

**3 December 2013**

***Special Event***



## **“Reflections on the International Development Agenda”**

Addressing the challenges of poverty eradication and sustainable development is a key priority for the global community today. There is increased recognition that neither of these objectives is attainable without sustainable and inclusive economic growth. However, history shows that countries that have succeeded in achieving sustained economic growth have only been able to do so by industrializing their economies. Successful examples include not only the first generation of industrialized countries, but more recently the Asian tigers and dragons. The big challenge today is to ensure that industrial development takes place in an inclusive and sustainable manner.

At the same time, the need for inclusive and sustainable industrial development is not limited to developing countries. Industrialized countries are now also calling for an “industrial renaissance” to overcome the current economic crisis. The issue thus comprises a truly universal agenda. As the discussions on the Post-2015 development agenda have entered the inter-governmental process, it is important to reflect on how ISID can be effectively integrated into the development framework to be adopted by Member States by September 2015.

The Special Event will provide a forum to discuss and exchange views on the challenges and opportunities of embedding ISID in the current discourse from the distinct perspective of those directly involved with the formulation of the new international development agenda. The event will thus hear the valuable insights of those directly involved with the negotiation process on the Post-2015 development agenda.

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### **Participants will aim to address the following issues:**

- The critical role of ISID in the current international development agenda, particularly with regard to achieving sustainable and inclusive economic growth, job creation and income generation; as well as wider social goals such as related to health and education.
- How the Lima Declaration and ISID can enrich the current discussions on the future international development agenda.
- Key findings from the Open Working Group on SDGs, especially the recent 5<sup>th</sup> session on “Sustained and Inclusive Economic Growth and Infrastructure Development and Industrialization” and their implications for UNIDO.

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### **Scene-Setting Remarks: LI Yong, Director General of UNIDO**

**Panellists:** Permanent Representatives to the United Nations, **M.Sajdik** (Austria), A.Momen (Bangladesh), **T.Alemu** (Ethiopia), **P.Thomson** (Fiji), **M.Loulichki** (Morocco), **E.Ulibarri** (Costa Rica).

**Lead Discussants:** Permanent Representatives to the United Nations **J.-F.Zinsou** (Benin), **N.Osorio Londoño** (Colombia), **K.Kanda** (Ghana), **C.Körösi** (Hungary), **P.Kohona** (Sri Lanka), **T.H.Le** (Viet Nam)

**Moderator: Shaukat Fareed**