

(f) General risk management

Further to the report of the Director General presented to the fortieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee, the Board will be updated on recent changes to UNIDO's enterprise risk management framework and actions taken by the Organization to manage and reduce the threat of cybersecurity risks, as a response to the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) recommendations on cybersecurity in the United Nations system organizations ([JIU/REP/2021/3](#)).

The Board will therefore have before it:

- General risk management. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/9-PBC.40/9](#))
- Update on general risk management. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/33](#))
- UNIDO's cybersecurity framework. Note by the Secretariat ([IDB.52/CRP.14](#))

(g) Updated medium-term investment proposals

- Updated medium-term investment proposals, 2024–2025. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/10-PBC.40/10](#))

Item 5. UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

At its sixteenth session, the General Conference requested the Director General to report to Member States on UNIDO's contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, taking into consideration the report of the United Nations Secretary-General and the Global Indicator Framework ([GC.16/Res.2](#)). In the same resolution, the General Conference also requested the Director General to continue to actively contribute and pursue a leading role for UNIDO in the ongoing discussions with other international organizations and stakeholders on the follow-up and review mechanism for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 on

industry, innovation and infrastructure, and other relevant and interlinked goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda. At its forty-fourth session, the Board reiterated the commitment of UNIDO and its Member States to the realization of the 2030 Agenda (decision [IDB.44/Dec.9](#)). Through the Abu Dhabi Declaration, the eighteenth session of the General Conference also reaffirmed their commitment to General Assembly resolution [70/1](#) of 25 September 2015, entitled “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” ([GC.18/Res.1](#)). Reports on UNIDO’s contribution to the 2030 Agenda are provided regularly to the Board and the General Conference.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/15](#))
- Update on the World Without Hunger Conference. Note by the Secretariat ([IDB.52/CRP.13](#))

Item 6. United Nations development system reform

Under this item, the Board will consider a report submitted to the fortieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee on the United Nations development system reform (UNDS).

In its decision [IDB.46/Dec.12](#), the Board requested the Director General to regularly report on UNDS reform-related matters to the Programme and Budget Committee, the Industrial Development Board and the General Conference of UNIDO.

The Board will have before it:

- United Nations development system reform. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/12-PBC.40/12](#))

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

United Nations General Assembly resolution [70/293](#) on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa, 2016–2025 (IDDA III) mandated UNIDO, as one of the lead Organizations, to develop, operationalize and spearhead the implementation of IDDA III as well as enhance technical assistance and efforts towards resource mobilization for African countries specifically for this purpose.

In its resolution [GC.18/Res.6](#), the General Conference requested the Director General to report regularly to the policymaking organs on the tangible progress in terms of concrete project implementation and impact at national levels, as well as the feedback from development partners, to sustain momentum for resource mobilization and supporting data collection.

A report by the Director General was considered by the fifty-first session of the Industrial Development Board ([IDB.51/15](#)), building on the information contained in [IDB.50/10](#) and [GC.19/9](#), and in conjunction with the information on IDDA III initiatives contained in the *Annual Report of UNIDO 2022* and the United Nations General Assembly note by the Secretary-General on IDDA III ([A/77/271](#)).

Under this item, the Board will consider a report submitted to the fortieth session of the Programme and Budget Committee on IDDA III.

The Board will have before it:

- Report on the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/11-PBC.40/11](#))

Item 8. Climate neutral industry and circular economy

(a) UNIDO activities related to circular economy

Through resolution [GC.18/Res.1](#), the Conference recognized a circular economy as one of the means to achieve sustainable development and, through resolution [GC.18/Res.7](#), requested the Director General to continue supporting industries to contribute to circular economy without delay by adopting energy and resource efficient manufacturing practices and innovations in design, production processes and product lifespan management, and by delivering related services.

Under this sub-item, the Board will be updated on the UNIDO activities related to circular economy.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO activities related to circular economy. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/16](#))

(b) UNIDO Climate Change Strategy and its action plan

At its fifty-first session, the Board, through decision [IDB.51/Dec.8](#), endorsed the UNIDO Climate Change Strategy, and requested the Director General to continue consultations with Member States to develop an action plan to implement the strategy within the mandate and available resources of UNIDO, as well as to report on the progress of the action plan at the twentieth session of the General Conference (document [GC.20/12](#) refers).

