

**UNITED NATIONS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION  
(UNIDO)**

**Support to NEPAD**

**Period of Report: July 2007 to June 2008**

UNIDO continued its technical assistance programmes in Africa within the framework of its three core thematic areas: poverty reduction through productive activities, trade capacity building and energy and environment.

**Major programmes under implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa**

Trade capacity building programmes in UEMOA (phase 1)

This involved setting up a system for accreditation, standardization and quality promotion and testing. Some 24 testing labs were upgraded and supported towards accreditation, test methods for food were harmonized and certification schemes were defined.

Budget: 14 million Euros

Donor: the European Union (EU)

Competitiveness support and harmonization of technical barriers to trade (TBT) and sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) provisions for UEMOA (phase 2)

This programme aims at strengthening the UEMOA scheme of accreditation of labs, systems of certification, upgrading capacities for inspection and setting up quality systems according to international standards.

Budget: 6 million Euros

Donor: EU

Duration: 2007-2009

Competitiveness support and harmonization of TBT and SPS provisions

This programme aims at extending the UEMOA scheme for accreditation of laboratories, inspection bodies, systems certification, establishment of regional proficiency testing schemes and training of assessors and auditors.

Budget: 8 million Euros.

Donor: the EU.

Duration : 2007-2009

Trade Capacity Building in Agro-industry Products in the EAC countries

This programme aims at updating and harmonizing food safety regulatory frameworks, raising awareness on food safety/standards/quality issues, developing food chain and risk analysis, upgrading inspection surveillance services within the EAC countries of Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. Rwanda and Burundi will soon become beneficiaries.

Budget: US \$ 2.3 million

Donor: Norway  
Duration: 2006-2009

#### Improving income generating potential of the oil palm in West and Central Africa

The aim of this project is to promote the development of a sustainable oil palm sector for income generation and poverty alleviation in WACA region (Nigeria & Cameroon).

Budget: US\$ 4.1 million (CFC counterpart funding).

Duration: 4 years (2008-2011)

#### Pilot project on increased farm income from banana-based beverages in the Lake Victoria Basin

The project seeks to pilot the participation of small-scale farmers in the production of banana and other fruit beverages in order to stabilize their income. The project which links farmers directly with support agencies and markets is being implemented in cooperation with HABITAT and FAO.

Budget: US\$ 6.5 million with contributions from CFC

Duration: 3 years

#### Traceability of agro-industrial products for the European Market

This involves design of physical traceability, value chain analysis of selected products, upgrading post-harvest and investment needs for the benefit of over 47,000 producers, 5 million workers and 11 key exported horticultural products in Egypt.

Budget: US\$ 3.01 million

Duration: 2004-2007

#### Capacity building of African businesses as well as investment promotion agencies and identification of investment opportunities and barriers for advancing Korea-Africa partnerships

The objective is to build capacity of the executives of the businesses, investment promotion agencies and industrial associations of Africa, starting with Namibia, Uganda, Tanzania and Mozambique.

Budget: US\$ 600,000

Donor: Republic of Korea

#### Energy-related programmes

With regard to energy, UNIDO is implementing 17 renewable energy (RE) projects in Africa with a total budget of more than US\$ 12 million. About 15 projects are already in the pipeline, and are expected to start in 2008 and 2009. Some of the important RE projects being implemented by UNIDO in Africa include: (i) GEF funded renewable energy based electricity generation for isolated mini-grids in Zambia (\$7.5 million); (ii) rural energy development: mini hydro demonstration project in Rwanda (\$1.3 million); (iii) Cleaner and integral utilization of sisal waste for biogas and bio-fertilizers in Tanzania (\$3 million); (iv) Small-scale hybrid solar dryer for small and medium sized food enterprises in North and Sub-Saharan Africa, and (v) renewable

energy powered rural business support centres (ICTs) for small rural enterprises and communities in off-grid regions in Mozambique. UNIDO is developing a regional umbrella programme “Lighting up Rural Africa Programme” to set up 100 SHP (small hydro power) systems in 10 countries in Africa over a period of 3 years.

As part of its global forum activities, UNIDO along with AU and Brazil organized the First High-Level Biofuels Conference in Africa on 30 July-1 August 2007 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This conference gave the mandate to UNIDO to develop a programmatic approach to promote biofuels in Africa.

In April 2008, UNIDO jointly with Germany and the Government of Senegal organized an international conference on Energy for Development in Dakar.

### **Programmes formulated in 2007/2008 and under negotiation**

#### Industrial Upgrading for RECs for Trade Capacity Building

- a) West Africa (ECOWAS): a Regional Programme of industrial upgrading is in the finalization phase. Budget expected (EC funding): Euro 13 million for 6 years.
- b) Central Africa (CEMAC/CEEAC): a Regional Programme for industrial upgrading and quality infrastructure was finalized. Budget expected (EC funding): Euro 8 million for 6 years.
- c) SADC: a Regional Programme for industrial upgrading was finalized. Budget expected (EC funded): around Euro 10 million for 6 years.
- d) COMESA: the formulation of a Regional Programme for industrial upgrading and quality infrastructure was finalized. Budget expected (EC funded): around 10 million for 6 years.

#### Multi-stakeholder Programme on Productive and Decent Work for Youth Mano River Union (MRU) countries and Côte d’Ivoire

The sub-regional programme is an immediate strategy for addressing the needs of the poor youth through direct programme action. It aims at improving employment prospects of marginalized poor youth, particularly in urban areas; enhancing youth entrepreneurship and empowerment, including through youth-led projects and cross-border initiatives; providing additional financing for youth-led projects through a sub-regional financial scheme and generating labor market information as well as sharing information and experiences for policy and programme harmonization and development.

Budget: 5 million Euros

Donor: Japan

On youth employment, UNIDO organized a high-level consultative meeting in Ghana in February 2007 to better coordinate the efforts of various stakeholders in addressing the challenges of youth unemployment in the Mano River Union (MRU) countries (Sierra Leone, Guinea, Liberia and Côte d’Ivoire). UNIDO, along with ILO, UNDP,

UN Office for West Africa and the Youth Employment Network fielded a joint mission to the MRU region in May-June 2007, which resulted in the formulation of a draft Multi-stakeholder Sub-Regional Programme on Productive and Decent Work for Youth in the Mano River Union countries and Côte d'Ivoire. At a High-Level Round Table that was held during the General Conference of UNIDO in December 2007, Heads of State and Government and senior Government Representatives welcomed the Programme as an initial response to increased calls for viewing youth as a potential social and economic resource for peace building and stability and as an immediate strategy for addressing poor youth needs through direct programme action. The Government of Japan has allocated \$5 million to the programme with the main objective to develop skills to increase employability in high-demanded areas in transnational corporations and private companies and to promote self-employing businesses of youth. Programme implementation will start in April 2008 in partnership with ILO and UNDP.

#### Investment in African Productive Capacity

The programmes entail setting up an investment monitoring platform; it will also involve capacity building for the management of qualitative-quantitative growth of investment as well as strengthening international market linkages.

Budget: 3.7 million Euros (additional 3 million expected)

Duration: 4 years

#### ITMA (Industry, Trade and Market Access) activities

In May 2007, at the request of UNECA, UNIDO convened a meeting of the UN agencies working in the area of industry, trade and market access. The ITMA cluster aims at promoting collaboration in the programmes of the agencies working in Africa in support of the AUC and its NEPAD programme. Particular attention will be paid to issues of regional integration.

Budget: US \$3.0 million