UNIDO’s support to the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD)

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as the specialized UN agency mandated with promoting and accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) in developing countries and economies in transition, supports the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) through various mechanisms and activities, including technical assistance and services rendered to African countries. Recent programmes and projects assisting African Member States to achieve ISID are in the areas of agribusiness and rural entrepreneurship, trade capacity building, renewable energy, youth employment, investment promotion and institutional capacity development in selected industries. The UNIDO ongoing portfolio in Africa amounts to a delivery of technical assistance of US$ 53,759,141 in 2014. The following report provides a snapshot of selected UNIDO key interventions and activities contributing to the NEPAD agenda.

1. Selected UNIDO operational projects in support to NEPAD and Africa’s development

   a) Agri-Business Development: Supporting Staple Crop Processing Zones (SCPZs) in Nigeria

As part of the new agricultural investment framework, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (FMARD) of Nigeria has embarked on the establishment of Staple Crop Processing Zones (SCPZs) as a flagship programme of Nigeria’s Agricultural Transformation Agenda. In 2014, with the help of UNIDO and through a USD 1.4 million project whose objective is to support food processing and manufacturing, 6 high quality Master Plans were developed for the identified project sites. With the master plans, the government and UNIDO have so far mobilized some USD 200 million from the World Bank for building the development of sustainable institutions and infrastructure and USD 152 million from AfDB to make low interest rates available to the Nigerian Government to support various aspects of SCPZ development including infrastructure.

   b) Agriculture and food security: Hunger relief by producing processed soybean products in Kenya

UNIDO in close cooperation with the government of Japan has recently implemented a USD 1 million project which ended in 2014. Key results from this project have included, but are not limited to, the following: establishment and equipping of 3 small-scale soybean processing plants that also serve as soybean resource centers for information on soybean agronomy & soybean inputs and function as collection & quality control centers for soybeans; and training of over 75 SMEs and Soybean farmers in soybean processing for various food. With the help of local NGOs, the project also distributed soybean produce to orphanages, schools and clinics in the drought-affected communities. Other results included general increase in food security of households and
improvements in the health of malnourished children through use of soya milk as a supplement to the diet.

c) Youth employment, entrepreneurship development and gender equality: Promoting industrial skills in Liberia’s path to recovery
The project aims at tackling youth unemployment and the lack of quality vocational education and well-trained technical personnel through upgrading Liberia’s training infrastructure to the needs of modern industry. Vulnerable groups, particularly youth, were trained and developed marketable skills for future careers in the operation and maintenance of heavy equipment. The impact of the **US$ 1.4 million** project includes a fully-operational training school that has been established in Kakata, Margibi County. The first operator training school in West Africa is equipped with three classrooms, an operator simulator training area, information technology resources and workshop facilities. A team of five instructors run a modular training system, which covers safety, diesel engine maintenance, cooling systems and heavy machinery operation. As of July 2014, the project had enabled **148** diesel technicians and **84** machine operators to complete their training.

c) Renewable Energy: Micro-Hydro Scheme to augment rural electrification in Tanzania
Under this project worth **USD 3.35 million** and financed by the GEF, UNIDO’s assistance has been focused on promoting micro hydropower capacity in the rural areas of Tanzania. The results of the project have so far included the following: construction of a micro hydropower plant with a capacity of **10 kW** in the village of Kinko in the Lushoto district of the Tanga region; the expansion of electricity network to more than **80** households; generation of local employment as well as income. The project further established a community center furnished with internet connectivity, computers and a battery charging facility. The network also provides power to a nearby national park; thereby it promotes tourism in the area.

e) Energy and Climate Change: Mainstreaming Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production (RECP) in Mozambique’s Accommodation Sector and its Supply Chain
The UNIDO Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production (RECP) Programme assists Member States in scaling up and mainstreaming as well as improving resource productivity and environmental performance of enterprises and other organizations. New programme initiatives are making inroads towards low carbon production, eco-industrial parks and introduction of safe and efficient chemical products and processes. Collectively, RECPnet is turning into a powerful South-North-South partnership, as a stepping stone for resolving the challenges associated with scaling-up and mainstreaming RECP. In Mozambique, the UNIDO initiative focuses on the accommodation sector and its supply chain. The outputs created by the project amounting to **US$ 515,000** so far have been the development of training materials; several awareness and capacity building events and workshops, which were held for **24** national experts from public institutions and private sector representatives; and **7** technical RECP assessments, were initiated.

