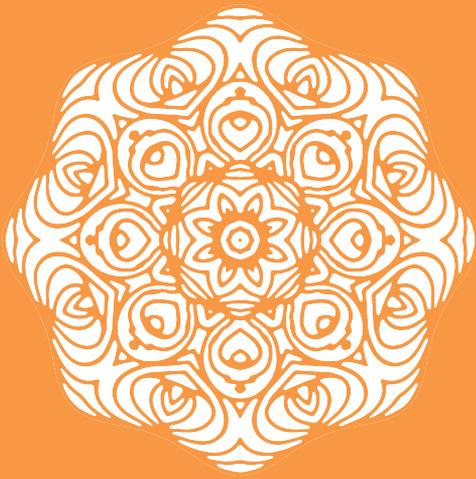


Marking the 50th Anniversary of UNIDO **UNIDO-India cooperation**





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The brochure aims to provide a reference framework that will help to increase awareness of the collaboration between UNIDO and India on UNIDO's 50th Anniversary. We wish to celebrate and commemorate this period of cooperation, and give the readers a glance of history in a relevant and reliable manner. However, it does not intend to provide any official data or information concerning any disputable issues.

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Foreword



The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, environmental sustainability and inclusive economic growth. Grounded in 1966, UNIDO has assisted various developing countries across the globe in moving towards this goal.

UNIDO's mandate, as enshrined in the Lima Declaration at the fifteenth session of the UNIDO General Conference in 2013, is to promote and accelerate **"Inclusive and sustainable industrial development" (ISID)** in developing countries. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2015 also acknowledges the relevance of UNIDO's ISID mandate. Through sustainable development goal 9, the Member States of the United Nations call upon the international community to "build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation". At all levels of development, industry has been identified as the primary driver in alleviating poverty, achieving food security and minimizing damage to the environment. Specific industry-related targets have also been identified under each sustainable development goal.

UNIDO's programmatic activities in achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development are divided between three thematic areas: creating shared prosperity, advancing economic competitiveness, and safeguarding the environment. Further to that, technical cooperation projects range across agribusiness and rural entrepreneurship development, productive activities for women and youth, human security and post-crisis rehabilitation, investment and technology promotion, SME and entrepreneurship development, competitive trade capacities and corporate responsibility, resource-efficient and low-carbon production, clean energy access for productive use, and implementation of multilateral environmental agreements. UNIDO's programmes are tailored to the country or regional dimensions of international development cooperation. Cross-cutting functions of UNIDO include analytical and policy advisory work, standard setting and compliance, and convening stakeholders for knowledge transfer and networking.

UNIDO has a long history of cooperation with India. India is one of the founding members of UNIDO, and hosts one of UNIDO's largest technical cooperation portfolios among all its member states. The UNIDO-India collaboration has been extensive and multifaceted. UNIDO's projects in India have placed special emphasis on SME development, partnerships with the private sector, and research. In recent years energy and environment have become the special focus. UNIDO

has also assisted India in fulfilling its obligations under various multilateral agreements, as well as in becoming a key player for South-South cooperation.

This publication illustrates the various fields of the UNIDO-India cooperation. Technical cooperation projects, private partnerships, regional projects, South-South cooperation initiatives and global forums have been highlighted here to demonstrate the multidimensional nature of the partnership. UNIDO has partnered with a number of government ministries, industry associations and institutes in India, resulting in the successful implementation of a large number of projects and the transfer of technology and expertise to other developing countries, especially to LDCs in Africa.

UNIDO's interventions in India are clearly aligned with the priorities set by its Government. The new Government formed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the "Make in India" initiative, which aims to make India a global manufacturing hub. In this context, UNIDO and India have developed a strong working relationship to build a solid industrial sector to generate employment, alleviate poverty and protect the environment. UNIDO's activities are also concurrent with other initiatives by the government, such as "Smart Cities" and "Swachh Bharat" ("Clean India").

The UNIDO-India cooperation currently focuses on fostering sustainable development through implementing energy and

environment-related projects, as well as through technology development and productivity-enhancing activities.

A new institutional structure of UNIDO, the International Centre for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (IC-ISID), was launched in New Delhi in 2015.

I am confident, that with the firm support of the Government of India, the UNIDO-India cooperation will continue to be as fruitful and successful as it has been in the past. Through an increased project portfolio, integration with national priorities and cohesive execution of projects, UNIDO is committed to furthering inclusive and sustainable industrial development not only in India, but in various developing countries across the world.

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Overview of Unido

The United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) was established on **17 November 1966**, with a mission to “accelerate industrial development in developing countries”. Since its inception, UNIDO has assisted many countries in meeting their development goals by furthering industrial development as an important means of creating employment and income to overcome poverty. UNIDO helps developing countries produce goods they can trade in the global market and provides assistance in accessing training, technology and investment, to make them competitive in the global market. UNIDO provides individual services and custom-made packages of services, and helps countries meet their obligations under multilateral environmental agreements.





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Ibrahim Helmi Abdel-Rahman (Egypt) becomes first Executive Director.



A Light Industries Section established to provide technical assistance for textiles and garment-making, leather-tanning, woodworking, food-processing, ceramics, brick-making and other sectors.

UNIDO established

1966

17 November, UN General Assembly Resolution 2152 (XXI) establishes UNIDO.



1966

Ibrahim Helmi Abdel-Rahman

Identifying challenges

1968

Industrial Surveys and Studies programme focuses on problem areas in industrial development.



1969

Supporting light industries

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