

## UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (UNIDO)

### Support to AU/NEPAD (Period of July 2009 to June 2010)

#### Poverty reduction through productive activities

##### *Youth entrepreneurship development related projects:*

Apart from the Mano River Union multi-stakeholder programme for productive and decent work programme (5 million USD) launched in 2008, UNIDO is implementing several other activities focused on youth entrepreneurship in Mozambique, Senegal, Cape Verde, Rwanda, Namibia, Angola and Sudan, among other countries. In Mozambique, 30,250 students, 42 percent of them female, at 33 secondary and vocational schools underwent an entrepreneurship curriculum programme in 2009. In Senegal, 400 young entrepreneurs were trained in enterprise creation and management. In Sudan, UNIDO is implementing a programme supporting a combination of technical and vocational skills training approaches for young entrepreneurship development (YED) in different states. The project aims to tackle unemployment, particularly among women and youth, and includes functional literacy training for IDPs and pre-vocational clients. In 2009, approximately 1,779 people, including 927 women, were trained.

##### *Capacity building of small and medium enterprises in food/agro processing related projects:*

A number of projects and programmes focused on building the capacities of the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Africa were under implementation during the reporting period. These included projects developed in One UN pilot countries, namely Tanzania, Rwanda, and Mozambique. Some of the key results from UNIDO interventions in these countries have included the establishment of food processing pilot centers in all the three countries, as well as training and development of agro-industry related policies. In Tanzania, over 20 food/agro processing units have been established and 700 SMEs have benefited from UNIDO's technical assistance. In Ethiopia, UNIDO continued to provide support in the finalization of the country's Agro Industry Strategy with special emphasis on SMEs.

##### *Investment promotion programme:*

During the reporting period, UNIDO initiated the second phase of its Regional Investment Programme that aims at developing and implementing investment-related activities in Sub-Saharan Africa. As part of the programme, an Investor Survey that will ultimately cover 25 countries in total was initiated. To date more than 200 enumerators in 15 countries were trained to assist with collection and analysis of the investor survey information. The end product will be shared with all stakeholders through an Investment Monitoring Platform. To improve collaboration among the different stakeholders, a continental Programme Steering Committee (PSC) to oversee the programme and to ensure that the findings emanating from the Monitoring Platform are adequately reflected in policy at the national, regional and continental levels, was established under the leadership of the AU during an expert group meeting held in Addis Ababa in July 2009.

##### *Support towards industrial policy development and management:*

In response to requests from several countries for UNIDO assistance in industrial policy development and management, a number of projects were initiated during the reporting period.

In Botswana and Lesotho, projects focused on providing capacity building support to the respective governments and other national stakeholders, for industrial policy review and management, were initiated. In Rwanda, a project focusing on capacity building for industrial policy implementation including the strengthening of the public-private sector forum for the improvement of the business environment is under implementation.

### **Environment and energy-related programmes**

#### *Establishment of the ECOWAS Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency:*

The objective of this center is, within the framework of the ECOWAS/UEMOA Regional White Paper Policy on Energy Access, to lead and coordinate regional projects and programmes that seek to establish and operationalise markets for renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies and services in ECOWAS. The center, once fully operational, will contribute towards increasing access to modern energy services and improve energy security in ECOWAS Member States and thereby supporting the region's economic and social development in an environmentally benign manner.

#### *Energy and energy efficiency projects:*

A number of renewable energy (RE) projects and energy efficiency (EE) projects continued to be implemented in Africa. In Rwanda, a total of four mini hydros have been established to date and plans for countrywide scale-up plans are under consideration. A preparatory phase of the GEF-supported West Africa Regional Programme (16 million USD), is under implementation. Several feasibility assessments for the establishment of mini hydro facilities have been carried in Cape Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea, Liberia, Nigeria, and Sierra Leone.

#### *Roundtable on Sustainable Biofuels Industries in Africa:*

In collaboration with African stakeholders, UNIDO organized a biofuels roundtable in December 2009. The roundtable attracted the participation of high-level delegates, including three prime ministers from Lesotho, Tanzania and Kenya and the African Union Commission Chairperson. It recommended the need for UNIDO and the African Union Commission to convene an Africa Biofuels Summit to provide a platform for pushing forward Africa's agenda for sustainable biofuels industries.

#### *Environmental protection and management:*

In the area of environmental protection and management, a number of projects continued to implement all across Africa. In Mozambique, a new One UN joint programme focused on strengthening government capacity to implement environmental policies, enhancing coping mechanisms to climate change for targeted communities, and diversifying livelihood options for the targeted communities, was initiated. In South Africa, a new project aimed at promoting usage of industrial efficiency standards in various industries including agro-processing, chemical and liquid fuels, mechanical engineering, automotive and mining industry was initiated.

### **Trade Capacity Programmes**

*Industrial upgrading (UEMOA- 8 million) and the West Africa Quality Programme (ECOWAS/UEMOA – 14 million):*

The programmes' overall objective is to contribute to the gradual integration of Africa in the world economy both by strengthening regional economic integration and trade and by ensuring compliance with the international trade rules and regulations, in particular the WTO and EPA agreements.

Achievements to date in the AU/NEPAD framework have included training and certification of 370 UEMOA national experts and 160 representatives of national institutions (government, financial institutions, and technical centers) in enterprise diagnostic and upgrading. Further more, 150 enterprise diagnostics (restructuring/upgrading) were performed in the region and 107 diagnostics are ongoing.

Some selective results under the ECOWAS quality programme in 2009 included the sensitization of 120 experts to international standard (ISO 15189), the training of 300 lab consultants, technicians and quality managers on ISO 17025; and training of 120 enterprise on ISO 22000.

#### *East Africa trade capacity building:*

With a budget of 3.08 million USD, the programme aims at updating and harmonizing food safety regulatory frameworks, raising awareness on food safety standards/quality issues, developing food chain and risk analysis, and providing inspection surveillance services within the EAC countries of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. UNIDO has successfully supported Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda in the building of national infrastructures and services for trade development and consumer protection. So far, most of the basic national capacities for food safety and quality have been established in these three countries. Another key achievement has been the development of an Implementation Strategy for ISO 22000 by the National Cleaner Production in Kenya to be used by all EAC countries. The project has also established very good working relationships with PTB, STDF, ILAC, EU, and SADC projects, activities are being coordinated with FAO, WHO etc. especially on the food safety awareness campaigns.

### **Institutional/policy level support**

#### *Action Plan for Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA):*

UNIDO continued to provide support in the development and finalization of the Implementation Strategy of the AU Action Plan for Accelerated Industrial Development of Africa (AIDA). At the request of the AU, UNIDO finalized the development of a resource mobilization strategy, a monitoring and evaluation framework, and steering committee architecture for the AIDA. In this regard, UNIDO will participate in the validation workshop for the Implementation Strategy scheduled for March 2010. UNIDO also committed in December 2009 support for the establishment of an implementation coordination unit for the AIDA. Consultations were held with stakeholders (various UN agencies) of the Industry, Trade and Market Access (ITMA) of the Regional Coordination Mechanism to develop collaborative activities aimed at the sustainability of the unit.