f) Quality infrastructure: Ensuring quality and sustainability along the coffee value chain in Burundi
UNIDO is assisting Burundi to improve the performance of exports and facilitate the access of the local products to regional and international markets by strengthening the country’s capacity to
comply with sanitary and phytosanitary measures. The project uses a value chain approach to improve the quality of the products along the selected value chains and the capacity of the structures responsible to verify the quality required to access international markets. The project amounting to **US$ 3 million** had by December 2014 trained around **80** inspectors in ISO/IEC 17020 and market surveillance; over **100** executives have been sensitized on standardization and regulation; **110** executives of processing units have been trained in quality and food safety; and **two** consortia, BUCOCO (48 containers already sold) and COCOCA, have been established and are operational in the coffee sector. In 2014, the project also supported the participation in the 11<sup>th</sup> African Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition that took place in Burundi.

### 2. Selected UNIDO advocacy work in support of Africa’s development – Global Forums, EGMs and workshops

**a) 1<sup>st</sup> UNIDO ISID Forum: "Promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development: Strategies and instruments"

Following the endorsement of the Lima Declaration in December 2013, which gave UNIDO a new mandate to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID), the first ISID Forum, held in Vienna from 23 to 24 June 2014, engaged Member States in a strategic dialogue on how to formulate strategies and policies that promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development. The event drew more than **300** participants and high-level delegations from around **70** countries, including researchers and senior economists. Drawing on international expertise and regional knowledge, the Forum provided a global platform to debate on how to operationalize these strategies according to international best practices. Participants agreed on the need to extend sustainable and inclusive development by creating tailor-made solutions for countries and regions, for example through public-private partnerships as an effective way of dealing with the provision of public goods as well as the need to support the growth of SMEs and private sector development.

**b) 2<sup>nd</sup> UNIDO ISID Forum: "Partnerships to scale up investment for inclusive and sustainable industrial development"

The key outcomes of the first ISID Forum served as the foundation for the second Forum, held in Vienna from 4 to 5 November 2014, which extended the impact and outreach of ISID goals by strengthening the partnership dialogue between UNIDO, recipient Governments, development finance institutions, development agencies, the private sector and donors in order to scale up investment in developing countries. A total of around **450** participants from **92** countries attended the second ISID Forum, including Heads of State and government, Ministers, Representatives of bilateral and multilateral development partners, the United Nations system, the private sector, non-governmental organizations and academia. The Forum successfully showcased UNIDO’s innovative partnership-based business model to implement strategies for inclusive and sustainable industrial development. UNIDO’s pilot Country Partnerships were established in two countries, Ethiopia and Senegal.

The annual commemoration of the Africa Industrialization Day was mandated by the UN General Assembly resolution 44/237 of 22 December 1989. This year the AID was celebrated at UNIDO’s headquarters in Vienna, New York, Geneva, Brussels and selected UNIDO African field offices. In Vienna, a symposium was convened under the theme “Inclusive and sustainable industrial development: African agro industry for food security”, which brought together representatives from the diplomatic corps, the private sector, non-governmental organizations and other relevant stakeholders. The event served as a vibrant platform to address agriculture and food security in Africa in line with the organization’s new mandate.

d) UNIDO international conference on Fostering Entrepreneurial Youth
This three day conference on Fostering Entrepreneurial Youth, which was held in Vienna from 11 to 13 November 2014, focused on how education systems and the private sector can most actively promote entrepreneurial attitudes and talent in youth. The conference provided a platform for policymakers, practitioners, researchers and business representatives to discuss approaches to developing young people’s attitudes, skills and knowledge for an entrepreneurial society. The knowledge-exchange involved more than 120 participants from over 60 countries and assisted governments to develop and improve entrepreneurship curricula and learning initiatives.

3. Development of UNIDO Country Programmes to support Africa’s development

Within the framework of UNIDO’s new mandate to assist member states in achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development, UNIDO has embarked on the formulation and development of new Country Programmes as well as two pilot Partnership programmes in Ethiopia and Senegal. These new programmes are based on the new partnership business model, which focuses on the mobilization of external partners and resources to increase the impact of UNIDO’s technical cooperation. Through partnerships with governments, development finance institutions, UN agencies, multilateral and bilateral development agencies, civil society, and the private sector, UNIDO will achieve a much larger impact on the ground. The following Country Programmes were developed in 2014: Guinea, Lesotho, Mozambique, Niger, Cameroon, Congo and Cabo Verde. It is foreseen to further develop new country programmes, including inter alia in Angola, Ghana, Malawi, Swaziland and Namibia in 2015.