Under this sub-item, the Board will be updated on the development of the action plan for the implementation of the strategy.

The Board will have before it:

- Update on the development of the action plan for the implementation of the UNIDO Climate Change Strategy. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/17](#))
- Draft action plan for the implementation of the UNIDO Climate Change Strategy. Note by the Secretariat ([IDB.52/CRP.6](#))

Item 9. Inclusive and sustainable development in middle-income countries

Through resolution [GC.18/Res.9](#), the General Conference adopted the UNIDO Strategic Framework for Partnering with Middle-Income Countries, as contained in Board decision [IDB.47/Dec.7](#), and requested the Director General to prepare a workplan for its implementation, which was considered at the forty-eighth session of the Board ([IDB.48/15](#)). Through decision [IDB.50/Dec.6](#), the Board took note of the updated UNIDO workplan for partnering with middle-income countries ([IDB.50/CRP.7](#)) and requested the Director General to operationalize it, ensuring its effective and efficient implementation in 2022–2025, and to hold consultations with Member States on its implementation. Furthermore, the Board requested that the establishment of an internal coordination mechanism within UNIDO shall be considered.

The Director General is requested to report regularly to the Board on the implementation of the Strategic Framework for Partnering with Middle-Income Countries and its related workplan with possible future updates ([IDB.50/Dec.6](#) refers).

The Board will have before it:

- Inclusive and sustainable industrial development in middle-income countries. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/18](#))

Item 10. UNIDO activities in support of the least developed countries

At its twentieth session, the General Conference in its resolution [GC.20/Res.3](#) on the UNIDO activities related to the Vienna Ministerial Declaration for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs), invited the Director General to take special account of the needs of the LDCs in accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development, in cooperation with relevant partners and stakeholders during the current Decade of Action, particularly to support the implementation of the Doha Programme of Action for the LDCs for 2022–2031, building on the deliberations and outcomes of the tenth Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries.

It further welcomed the UNIDO Operational Strategy for the LDCs 2022–2031; requested the Director General to develop an action plan for its implementation, in close consultation with Member States and relevant partners and stakeholders; and invited UNIDO to duly implement the Operational Strategy, within regular budget and extrabudgetary resources.

The Conference also requested the Director General to report to the twenty-first session of the General Conference, through the intervening sessions of the Industrial Development Board, on UNIDO activities related to the resolution.

The Board will have before it:

- UNIDO activities in support of the least developed countries. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/19](#))

Item 11. Strengthening capacities in developing productive, resilient and sustainable supply chains

Through resolution [GC.20/Res.2](#), the twentieth session of the General Conference recognized the role of productive, resilient and sustainable supply chains in driving inclusive and sustainable industrial development as emphasized through UNIDO's thematic priority on supply chains.

The Conference requested the Director General, within the mandate and the budget of UNIDO, to continue engaging and cooperating with the public and private sectors and all relevant stakeholders dealing with inclusive and sustainable industrial development, in consultation with concerned Member States, to foster an inclusive process that makes all voices heard to create productive, resilient and sustainable supply chains globally and regionally; to meaningfully enhance the transfer of technology, on mutually agreed terms, and the transfer of knowledge and related know-how, technical and financial support and tools including supply chains digitization to developing countries; and to share experiences and best practices to promote actions conducive to trade liberalization and investments. The General Conference further requested the Director General to strengthen its programmatic work and develop a holistic proposal on supporting Member States, firms and workers in further developing productive, resilient and sustainable supply chains, including targeted, sustainable and effective support measures for small and medium-sized enterprises, women and youth in particular, to ensure that all actors can reap the benefits of global and regional supply chains, supporting the needed transition to a more equitable, inclusive, sustainable and economically viable future for all.

The Conference requested the Director General to report to the twenty-first session of the General Conference, through the intervening sessions of the Board, on up-to-date developments including the challenges encountered and achievements made regarding the implementation of the resolution.

