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## Expert Group Meeting on science, technology and innovation for the SDGs

Agenda

11 – 14 December 2023

Venue: United Nations Industrial Development Organization, Vienna International Centre

### BACKGROUND

In 2020, UNIDO launched a project “Development of a strategic programme for UNIDO’s approach to science, technology and innovation (STI) for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 9 (SDG9)” (The STI project) with the generous support from the Government of the Republic of Korea. The project allows UNIDO to engage actively in global debates around STI and to contribute to UN wide fora on STI, including Inter-Agency Task Team on STI for the SDGs (IATT). The first part of the project is progressing toward the end and the team is about to initiate the second phase of STI project from January 2024.

In this context, UNIDO, in collaboration with the UN-IATT Work 6: UN capacity-building programme on technology facilitation for SDGs, will be hosting, at the HQ in Vienna, experts and partners that the team has worked with within the framework of this project. This expert group meeting (EGM) intends to:

- a) Take stock of project accomplishments to date;
- b) Consolidate existing partnerships and explore ways to broaden the scope of UNIDO’s collaboration with other UN and non-UN entities; and,
- c) Conduct preparatory activities towards the second phase of the STI project.

The Expert Group Meeting is composed of four parts:

December	Activity	Venue
11 – 13	Retreat of the IATT Work stream 6: UN capacity-building programme on technology facilitation for SDGs (scroll down for extended agenda)	In-person: Room C0234 (C Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
11	Development Dialogue with UNIDO Member States on normative work and policy advisory services	In-person: Conf. Room CR-1 (C-building, 2nd floor)
13	Kick-off meeting for UNIDO’s Industrial Policy Lab	In-person: Room C0234 (C Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor)
14	Workshop for diagnostic methodologies for digital readiness and industrial innovation for developing countries	In-person: Room D2042 (D Building, 20 <sup>th</sup> floor)

## PROGRAMME

Day 1, Monday 11 December 2023									
09h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h
IATT Retreat	Coffee Break	IATT Retreat	Lunch (VIC Cafeteria – F building / independently)		Development Dialogue	IATT Retreat			
Day 2, Tuesday 12 December 2023									
09h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h
IATT Retreat	Coffee Break	IATT Retreat	Lunch (VIC Cafeteria – F building / independently)		IATT Retreat	Coffee Break	IATT Retreat		Buffet Dinner <sup>1</sup> (Mozart room / VIC)
Day 3, Wednesday 13 December 2023									
09h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h
IATT Retreat	Coffee Break	IATT Retreat	Lunch (VIC Cafeteria – F building / independently)		IATT Retreat	Coffee Break	<b>Kick-off meeting of the Industrial Policy Lab</b> - Introduction of Industrial Policy Lab - Discussion (feedback on the structure, topics and activities)		
Day 4, Thursday 14 December 2023									
09h	10h	11h	12h	13h	14h	15h	16h	17h	18h
<b>Workshop on Diagnostic Methodology (1)</b> - Presentation - Discussion	Coffee Break	<b>Workshop on Diagnostic Methodology (2)</b> - Presentation - Discussion							



## UN Inter-agency Task Team on Science Technology and Innovation for the Sustainable Development Goals IATT Workstream 6 on Capacity Building

Retreat meeting, UNIDO HQ, 11-13 December 2023, Vienna

### Presentation

The *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* and the *Addis Ababa Action Agenda* highlight the importance of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) policies and actions for meeting the SDGs. The *Technology Facilitation Mechanism (TFM)* and its *UN Interagency Task Team on STI for the SDGs (IATT)* were established in order to mobilize STI solutions for attaining the SDGs.

The IATT is currently composed of diverse entities, including UNCTAD, UNIDO, UNESCO, UNU-MERIT, UNDESA, UNEP, UNESCWA, UNECA, UNECLAC, UNECE, EC/Joint Research Centre, among others. The IATT's *Work Stream 6 (WS6)* is responsible on **STI for SDGs capacity building**, designing and delivering training courses and workshops on STI Policy for SDGs addressed to policy-makers and key STI managers from developing countries.

The WS6 delivered in the past five years a series of regional in-person and online trainings, in partnerships with regional partners, such as the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the German International Cooperation and the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS).

As part of its programmatic planning and review, the IATT WS6 will hold a 3-day retreat, hosted by UNIDO in Vienna, 11-13 December 2023. The retreat will be an opportunity to discuss and review the organizational methods, the content and methodology of the joint training, as well as to contribute to other ongoing UNIDO's capacity-building projects and collaborations.

