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Director General commends team involved in preparation of Second Forum



The Director General has met with the UNIDO staff members involved in the preparation of the Second ISID Forum.

He applauded the team spirit, hard work and perseverance that had been demonstrated and that had helped ensure a successful event.

The Director General noted the dedication and efforts of all involved, including interns and consultants, saying that this was a clear example for others. "My own experience has proved that hard work is tiring but also rewarding," he said.

"We all witnessed a very positive response to the new concept of inclusive and sustainable industrial development. This was evident in all the speeches and interventions delivered, including by the Secretary-General, the prime ministers and other government officials, and representatives of UN agencies, DFIs and the private sector. Our partnership vision for operationalizing ISID has received unanimous support," said Li Yong.

Director General Li reminded all staff that UNIDO was at a critical juncture, and that there is need to boost internal resources and build up capacity to make sure the Organization delivers on its ISID commitments and further highlights the role of inclusive and sustainable industrialization in the post-2015 development agenda.

"The future of UNIDO is very much linked to this outcome," he said. "Today is a day of celebration but tomorrow we must continue this important process."



Prime ministers of Ethiopia and Senegal support new partnership approach for ISID

The Second ISID forum closely examined and endorsed new pilot partnership programmes for inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Ethiopia and Senegal. Over the course of recent months, UNIDO experts visited the two countries and identified a number of strong partners, both local and international. This helped design two Programmes for Country Partnership as an instrument that can be used to operationalize UNIDO's work in the field of inclusive and sustainable industrialization in Africa.

These efforts were applauded by the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, Hailemariam Desalegn, who said that the ISID mandate was very relevant to the African continent. Commending the creation of the new partnership approach, he said that inclusive and sustainable industrialization would help his country develop, that Ethiopia was looking forward to enhancing its economic transformation and that such a partnership model would help implement this vision. The prime minister appreciated UNIDO's role in bringing all stakeholders together to forge a partnership for Africa's industrialization, and thanked UNIDO for selecting Ethiopia as a pilot country, adding that this choice reflected the efforts of the government to accelerate industrialization in his country.



The Prime Minister of Senegal, Mahammed Dionne, also commended UNIDO's work in the field of ISID. He said economic growth must lead to the eradication of poverty and address the problem of unemployment, adding that inclusive and sustainable industrialization would help implement Senegal's development plan by providing the collective action needed to make it happen.

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