



**Industrial Development Board**

**Fifty-third session**

Vienna, 30 June–3 July 2025

**Programme and Budget Committee**

**Forty-first session**

Vienna, 13–15 May 2025

Item 14 of the provisional agenda

**Appointment of the External Auditor**

**Candidates for the appointment of an External Auditor**

**Report by the Director General**

The present report provides information on the candidatures received for the appointment of an External Auditor as of 14 March 2025.

1. In its decision GC.20/Dec.8, the General Conference decided in 2023 to appoint the Undersecretary at the Accountability State Authority of Egypt as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years, beginning on 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2026, under the terms of reference specified in the Financial Regulations of UNIDO.

2. General Conference decision GC.6/Dec.18 requested the Director General to invite proposals from Member States for the appointment of an External Auditor and to submit such proposals to the Programme and Budget Committee for consideration. In compliance with that decision, notification CU 2025/14/UNIDO/PMO/EA, dated 24 January 2025, and information note No. 4, dated 28 January 2025, were sent to Member States, inviting them to inform the Director General by 1 March 2025, of their interest in providing the services of an External Auditor. The proposals thus received are to be submitted to the Programme and Budget Committee at its forty-first session, to be held from 13 to 15 May 2025.

3. As of 14 March 2025, the following candidatures were received for the appointment of an External Auditor (information note No. 15, dated 14 March 2025, refers):

Mr. Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef	President of the Accountability State Authority of Egypt
Mr. K. Sanjay Murthy	Comptroller and Auditor General of India
Mr. Marian Banaś	President of the Supreme Audit Office of Poland

4. The compilation of replies received, including the completed standardized form “Proposal for appointment of External Auditor”, will be brought to the attention of the Committee for its consideration in a conference room paper to be issued prior to the session, thus facilitating the decision-making process.



5. Information notes Nos. 10, 11 and 12, dated 10 March 2025, were circulated to Permanent Missions containing copies of the relevant communications concerning the respective candidatures, which are also reproduced in the annex to the present document.

### **Action required of the Committee**

6. The Committee may wish to propose to the Industrial Development Board that it recommends to the General Conference the appointment of one of the candidates as External Auditor for UNIDO, for a period of two years, beginning 1 July 2026. The appointment would fall under the terms of reference specified in article XI (and annex) of the Financial Regulations of UNIDO. The External Auditors have been allocated a budget for audit activities and specific audits. This budget is intended to cover all necessary expenses related to audit duties, including travel to UNIDO headquarters and field offices, and any other associated costs. The audit team has the flexibility to utilize this budget in a manner that best supports the effective execution of the audit tasks.

## Annex

### **Communications concerning candidatures for the appointment of an External Auditor received by 14 March 2025<sup>1</sup>**

#### **A. Communication concerning the candidature of Mr. Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef, President of the Accountability State Authority of Egypt**

**Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Permanent Mission to the United Nations Organizations, Vienna**

26 February 2025  
UN/049/25

Note Verbal

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and with reference to the note verbal no. CU/2025/14/UNIDO/PMO/EA dated 24 January 2025, regarding the proposals for the appointment of an External;

The Permanent Mission has the honour to inform the esteemed Secretariat that the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt supports the nomination of the Accountability State Authority (ASA) for the appointment as the External Auditor for UNIDO Auditor for the period of two years beginning on 1 July 2026.

The Permanent Mission encloses herewith the letter of H.E. Counsellor Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef; President of the Accountability State Authority (ASA) of Egypt, addressed to H.E. Dr. Gerd Müller UNIDO Director General, along with the ASA's Proposal.

The Permanent Mission of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) the assurances of its highest considerations.

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#### **B. Communication concerning the candidature of Mr. K. Sanjay Murthy, Comptroller and Auditor General of India**

**Permanent Mission of India**

No. Vien/161/02/2023/01

March 1, 2025

The Permanent Mission of India to United Nations and other International Organization in Vienna presents its compliments to the Secretariat of United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and has the honor to refer to the DG UNIDO's Note No. CU 2025/14/UNIDO/PMO/EA dated 24 January 2025 inviting

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<sup>1</sup> These communications are reproduced in the form in which they were received by the Secretariat.

proposals from Member States for the appointment of an External Auditor for UNIDO.

The Permanent Mission of India to United Nations and other International Organization in Vienna has the honour to forward the candidature of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for appointment as the External Auditor for a period of two years, beginning on 1 July, 2026. The detailed proposal is enclosed.

The Permanent Mission of India to United Nations and other International Organisation in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Secretariat of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the assurances of its highest consideration.

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To,  
The Secretariat of the United Nations  
Industrial Development Organization  
Vienna

**C. Communication concerning the candidature of Mr. Marian Banaś,  
President of the Supreme Audit Office of Poland**

**Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office and  
International Organizations in Vienna**

No. 30/2025

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office and the International Organizations in Vienna presents its compliments to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and has the honour to forward the candidature of Mr. Marian Banaś, President of the Supreme Audit Office of the Republic of Poland for appointment as the External Auditor for UNIDO for a period of two years, beginning on 1 July 2026. The detailed proposal is enclosed.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations Office and International Organizations in Vienna avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization the assurances of its highest consideration.

Vienna, 28 February 2025

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Republic of Poland to the United Nations  
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