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Forty-fifth session of the Industrial Development Board

Side event on

“Supporting industrialization in Africa and LDCs: a priority shared by the G20 and UNIDO”

Distinguished delegates are kindly invited to a side event at the forty-fifth session of the Industrial Development Board, with the title “Supporting industrialization in Africa and LDCs: a priority shared by the G20 and UNIDO”. The side event will take place on:

Tuesday, 27 June 2017, at 2-3 p.m., in Board Room D (C-building, 4th floor)

This side event provides an opportunity for the distinguished delegates to hear from the chair of the G20 Development Working Group, Germany, and one of its co-chairs. South Africa, about their initiatives and experiences in advancing industrialization in Africa and least developed countries (LDCs). At the same time, the event allows high-level representatives of the G20 to reach out to the Industrial Development Board and learn about initiatives at UNIDO to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development in the context of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development. The aim of this side event is to take stock of the industry-related activities by both entities in Africa and LDCs, and to discuss the challenges and opportunities faced when advancing industrial development.

The one-hour event will take the form of a moderated panel discussion. It will begin with a statement by the Director General of UNIDO, Mr. LI Yong. Mr. Dominik Ziller, Director General ad interim, International Development Policy, Federal Ministry for Economic Development and Cooperation, Germany, and Professor Anil Sooklal, Deputy Director-General, Department of International Relations and Cooperation, South Africa (joining remotely), will then present the activities and priorities of the G20 to advance industrialization in Africa and LDCs. These presentations will be followed by an interactive segment, in which the audience will have the opportunity to engage with the panellists. The panel discussion will be moderated by Ms. Ayumi Fujino, Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Coordination, UNIDO.

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