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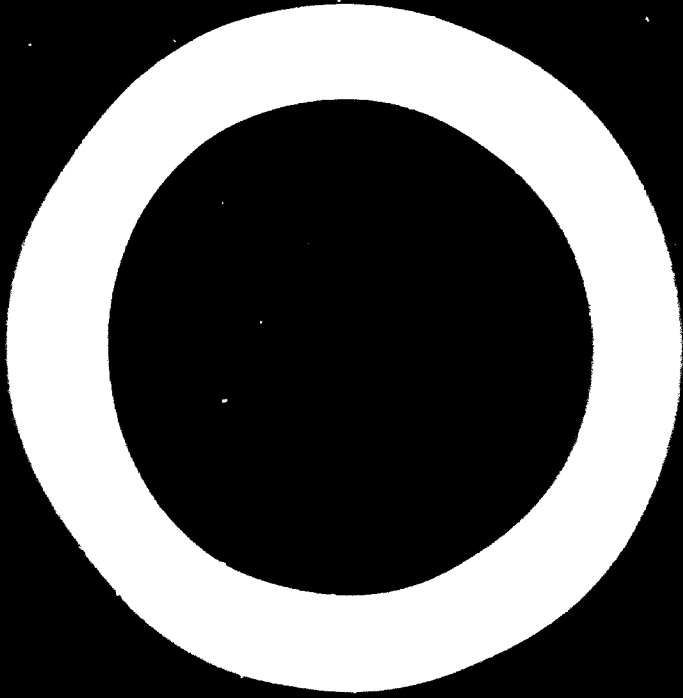
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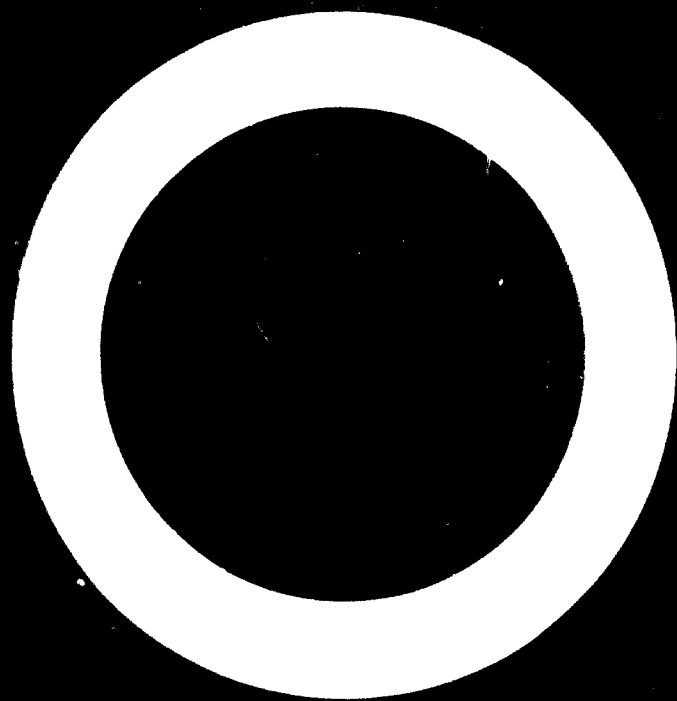
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This brochure is one of a series published to inform developing countries of the types of assistance available from UNIDO to advance their industrialization programmes.

Introduction

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1966 as an autonomous body within the United Nations to promote and accelerate the industrialization of the developing countries. It was given the central role in co-ordinating all the activities undertaken by the United Nations family in this field. UNIDO came into existence on 1 January 1967 and has its headquarters at Vienna.

UNIDO provides advisory and promotional assistance and training to Governments and organizations in the establishment, reorganization and reinforcement of industrial infrastructure. This assistance is provided by agreement between a requesting Government and UNIDO, and, in most cases, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The contribution of UNIDO to technical assistance projects may take many forms depending on the requirements of the requesting Government and the size of the project. Projects may include:

Provision of experts

Provision of fellowships for individual training or for participation in group training programmes organized by UNIDO or other institutions

Provision of equipment

Short-term (one month or less) exploratory or advisory missions by UNIDO headquarters staff members or consultants

Any other form of assistance mutually agreed upon between the Government and UNIDO

Industrial information services

The aim of the industrial information programme of UNIDO is the transfer of knowledge and know-how for the use of all public and private institutions and individuals involved in industrial development. The programme provides developing countries with a mechanism for readily obtaining information beneficial to the planning, evaluation and development of their technologies.

