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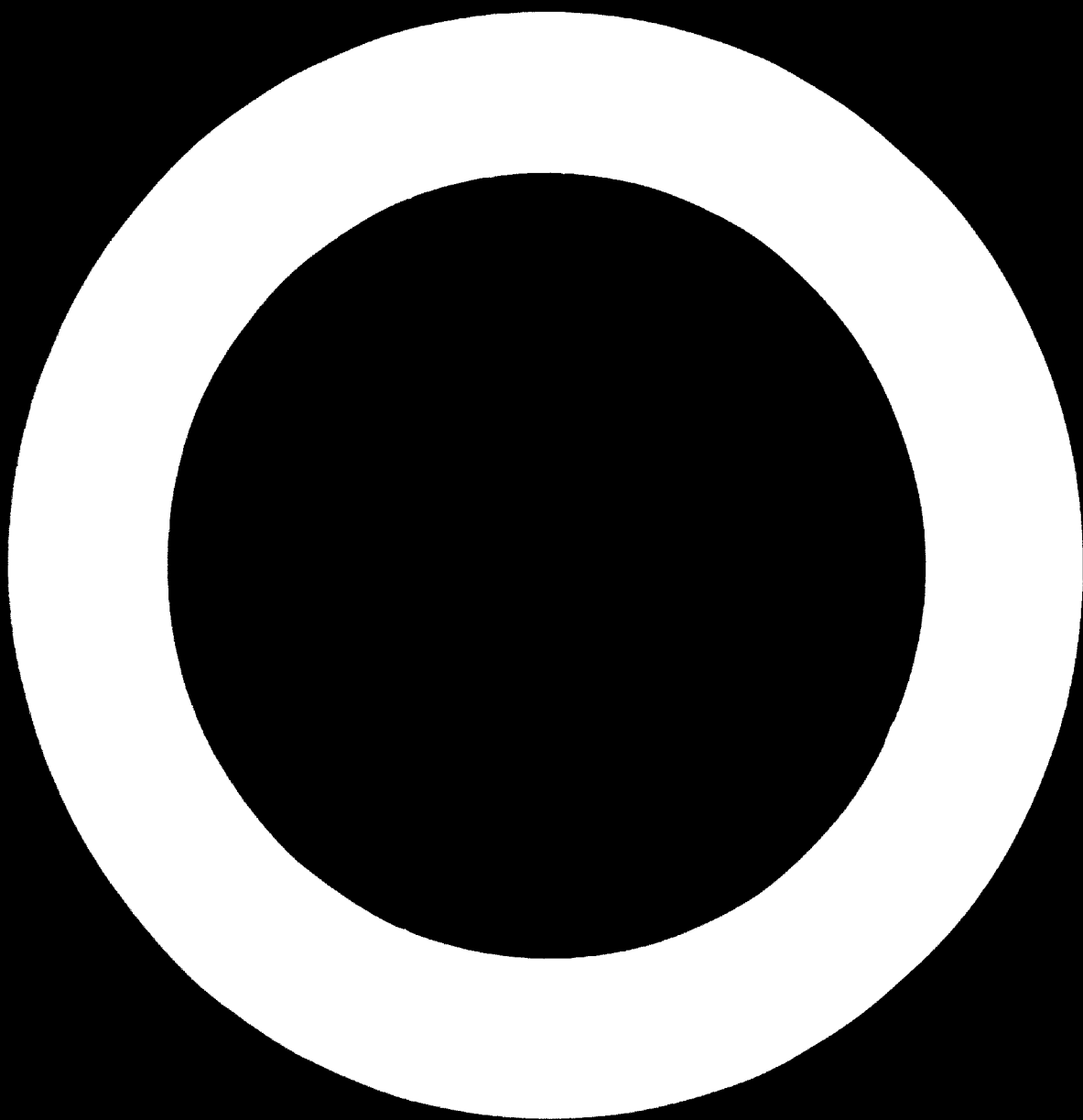
Background

UNIDO's activities in industrial and technological research, standardization and quality control, particularly in the establishment and strengthening of institutions for these activities, have been widely welcomed by developing countries. While these activities have developed significantly in Asia and Latin America, they are still very much at the conceptual stage in most countries of Africa. The importance to develop them was stressed at the first and second conference of African Ministers of Industry organized by UNIDO in Addis Ababa in May 1971, and Cairo in December 1973, where the Ministers advocated, inter alia, for the creation of institutions for industrial research, standardization and quality control and the training of managers and operative skills for technological development. This advocacy was further strengthened at the UNESCO/ECA organized conference of Ministers of African Member States Responsible for the Application of Science and Technology to Development in Dakar in January 1974. At a meeting of the Follow-up Committee of the Second Conference (Cairo) of African Ministers of Industry, which took place in Addis Ababa in September, UNIDO was urged to intensify its programmes of assistance and to collaborate with the ECA and OAU in facilitating the development of these activities in Africa.