The Board will have before it:

- Strengthening capacities in developing productive, resilient and sustainable supply chains. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/20](#))

Item 12. Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit

In accordance with the follow-up scheme to recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) (decision IDB.24/Dec.11), the Board will have before it the following documents:

- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Report by the Director General (IDB.52/21)
- Activities of the Joint Inspection Unit. Note by the Director General (IDB.52/CRP.7)

Item 13. UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee

In line with the terms of reference of the UNIDO Independent Oversight Advisory Committee (OAC), approved through Board decision IDB.48/Dec.5, the annual report of the Oversight Committee as well as any management response will be presented to IDB.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Report by the Chair (IDB.52/22)
- Report of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Management response (IDB.52/22/Add.1)

Following the resignation of one member of the Committee in February 2024, and due to the roster of candidates from States in List D being exhausted, the Director General, in line with paragraph 7 of the OAC terms of reference, provided an open call for nominations to the Oversight Committee to Member States, including through information note No. 8 dated 28 March 2024. The note, which was recirculated on 15 May 2024, provided supplementary information on the call for nomination of candidates, including the selection procedure.

Following consultations with Member States, the Enlarged Bureau of the Board shall submit to the Board a non-exhaustive list of candidates from States in List D to be considered for appointment. Candidates interviewed, but not selected at the time, may be included in the roster established for future vacancies on the OAC.

Under this item, the Board will be presented with a document proposing the appointment of one member to fill the vacancy on the OAC and the inclusion of selected candidates on the non-exhaustive list or roster of possible candidates for future vacancies on the Committee. A conference room paper containing summary curricula vitae of the recommended member and candidates will also be provided.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.52/23)
- Membership of the Independent Oversight Advisory Committee. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.52/CRP.8)

Item 14. Evaluation and internal oversight activities

With its decision IDB.44/Dec.3, the Board mandated the establishment of an effective and functionally and operationally independent Office of Internal Oversight. On this basis, the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight submits annual reports on internal oversight and on evaluation activities to the Board for its consideration.

Through decision IDB.51/Dec.10, the Board encouraged further outcome and impact-driven strategic evaluations and the incorporation of findings on performance and lessons learned into management actions and strategic planning processes. It further encouraged the Secretariat to finalize the process of re-establishing the

enterprise risk management framework as a key element to address any risks, which could prevent the delivery of mandates, as well as opportunities. It also requested the Secretariat to provide more information on specific audits held by the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight and their relevant recommendations to the Secretariat in this regard in future reports. Furthermore, the Board requested the Secretariat to ensure transparent, sustainable and predictable funding for independent evaluation and internal oversight functions to further strengthen their required operational independence.

Evaluation reports are made publicly available on the UNIDO website upon issuance. Audit reports are made available for Member States on the UNIDO Extranet, when issued throughout the year. These reports include agreed management action plans.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Internal oversight activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight ([IDB.52/24](#))
- Summaries of internal audits. Annex to the report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.52/CRP.9)
- Evaluation activities. Report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight ([IDB.52/25](#))
- Summaries of independent evaluations. Annex to the report by the Director of the Office of Evaluation and Internal Oversight (IDB.52/CRP.10)

Item 15. Personnel matters

By decision IDB.1/Dec.18, the Board decided to accept the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) statute. The Board will be informed of any recent ICSC decisions and recommendations adopted by the General Assembly that are of relevance to UNIDO, as an organization in the United Nations common system. The documentation under this item will also contain information on personnel-related developments in UNIDO.

By decision GC.1/Dec.37, the General Conference accepted the regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and established the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee. In decision [GC.20/Dec.16](#), the Conference elected the two members and one alternate of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the biennium 2024–2025, while one post of alternate member remained vacant. Furthermore, the Conference authorized the Board to proceed with elections for any of the positions of the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee that become vacant before the General Conference holds its twenty-first session. To fill the vacant alternate member post, the Board is required to nominate candidates for election to the UNIDO Staff Pension Committee for the remainder of the biennium 2024–2025.

The Board will have before it:

- Personnel matters. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/26](#))
- List of UNIDO staff. Note by the Secretariat (IDB.52/CRP.11)

Item 16. Preparations for the selection process for the post of the Director General

At its nineteenth session on 30 November 2021, the General Conference appointed Mr. Gerd Müller as Director General of UNIDO for a period of four years from 10 December 2021 or until the Director General to be appointed at the twenty-first regular session of the General Conference assumes office, whichever is later.

