



PRESS RELEASE

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## UNIDO Director General LI Yong's Official Visit to Japan May 13<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) – 16<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 2015

LI Yong, the Director General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), will visit Japan exclusively as a single stop in Asia from 13 to 16 May 2015 to meet with high level officials from Japanese government agencies, including MOFA, METI, JBIC and the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), to encourage Japan's continued support to UNIDO's mandate, and to emphasize the role of industrialization in the post-2015 development agenda discussions. He will also meet with the Japanese private sector, including Keidanren, to promote more partnerships between UNIDO, Japanese companies and developing countries. Mr. LI Yong will also hold discussions with the Ambassadors representing the African Diplomatic Corps (ADC), and host a UNIDO Seminar highlighting the recent pilot programmes and activities in Africa, namely in Ethiopia, Senegal and the East African Community.

### Key messages

1. There are effective means to eradicate poverty within the next generation, although it remains to be one of the central challenges for our world.
2. Shared global prosperity can be achieved through inclusive and sustainable industrialization, particularly through job, income and wealth creation.
3. Enhancing and expanding public-private partnerships with Japanese companies in developing countries can contribute to mutually benefitting results.
4. ISID is widely recognized as driving force for development and UNIDO is ready to support the post-2015 Development Agenda, especially promote the integration of the economic dimension and the role industry can play.

### About Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID)

A concept that every country achieves a higher level of industrialization in their economies and benefits from the globalization of markets for industrial goods and services; no one is left behind in benefitting from industrial growth, and prosperity is shared among women and men in all countries, while safeguarding the environment.

### About the Post-2015 Development Agenda

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgsproposal>

A process led by the UN to define the international development framework that will succeed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), the eight development goals [declared at the Millennium Summit in 2000 and] scheduled to end in 2015.

### About UNIDO SEMINAR on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

<http://www.unido.or.jp/en/news/1401/>

The seminar at UN University HQs starting at 14:00 on 14 May, "Sustainable Industrialization for Shared Prosperity – Public-Private Partnerships in the era of the Post-2015 Development Agenda", will introduce UNIDO's renewed mandate "ISID", with an emphasis on UNIDO's Pilot Country Programmes in Ethiopia and Senegal, focusing on partnerships with various stakeholders. The activities on the promotion of Japanese investment and technology in the East African Community (EAC) will also be highlighted.

### About UNIDO

<http://www.unido.org>

UNIDO is the specialized agency of the United Nations that promotes industrial development for poverty reduction, inclusive globalization and environmental sustainability. It was established in 1966 and is headquartered in Vienna. The

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