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Presentation outline

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Introduction & Context of UNIDO Technical Cooperation in Africa



The African Union Agenda 2063:

Recognizes the importance of Industrialization under its Goal “Transformed Economies”. The priority areas include manufacturing/ industrialization and value addition as the generator of decent jobs. UNIDO TC anchored on Agenda.

African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA):

Came into force on 30 May 2019 and start of trading began on 1 January 2021. Largest Free Trade Area: Market of 1.3 billion people and combined GDP of \$3.4 trillion. UNIDO contributes to the aspirations of the AfCFTA through its technical cooperation portfolio in Africa.



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development:

UNIDO contributes to several of the SDGs with a special focus on SDG 9 focused on “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”.





Introduction & Context of UNIDO Technical Cooperation in Africa



ISID INCLUSIVE AND
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Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development:

UNIDO's mandate, as described in the Lima Declaration, is to promote and accelerate ISID in Member States.

The Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III): Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/70/293 in July 2016, New York. UNIDO designated to:

- lead & operationalize IDDA III implementation in cooperation the AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, ECA
- Collaborate with the AU to scale up its technical assistance to African countries
- Foster partnerships with various stakeholders whilst also strengthening public-private partnerships
- Promote North-South, South-South and triangular cooperation in support of Africa's industrialization e.g. through TICAD platform
- Invited the international community including DFIs to ensure full support to IDDA III implementation.

IDDA III aims to firmly anchor Africa on a path towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development. Has provided the framework for the development of the **UNIDO Strategy for Africa (2023-2025)**.





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Technical Cooperation Delivery under The Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III)

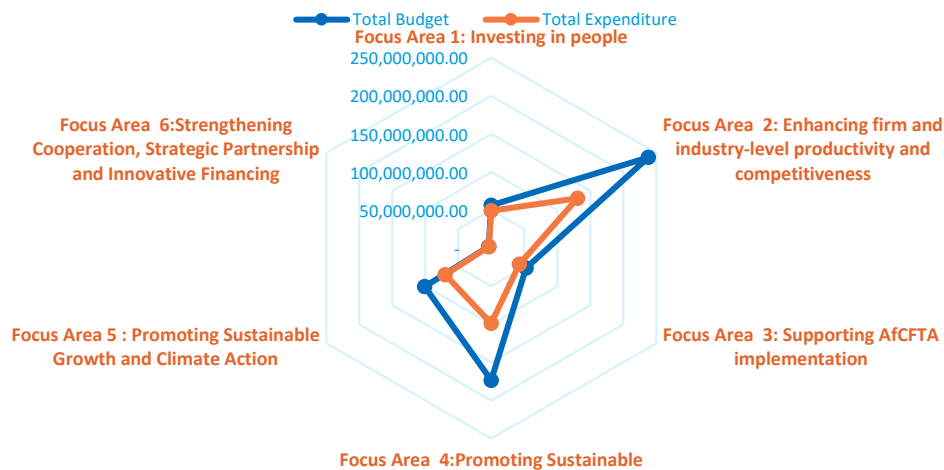
- *Africa is the largest UNIDO technical assistance recipient: Over 50% of UNIDO TC, representing 1/3 total delivery in average*
- *Across the 6 Focus areas of the UNIDO Strategy for Africa, over the period 2023-March 2025, there were 369 ongoing projects with a budget of USD 624.9 million and expenditure of USD 394.2 million.*
- *The total projects and expenditure per focus area are as follows:*
 - Focus area 1: **21 projects (USD 48.9m)**
 - Focus area 2: **108 projects (USD 130.7m)**
 - Focus area 3: **18 projects (USD 42.4m)**
 - Focus area 4: **84 projects (USD 98.8m)**
 - Focus area 5: **127 projects (USD 69.8m), and**
 - Focus area 6: **11 projects (USD 3.6m).**



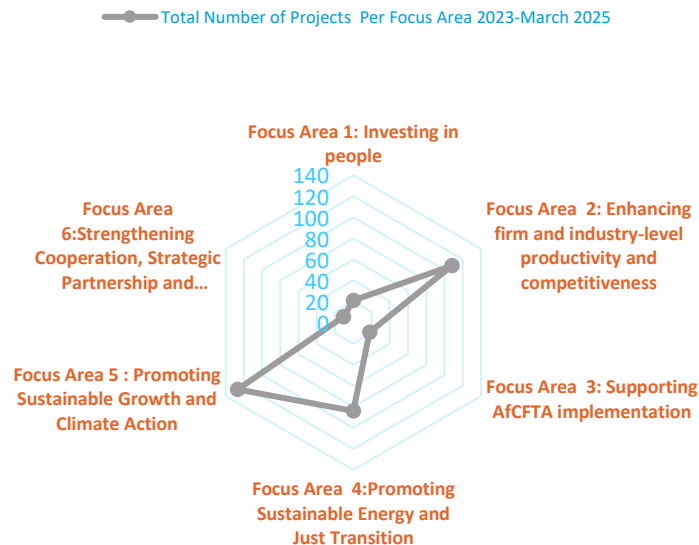
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- UNIDO implementation of the Strategy through the 6 Focus Areas – expenditures vs budgets
- To report on UNIDO’s contribution to AU Agenda 2063 the M&E framework of the strategy is currently under development

Total Budget and Expenditure per Focus Area 2023-March 2025



Total Number of Projects Per Focus Area 2023-March 2025





Selected examples of current projects by UNIDO focused on: *"Developing effective Regional Value Chains for Africa's Strategic Commodities and promotion of Intra-Africa Trade and Global Market Access"*



The Global Quality and Standards Programme – South Africa (GOSP-SA), funded by the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) and implemented by UNIDO, aims to strengthen the quality compliance capacity of the essential and vegetable oils value chain in South Africa, focusing on export potential and comparative advantage.

The Promove Comércio – Building Competitiveness for Exports project in Mozambique, financed by the European Union (EU) with co-funding from UNIDO aims at improving trade, competitiveness, and the business environment in Mozambique for greater market access in fisheries products and agro-products value chains.



African Development Bank (AfDB) funded Programme for Improving Fisheries Governance and Blue Economy Trade Corridors in the SADC Region (PROFISHBLUE) project which aims to promote the sustainable management of fisheries resources within the Blue Economy context. UNIDO is one of five implementation partners, including also ARSO, the FAO, the WWF and WorldFish.



Looking Ahead

- IDDA III has laid important groundwork; opportunities exist for more to be done to further industrialize Africa;
- UNIDO looks forward to working with various partners including ARSO to promote ISID in Africa in the upcoming IDDA IV;
- Build on the momentum and key lessons learnt under the previous IDDA's to:
 - ✓ Enhance the **development of an effective Quality Infrastructure (QI) system** to address the TBT and SPS issues in Africa
 - ✓ boost **regional value chain development** with a focus on **value addition** to tap into global supply chains for the **benefit of Africa's strategic commodities**
 - ✓ Prioritize significant **investment in infrastructure** (reliable energy, transportation, digitalization etc.) as a foundational element for enabling industries to grow
 - ✓ **Diversify Africa's economy**- focus on developing sectors like eco-friendly manufacturing, services, and technology to reduce dependency on raw materials while employing a green growth lens in the context of sustainability.



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