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UNIDO team returns from Senegal after mission to finalize Programme for Country Partnership

As part of the preparations of the Programme for Country Partnership, a UNIDO team was in Senegal for ten days for meetings with different stakeholders to discuss and define the strategic priorities for industrial development on the basis of the “Plan Senegal Emergent”, adopted in November 2012 by the Government and all of its development partners. The mission also helped outline UNIDO’s main areas of intervention in the form of technical services provision.

The UNIDO team was led by Victor Djemba, UNIDO Representatives for Senegal, Cape Verde, Guinea Bissau and The Gambia, and Tidiane Boye of the Programme and Technical Cooperation Division. It also included Smail Alhilali; Nicola Cantore; Bashir Conde; Rafik Feki; Alois Mhlanga ; Meryem Sghir; Raymond Tavares; and Ibra Gueye Dioum.



The UNIDO team had meetings with counterparts at the Prime Minister’s Office, as well as at the Ministry of Industry and Mines; the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment; the Ministry of Energy and Renewable Energy Development; the Ministry of Environment; the Ministry of Economy, Finance, and Planning; the Ministry of Local Governance, Development and Territory Planning; the Ministry of Livestock and Animal Production; the Ministry of Public Administration and Employment; and the Ministry of Advanced Education. The team also met with the Minister of Trade, Informal Sector, Consumption and SMEs and Local Products Promotion; the Minister of Fisheries and Maritime Economy; and the Minister of Investment Promotion, Partnerships, and Development of State e-economy.

Meetings were also held with the main private sector associations; and the Senegalese National Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture. Other meetings took place with partners representing IFAD, FAO, the World Bank, the African Development Bank, the Islamic Development Bank, the European Union, the French Development Agency, and the International Finance Corporation.

The team also met with the diplomatic community, including with representatives of the Embassies of China, Japan, Italy, Luxembourg, and Turkey.

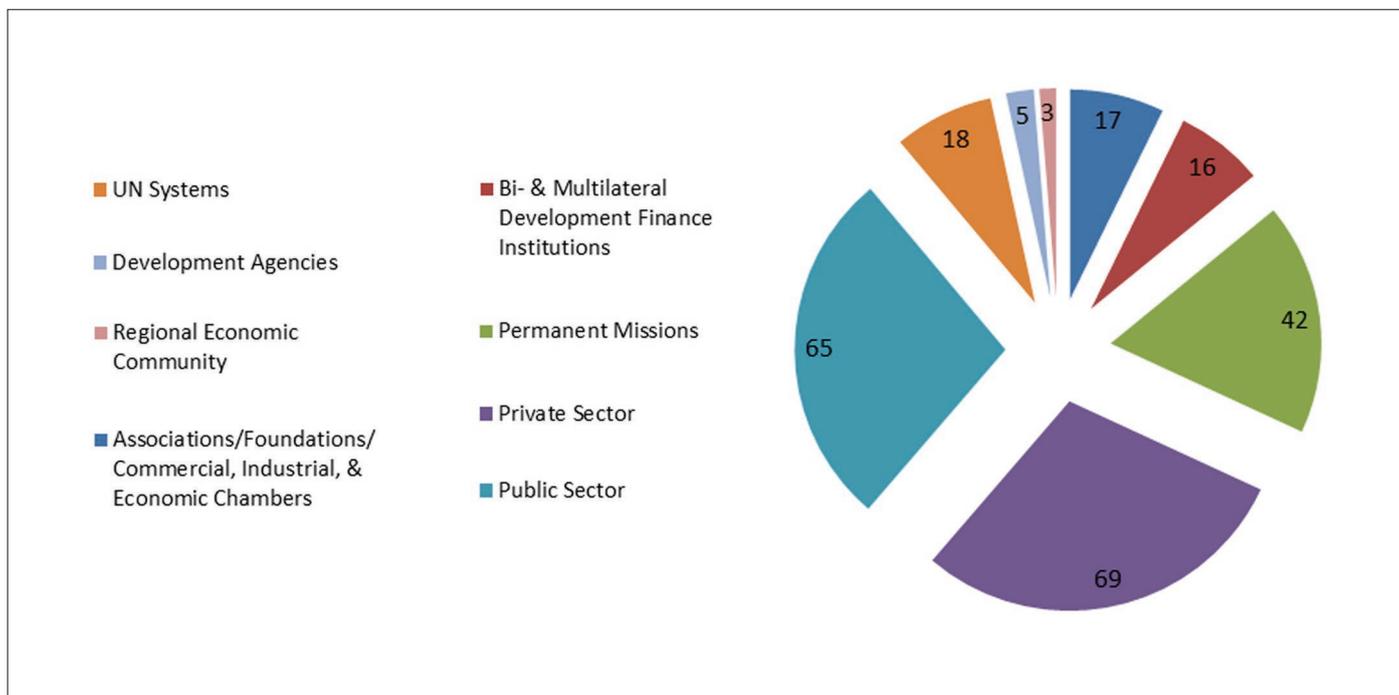
“Our interventions led to the establishment of a national task force composed of technical representatives from each Ministry involved, as well as from the private sector,” explained Tidiane Boye.

“In addition, a working group of technical and financial partners was created under the auspices of Ministry of Economy and Finance to coordinate all related resources and programmes.”

“This technical mission enabled UNIDO to further involve all partners, and develop a close working relationship with representatives of different Government entities, as well as all technical and financial partners involved in the design of the Senegal Programme for Country Partnership,” added Tidiane Boye.



Formal confirmations of participants received as of 21 October 2014



Sneak preview

The next issue of the newsletter will look at the final preparations for the Forum and flag some of the highlights from the issue of UNIDO's Making It magazine about partnerships.

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