

STATEMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TÜRKİYE to be delivered at the 52th Session of the Industrial Development Board (25-27 November 2024)

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Türkiye has shown a strong determination to launch a close partnership with Africa since the early 2000s, which led to a strong partnership today.

In 2005, Türkiye was granted observer status in the African Union and in 2008 we were declared as a strategic partner.

Since then, we organized three Türkiye-Africa Partnership Summits in Istanbul and Malabo.

We held the Third Ministerial Review Conference in Djibouti, nearly three weeks ago.

Türkiye continues to invest heavily in the Continent with its political, economic, social, security and humanitarian capabilities.

Our trade volume with the whole Continent exceeded 35 billion Dollars by the end of 2023, which we hope will raise to 50 billion Dollars in the near future.

Türkiye's foreign direct investments in the continent exceed 10 billion Dollars.

As we have 44 Embassies in Africa, we are happy to witness that Ankara became a hub for African diplomatic corps with 38 African Embassies.

We also attach special importance to our humanitarian ties with the Continent.

Türkiye continues to contribute to peace and stability and economic and social development in Africa through our public institutions, non-governmental organizations and the private sector.

Since the establishment of our strategic partnership with the African Union, Türkiye's Official Development Assistance to the African Continent, calculated under the OECD standards, has exceeded 2,5 billion USD as of 2022.

Türkiye maintains its development and humanitarian activities across the whole Continent in solidarity with African people and as our official institution for development cooperation, TİKA undertakes numerous projects with its 22 offices in Africa.

Between 1992-2023, TİKA completed nearly 7.000 projects and activities in the Continent.

The basis of a formal cooperation between UNIDO and Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) was forged with the Cooperation Agreement which dates back to June 2008, and the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 25 November 2016.

These agreements, which establish a framework for enhanced cooperation, should be utilized to promote Africa's well-being, with the aim of increasing the number of joint technical cooperation projects.

We value UNIDO's strategic vision for Africa, which is poised to play a considerable role in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Successful partnerships significantly contribute to the attainment of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNIDO can further enhance its contributions to the SDGs by fostering deeper collaboration with other UN entities, and by leveraging its expertise and resources

Strengthened engagement and collaboration between UNIDO and key development partners, such as the UN Technology Bank for Least Developed Countries, will significantly bolster efforts to bridge the global digital divide, particularly in Africa.

Thank you