In the light of the above, it is planned to organize, in co-operation with the Government of Nigeria, through the Federal Institute of Industrial Research and the World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations, a Joint Consultation for the Promotion of Industrial Research and Services in Africa, which will be held in Lagos, Nigeria, from 22 to 26 September 1975.

Purpose

The purpose of the Consultation is to bring together various senior officials from African countries, who are involved with the development and implementation of industrial and technological research policies and programmes,



as well as the utilization of industrial research results and services, to exchange ideas on ways and means to stimulate the development of new and the improvement of existing activities in industrial research and services. It is envisaged that the consultation would help to generate a greater awareness among government and industrial personnel of the important contributions of these activities to industrial and economic development.

#### Programme

The consultation will last for about one week and discussions will centre around the structure of organizations for industrial research and services, their effective organization and operation, their services to both Government and industry, and their utilization by industrial and relevant commercial establishments. These discussions will be introduced by short papers and case studies to be prepared and presented by experts to be selected mainly from the region.

Field trips will be organized so that participants could observe industrial research operations and, possibly, the practical utilization of their services.

#### Organization

The consultation will base its discussions on short papers prepared and presented by experts and distributed to the participants in advance. Case studies and background material presented by the participants will also be considered. The aforementioned papers will be used to introduce discussions by the participants, leading to the adoption of appropriate recommendations. The Chairman of the Consultation will be from the host country. The Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur will be selected by the participants. UNIDO will provide the Director of the consultation.

#### Participants

Approximately twenty five fellowships will be awarded by UNIDO to nominees from the African countries. Governments of these countries are therefore invited to nominate up to three candidates for participation.

The candidates should comprise one senior government official engaged in planning industrial research activities, a director or senior executive of an industrial research institute and a senior executive of local industrial enterprise or of the organized business sector. UNIDO will select the participants from among the nominations received, giving due regard to professional qualifications, level of experience and other relevant considerations.

Since UNIDO is limited to the number of fellowships that it can award, it is strongly recommended that the Governments, research institutes and industrial enterprises consider sending additional participants at their expense.

Participants will be regarded as attending the consultation in their individual capacities and not as representatives of their respective Governments. The selected participants will be expected to present short case studies on the situation and experience in the field of industrial and technological research in their respective countries, institutes or companies. All matters in connection with these case studies will be arranged by UNIDO directly.

Experts mainly from Africa and staff members of UNIDO will also attend the consultation. It is hoped that some national and international organizations interested in the consultation will send observers at their own expense.

#### Language Requirements

The consultation will be conducted in English and French. The participants are therefore expected to be fluent in one of these languages.

#### Financial and Administrative Arrangements.

Financial arrangements for the participants financed by UNIDO will be in accordance with the UN established rules and regulations.

#### UNIDO will provide:

- a) Round-trip economy-class air transportation between the airport of departure in the home country and Lagos, in accordance with the existing arrangements between the United Nations and the country receiving technical assistance;
- b) Daily subsistence allowance for the duration of the consultation, which is at present equivalent to US \$40 per day;
- c) The services of UNIDO staff consultants, interpreters and translators;
- d) Funds for miscellaneous expenses

The Host Government Organization will Provide:

- a) All meeting services and facilities for the consultation;
- b) Internal group travel within the host country related to the consultation;