4. Selected UNIDO activities in cooperation with other UN agencies in support of NEPAD

a) Partnership on Action on Green Economy (PAGE) in Ghana (UNIDO, UNEP, ILO, UNITAR)
The Partnership on Action on Green Economy is an inter-agency initiative between UNEP, ILO, UNIDO and UNITAR that supports countries seeking to develop and implement national green economy strategies. Between now and 2020, PAGE aims to catalyze the transformation process of 30 countries’ economies by shifting investment and policies towards the creation of a new generation of assets: clean technology, well-functioning ecosystems, a skilled labor force with green jobs driven by strong institutions and good governance. UNIDO leads the implementation of PAGE in Ghana, which was officially launched in August 2014 at a national workshop that was attended by over 80 participants from government, private sector, academia and civil society.

b) Green Industry Platform (global) (UNIDO & UNEP)
UNIDO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) are currently scaling-up and mainstreaming the Green Industry Initiative through a global, high-level, multi-stakeholder action partnership known as the Green Industry Platform. The Platform acts as a forum to catalyze, mobilize and mainstream action on Green Industry and it provides a framework that brings together governmental, business and civil society leaders to secure concrete commitments and spur action in support of the Green Industry agenda. By encouraging a more efficient use of energy and raw materials, as well as the sound management of waste, chemicals and toxic substances in manufacturing processes, the impact of the Platform is to contribute to a cleaner industrial development, reduce pollution and undercut the unsustainable use of natural resources.

c) The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa (PMPA) (UNIDO, UNAIDS, UNECA)
Within the framework of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan for Africa (PMPA), UNIDO in cooperation with the African Union, UNAIDS and UNECA held a high-level meeting under the theme “Local manufacture of pharmaceuticals: an untapped opportunity for inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Africa” in Abuja, Nigeria in March 2014. The event highlighted the opportunities for developing a high-quality pharmaceutical industry in Africa, which aims at bringing important health and economic development benefits. The PMPA Business Plan was authored by UNIDO and is currently being implemented in several countries in Africa, including Botswana, Cameroon, Ghana, and Kenya.

d) The 3ADI and the Conference of African Ministers of Industry (CAMI):
UNIDO continued its partnerships with various UN agencies, including inter alia with UNECA, where UNIDO cooperates as part of the Joint Secretariat (AU-UNIDO-UNECA) of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry (CAMI). In addition, UNIDO collaborated with UNECA on the AU-UNECA Conference of African Ministers of Finance, Planning and Economic Development held in Abuja, Nigeria, during which occasion UNIDO held side events, including with WHO and UNAIDS. The 3ADI - Accelerated Agribusiness and Agro-industries Development Initiative was launched in partnerships with FAO, IFAD and the African Development Bank (AfDB), which aims at enhancing the productivity and profitability of agribusinesses as well as countries’ resource-based comparative advantages through the development of competitive agro value chains. 3ADI projects are currently being implemented in Burkina Faso, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Liberia, Madagascar, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sudan and the United Republic of Tanzania.

5. UNIDO institutional support to NEPAD and the African Union: Collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC) and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs)

In the reporting period, UNIDO collaborated with the AUC to convene several events including inter alia the 1st Bureau Meeting of the 20th Conference of African Ministers of Industry (CAMI), held in Nairobi in September 2014 and the AUC Strategic Stakeholder Retreat. The meeting discussed among others, the Implementation of the Africa Mining Vision (AMV), the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Plan (PMPA) and the 3ADI within the context of the Accelerated Industrial Development for Africa (AIDA); the modalities of organizing the Specialized Technical Committee of Trade, Industry and Mineral Resources (STC) in 2015 which is to replace Conference of African Ministers of Industry (CAMI); and resource mobilization for the implementation of the AIDA Strategy. UNIDO also in cooperation with the AUC developed a
capacity building training programme framework on industrial policy development and implementation to be offered for high level officials in AU Member States. The programme is scheduled to begin from in early 2015.

With regard to the collaboration with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs, a number of initiatives were initiated for implementation within the AIDA framework. In the East African Community (EAC) and Southern African Development Community (SADC) the establishment of two Centres for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (EACREE and SADCREE) were initiated. The network of Centres will contribute to the creation of an enabling environment for regional renewable energy and energy efficiency markets by mitigating existing barriers; execute cross-border activities in the areas of policy and regulatory frameworks, capacity development, and knowledge management.

**ANNEX: UNIDO financial contributions to NEPAD/Africa for 2012, 2013, and 2014 representing the total overall financial expenditures on technical cooperation in Africa**

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