



Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID)

Creating shared prosperity | Safeguarding the environment

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There is not a single country in the world that has reached a high stage of economic and social development without having developed an advanced industrial sector.

Creating shared prosperity

- Whether we look at the early advances of the European countries, the United States or Japan, or those that caught up with the global trend in the latter half of the 20th century, including the Republic of Korea, China, and the many other Asian ‘tigers’ and ‘dragons’, it was always industrial development and trade in industrial goods that shaped their successes.
- The structural transformation that occurs when economies move from a high reliance on agriculture and natural resource extraction to activities that foster local value-addition and related services has a dramatic development impact. It unleashes dynamic and competitive economic forces that generate employment and income, facilitate international trade, and use resources more efficiently.
- Manufacturing industries and their related services sectors can absorb large numbers of workers, provide them with stable jobs and good benefits, and increase the prosperity of their families and communities.
- An efficient agro-industry, combined with increased investment in agriculture, enhances economic stability for rural households, increases food security and promotes innovation throughout **industrial value chains**.
- Participation in international trade also helps to improve local working conditions through the need to comply with international standards and greater access to modern technologies and best practices.

Safeguarding the environment

- Demanding to choose between industrial growth and sustainability is the wrong approach. It is the transformation in production processes and business models – going hand-in-hand with the right choice of technologies – that will present the solutions to the daunting environmental challenges of our times.

A priority around the globe

- Industry can be a primary driver in fighting poverty, ensuring food security, and preventing social polarization and fragmentation.
- There is a strong call for the integration of the economic dimension, and the role of industry and manufacturing in particular, into the global post-2015 development priorities.
- The African Union and UN Economic Commission for Africa recommend industrialization as the central strategy for Africa to address poverty, inequality and unemployment. (*Economic Report on Africa 2013, AU and UNECA, 2013*)
- Least Developed Countries have identified productive capacity-building as a high priority, including the importance of their industrialization and **integration in global value chains**; and have urged that their cause should be prioritised in the future post-2015 agenda. (*State of the Least Developed Countries 2013: Follow up of the Implementation of the Istanbul Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, UN OHRLLS, 2013*)

UNIDO’s Vision

Through ISID, we want to eradicate poverty within the next generation.

- Sustainable development for the benefit of our future generations. UNIDO therefore advances ISID by building and improving the necessary industrial capacities in its Member States.

Partnering for Prosperity Successfully

- Successfully implementing ISID in our current era of globalization requires new approaches that harness globally available knowledge, technology and innovation. **Knowledge exchange and technology transfer will therefore significantly contribute to realizing ISID.**
- It is essential to reinforce international cooperation for ISID at all levels. Networks and partnerships should, however, not be limited to state actors alone. To achieve ISID – and to fight poverty – it will be essential to include all related stakeholders: The private sector, civil society, academia, governmental institutions, and the international development organizations.

Towards a prosperous future for all

- We believe that ISID will provide a solid backbone for our global economy, sharing prosperity throughout societies and safeguarding the environment. This is the next industrial revolution. It will be characterized by partnership, where governments, the private sector and other stakeholders collaborate in bringing about this transformative change.