The appropriate structure and organization of national industrial information services will differ from country to country according to the level of industrial development. The first step in setting up an industrial information project is to define its scope. A feasibility study is carried out to assess the existing and foreseeable needs for industrial information in the area and to identify additional input to sources and services required to satisfy the needs. On the basis of these findings and after discussions with local authorities and counterparts, a draft report with detailed recommendations and an official request for technical assistance are prepared.

UNIDO is in a position to assist in the preparation of a complete technical assistance project document, covering the organization and structure of the service envisaged, a work programme and schedule, budgets and training plans and the expertise and equipment required.

Any industrial information service will have several components, depending on local conditions and priorities. Documentation (at least a reference library and collection, storage and retrieval of information) and information activity proper will necessarily be included. Other elements may or may not be needed at the start. Frequently liaison (contact with users), selective dissemination of information (SDI) according to profiles of interest, inquiry or question-and-answer services, promotional literature and systematic co-operation with institutions abroad are part of such a project.

Examples of technical assistance provided by UNIDO

Development of national information facilities

The following examples illustrate the various forms of technical assistance UNIDO provides with a view to establishing or developing national industrial information facilities.

In one relatively advanced Latin American country, UNIDO is assisting in the preparation of a large-scale project, the aim of which is to create a national industrial information system consisting of a network of specialized information centres with administrative autonomy but centrally co-ordinated in technological matters.

In another Latin American country, UNIDO provided expertise, fellowships and equipment in order to assist in developing a National Industrial Information and Documentation Centre within the Institute of Technology of this country. The objectives of the project were to extend the activities of the Industrial Information Centre, particularly those concerned with industrial documentation, inquiry service, field liaison service and promotional publications.

In one African country UNIDO provided an expert to organize an Industrial Documentation and Information Service for the National Society for Industrial Studies and Promotion. At the end of the expert's mission, the service had a fully operational library and documentation section and disposed of an adequate apparatus for disseminating information to its potential users, in particular to the local industrial enterprises, through publications, the press, public conferences and personal contacts.

In one Asian country UNIDO has made available the services of two experts to strengthen the Industrial Information and Documentation Unit of the Ministry of Industry with the purpose of improving the quality and increasing the quantity of industrial data and information

required by government planning agencies and by individuals and institutions involved in industrial development.

UNIDO has also provided experts for a period of one to two months to advise Governments on the structure, organization, location, staffing and budget of planned industrial information facilities.

UNIDO Industrial Information Clearing House

In support of technical assistance, and in response to requests for such assistance, the Industrial Information Clearing House at UNIDO headquarters provides to national industrial information centres as well as to individual inquirers in developing countries answers to specific questions; and access to information on the appropriate choice of equipment, to other information that can be disseminated selectively and to a roster of consultants.

The clearing-house services are free of charge and open to all information users in developing countries.

Sources of finance

Technical assistance projects, or their preparation, can be financed from several sources, as shown in the table below.

TYPE OF PROJECT AND SOURCE OF FINANCE

<i>Type of project</i>	<i>Approval granted by</i>
Large-scale projects (UNDP participation more than \$150,000) financed from the UNDP Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)	UNDP, New York
Small-scale projects (UNDP participation up to \$150,000) financed from UNDP/IPF	Local UNDP resident representative ^a
Projects of any scale financed from UNIDO funds derived from voluntary contributions	UNIDO, Vienna

TYPE OF PROJECT AND SOURCE OF FINANCE
(continued)

<i>Type of project</i>	<i>Approval granted by</i>
Projects under Special Industrial Services (SIS) (UNIDO participation generally less than \$50,000)	Local UNDP resident representative
Short-term missions by UNIDO headquarters staff members or consultants financed from UNDP/IPF, SIS or UNIDO funds	Local UNDP resident representative and UNIDO, Vienna UNIDO, Vienna

Note UNIDO itself cannot provide capital for or participate in new industrial enterprises except small pilot plants. This capital should be obtained from development banks, private investors and other financial institutions. Through its investment promotion programme, UNIDO may, however, bring together those who require capital, know-how or partners for joint ventures and those who can meet one or more of these requirements.

^aSome types of small-scale UNDP/IPF projects also require approval from UNDP, New York.

How to apply for assistance from UNIDO

All requests for assistance from UNIDO should normally include a short description of the objectives, duration and type of assistance required. They should be directed through the appropriate government department to the local UNDP resident representative who acts as the UNIDO representative in the country. If the originators of requests wish to have preliminary discussions about their project ideas, the office of the resident representative can arrange a meeting with the UNIDO industrial development field adviser assigned to that area.

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