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UN Secretary General confirms participation in Forum



Secretary General Ban Ki-moon will attend the second ISID Forum. He joins a range of dignitaries also invited and expected to attend, including Austrian President Heinz Fischer; the Prime Ministers of Ethiopia and Senegal, Hailemariam Desalegn, and Mahammed Dionne; the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma; the Director General of FAO, José Graziano da Silva; the Commissioner for Development of the European Commission, Neven Mimica; and the Chair of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Erik Solheim.

The development of Programmes for Country Partnerships for Ethiopia and Senegal in final stage

With preparations for the second ISID Forum in full swing, we revisit the work behind the scenes, particularly in defining and finalizing UNIDO's innovative Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) approach.

"We have so far had two missions to Ethiopia, and the second one to Senegal was completed just this week," explained ZOU Ciyong, Senior Advisor on Partnerships, who heads the team tasked by the Director General to work on PCPs.

"Designing each country programme can in some cases take months, if not years. But we don't have that kind of luxury. Inclusive and sustainable industrial development is not about the distant future, it is about today. If UNIDO wants to make a concrete contribution to the post-2015 development agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, we need to deliver now and show concrete results of such partnerships with developing countries."

So what will the Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) actually focus on?

"First of all, it will be based on the priorities of the national development strategy, as well as the programmes of the development partners and development finance institutions (DFIs). It will also take into consideration those aspects of the national situation which are most relevant to the country's development. It will outline the objectives, feature a time frame and execution period, costs involved, economic results, and risks foreseen, as well as take into consideration fiscal and environmental sustainability," explained Dejene Tezera, Industrial Development Officer, who is involved in drafting the PCPs.

"For example, if we look closely at our ongoing partnership with Ethiopia and lessons learned, we can already say that UNIDO's role in upscaling technical cooperation services will focus on the light manufacturing sectors which can create a high number of jobs and have strong backward linkages to create markets and improved income for millions of smallholder farmers. These sectors are, among others, the leather and textile sector; livestock development (meat and milk); the food and beverages sector (agro-food value chains); institutional capacity-building (investment and export promotion, including improvements to meet international standards) and programme management. The new PCP will also include skills development for improved labour productivity, trade capacity-building, and policy formulation support for industrial and special economic zones development."



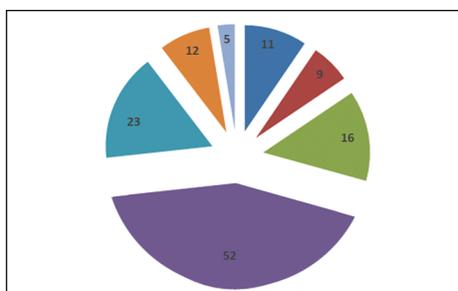
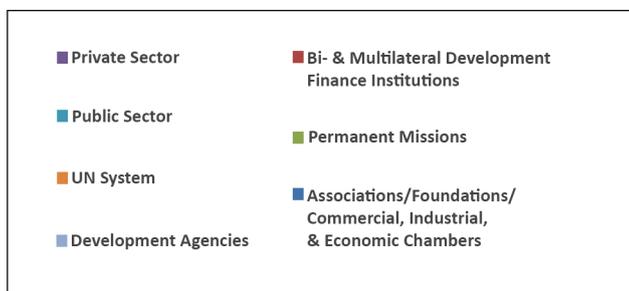
Director General Li Yong at a meeting on the Programme for Country Partnership for Ethiopia in Vienna, 10 October 2014.



“The PCPs will be based on our carefully crafted deployment of specialized services along a coherent strategy applicable to the needs of each Government. It will also capitalize on the synergies created with parallel initiatives by DFIs, etc.,” said Philippe Scholtes, Managing Director, Programme Development and Technical Cooperation Division.

“The second ISID Forum will allow us to showcase to Member States and all of our partners the fact that UNIDO is increasingly relevant for three main reasons: our convening power, our ability to deliver comprehensive, turnkey solutions to development problems, and last, but not least, our ability to leverage resources by facilitating and supporting larger flows of business and investment. We look forward to having constructive discussions in November with all partners, and hope to see as a result a coherent, well-articulated framework that will allow us to fine-tune the Programmes for Country Partnerships to meet the expectations of the Governments, as well as the funding priorities of the donors.”

Formal confirmations of participants received as of 13 October 2014



Sneak preview

The next issue of the newsletter will feature a report on the UNIDO mission to Senegal to finalize a Programme for Country Partnership.

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The ISID Forum Newsletter

This newsletter – published regularly until the second ISID Forum – provides details about the most salient aspects of the preparation for the event. Upcoming issues will also focus on pilot initiatives for implementing ISID country programmes, and feature updates on confirmed participants, and other relevant and practical information.

For more information on the second Forum, please visit www.unido.org