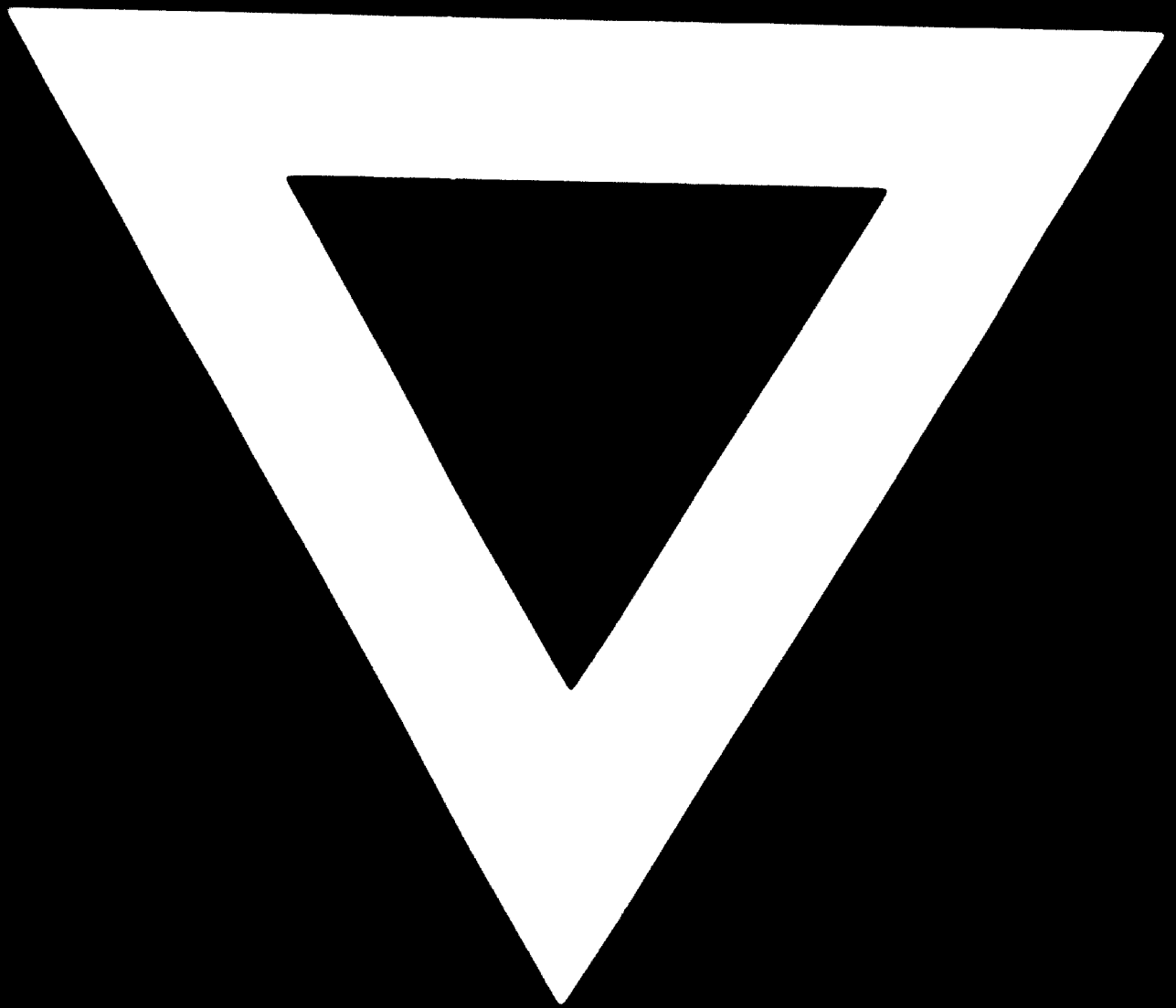
The Participant's Government or employer will be required to bear the following costs:

- a) All expenses in the home country incidental to travel abroad, including expenditures for passport, visas, medical examinations, vaccinations and other such miscellaneous items, as well as internal travel to and from the airport of departure in the home country;
- b) Salary and any related allowances for the participant during the period of the consultation;

UNIDO and the Host Government Organization will not assume any Responsibility for the following expenditures:

- a) Travel and any other costs incurred by dependants who might accompany the participants;
- b) Compensation in the event of death, disability or illness of participants in connection with their attending the consultation;
- c) Cost incurred to participants with respect to travel insurance, accident insurance, medical bills and hospitalization fees in connection with their attending the consultation;
- d) Loss of or damage to personal property of participants while attending the consultation;
- e) Purchase of personal belongings and compensation in the event of damage caused to them by climatic and other conditions.





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