To ensure a smooth and timely selection process, in accordance with recommendations 1 and 4 of JIU's report on the "Selection and conditions of service

of executive heads in the United Nations system organizations” (JIU/REP/2009/8) and based on the successful introduction of the forum of candidates for the post of the Director General (decisions [IDB.40/Dec.10](#), [IDB.44/Dec.15](#) and [IDB.48/Dec.12](#) refer), the Secretariat will provide background information on the legislative procedures of UNIDO governing the appointment of the Director General and on preparations for a candidates’ forum. This will include information on the scheduling of a candidates’ forum, in case it is required, pursuant to paragraph (b) of decision [IDB.44/Dec.15](#), through which the Board decided that a forum of candidates nominated for the post of Director General would be held in those years in which a Director General was to be appointed, while no candidates’ forum would be held if the only candidate was a Director General who was nominated for reappointment in terms of Article 11.2 of the Constitution.

The Board will have before it:

- Selection process for the post of Director General. Note by the Secretariat ([IDB.52/27](#))

Item 17. Matters related to intergovernmental, non-governmental, governmental and other organizations

The General Conference in its decision GC.1/Dec.41 established guidelines regarding relationships with the organizations mentioned in Article 19.1 of the Constitution. In accordance with these guidelines, the Director General shall (a) present the draft texts of agreements with other organizations of the United Nations system to the Board for its approval; (b) circulate among the members of the Board information on intergovernmental organizations that have expressed the wish to enter into agreements with UNIDO and seek the approval of the Board before concluding an appropriate relationship agreement with the organizations concerned; and (c) circulate among the members of the Board information on international and national non-governmental organizations and other organizations seeking consultative status, following which the Board shall decide whether to grant consultative status to the organizations concerned, in accordance with the guidelines established by the Conference. Furthermore, in decision [IDB.45/Dec.16](#), the Board approved a set of procedures for reviewing the applications of non-governmental organizations for consultative status with UNIDO.

The Board will therefore have before it information concerning organizations on which decisions are required:

- Application from non-governmental organizations for consultative status. Note by the Director General ([IDB.52/28](#))
- Information on an intergovernmental organization. Note by the Director General ([IDB.52/29](#))

Through decision [IDB.46/Dec.7](#), the Board recommended that it should review at least every four years the list of non-governmental organizations holding consultative status, in line with GC.1/Dec.41, annex B, paragraph 20 (a). Accordingly, the Board may in reviewing the list conclude that an organization in consultative status, which has not shown interest and goodwill in cooperating with UNIDO during a period of three years, may be deemed not to have sufficient interest to warrant the continuance of such a relationship.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Review of the consultative status of non-governmental organizations. Report by the Secretariat ([IDB.52/30](#))

Item 18. Preparations for the twenty-first session of the General Conference

At its twentieth session, the General Conference decided to hold the twenty-first session of the General Conference in Riyadh, from 23 to 27 November 2025 (decision [GC.20/Dec.17](#) refers). It further requested the Director General to negotiate and

conclude an appropriate Conference agreement with the Government of Saudi Arabia and to report to the Industrial Development Board at its fifty-second and fifty-third sessions on the progress achieved in this matter.

The Board will therefore have before it:

- Update on the preparations for the twenty-first session of the General Conference. Report by the Director General ([IDB.52/31](#))

Item 19. Provisional agenda and date of the fifty-third session

In accordance with rule 10.2 of the rules of procedure, the Director General shall submit to the Board at each regular session the provisional agenda for the following regular session. A provisional agenda will be proposed in the following conference room paper:

- Provisional agenda and date of the fifty-third session. Note by the Director General ([IDB.52/CRP.12](#))

The following dates have been reserved for the policymaking organs of UNIDO in 2025 and 2026:

2025

13–15 May 2025 Vienna, Austria	Programme and Budget Committee, forty-first session
30 June–3 July 2025 (tentative) Vienna, Austria	Industrial Development Board, fifty-third session
23–27 November 2025 Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	General Conference, twenty-first session

2026

22–23 June 2026 (tentative) Vienna, Austria	Programme and Budget Committee, forty-second session
23–25 November 2026 (tentative) Vienna, Austria	Industrial Development Board, fifty-fourth session

Item 20. Adoption of the report

In accordance with rule 71 of the rules of procedure, the draft report of the Board shall be prepared and submitted by the Rapporteur.