### AGENDA

DAY 1 . 11 December 2023	
11a.m-12.30p.m	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Rationale</i>: Principles, objectives, impact, value, needs, and lessons learnt from past trainings</li> <li>• <i>Organization</i>: planning, communication, mode of delivery and formats trainings, training materials, evaluations, financial sustainability</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Participants</i>: profile, participation rate, differentiation by government/seniority/knowledge levels, follow-up, homogeneity vs heterogeneity</li> <li>• <i>Trainers</i>: organizations, criteria, partnerships</li> </ul>
2-3.30 p.m	<p><b>UNIDO Development Dialogue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>brief overview of IATT WS6 in policy team section</b></li> </ul>
3.30-5 p.m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Training content</i>: policy cycle, SDGs connections, themes and topics, granularity of topics, upgrading for the future, sessions content, contextualization, participants demands', specialized webinars, strength / weaknesses</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 2. 12 December 2023</b>	
9a.m-12.30p.m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Training content</i> : policy cycle, SDGs connections, themes and topics, granularity of topics, upgrading for the future, sessions content, contextualization, participants demands', specialized webinars, strengths / weaknesses</li> </ul>
2-5p.m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Training methodology and delivery</i>: Visuals, cases, real-life experiences, tools, time, mentimeter, interactivity, exercises, learning from each other, material, repository, peer learning, role and use of moderator, strengths, and weaknesses</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 3. 13 December 2023</b>	
9a.m – 3p.m	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Training methodology and delivery</i>: Visuals, cases, real-life experiences, tools, time, mentimeter, interactivity, exercises, learning from each other, material, repository, peer learning, role and use of moderator, strengths, and weaknesses</li> </ul>

## **Kick-off meeting of Industrial Policy Lab (IPL)**

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The IPL is a response to an observed need by UNIDO Member States for support in different aspects of industrial and innovation policymaking. Capitalizing on the partnerships established through the implementation of the STI project, the IPL intends to provide policymakers with a space for knowledge-sharing to facilitate exchanges of knowledge and experiences, on issues including policy formulation, implementation and follow-up of industrial and innovation policy interventions.

The IPL will operate throughout the year with sessions across regions, focusing on concrete topics or issues of interest and attending to the needs of a country sharing its experiences. The kick-off meeting is organized to make the most of the EGM to gain insights and feedback from the participants on the structure, focus areas & topics and activities of the IPL. It will also serve to explore possible synergies between UNIDO and the IATT colleagues and other partners.

## **Workshop on Diagnostic Methodologies**

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### **1. Digital Readiness Tool**

The adoption of advanced digital production technologies is fundamentally reshaping manufacturing production process globally. And the digitalization of manufacturing is expected to transform the sector's role as a driver of economic development and contribute to social prosperity and environmental sustainability.

In this context, UNIDO, in collaboration with GIZ, developed a diagnostic tool for digital readiness, which offers a multidimensional approach to explore countries' conditions and efforts towards the digitalization of industry. The tool measures four layers of capabilities: Enabling infrastructure, Production capabilities, Innovation capabilities and Digital capabilities through nine indicators. It intends to address a growing demand by policymakers in developing countries for guidance on how to appraise a country's readiness to tackle the opportunities and challenges stemming from digitalization of manufacturing.

The intention of this session is to present progress and obtain feedback on the application of this methodology to the cases of Africa and Latin America and The Caribbean. The goal is to examine readiness of countries in these two regions for Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean for the digitalization of manufacturing.

### **2. Industrial Innovation Tool**

The diagnostic tool for industrial innovation was developed through a collaboration of UNIDO and the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STEPI) of the Republic of Korea. The tool offers guidance for policymakers interested in better integrating the promotion of industrial innovation as part of their industrialization efforts. The methodology addresses questions such as how to assess the state of play in industrial innovation in a country, the relevant policy issues around the promotion of industrial innovation and how to fit all of them together in comprehensive industrial development strategies.

The purpose of the session is twofold: first, to present the main tenets of the methodology, and to collect suggestions on how to fine tune any technical issues related to the methodology and its delivery. Second, to share some lessons learnt following the organization of two pilot workshops in Paraguay and Cote d'Ivoire. The methodology is available online here: ([https://downloads.unido.org/ot/31/25/31251192/STEP1%20NSI\\_V3\\_FINAL.pdf](https://downloads.unido.org/ot/31/25/31251192/STEP1%20NSI_V3_FINAL.pdf)).

## AT THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE (VIC)

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Address: Wagramerstrasse 5, 1400, Vienna, Austria



Participants are kindly requested to provide a **copy of their passports (or UNLPs)** to the organizers as soon as possible. This information is required for registration at the Pass Office for the days of the workshops.

Access to VIC is via Gate 1 for pedestrians. Please have your **national passport (or UNLP)** ready for identification. Upon airport-type scan, please proceed to Pass Office to obtain a **VIC ground pass**, then proceed to C or D Building according to agenda for EGM. The meeting rooms that will be used for the EGM are located in **Buildings C (0234) and D (2034)**.

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Several transport options are available for travelers from Vienna Airport to and from their hotels, or to the Vienna International Centre (VIC)/UNIDO.

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Website: [www.viennaairportlines.at](http://www.viennaairportlines.at)

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**Post Office:** the post office is located on the first floor of the C-building.

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### **OTHER MATTERS**

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