

PRESS RELEASE

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**UNIDO Seminar “Partner for Prosperity”  
- Launching of UNIDO’s Industrial Development Report 2016 -  
December 18, 2015 (Friday)**

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) will organize the Seminar “Partner for Prosperity”, where UNIDO’s Industrial Development Report 2016 (IDR 2016) will be launched. The IDR is the organization’s flagship report published every two years. This year’s theme is “The Role of Technology and Innovation in Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development”. In addition, the seminar will also feature a section on UNIDO’s activities and programmes, including investment and technology promotion activities from Japan, with the participation of representatives from Bangladesh, Ghana, Lao PDR, Mozambique, Senegal, Turkey and Zambia.

**Key messages**

1. Technological change is recognized as one of the main drivers of long-term growth.
2. The Sustainable Development Goal 9 “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation” implies that without technology and innovation, industrialization will not happen.
3. The IDR 2016 seeks to identify the conditions under which technology and innovation can achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID).
4. UNIDO’s programmes and activities on investment and technology promotion contribute to industrial development in developing countries.

**About UNIDO’s Seminar “Partner for Prosperity” Friday, December 18, 2015**

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High level officials and staff from the United Nations University (UNU), UNIDO HQ and UNIDO ITPO Tokyo will be featured in the seminar, comprised of two sessions; UNIDO’s Industrial Development Report (IDR) 2016 and UNIDO’s Activities and Programmes. A summary of several countries’ promotion activities will be featured in the latter Session.

**About UNIDO ITPO Tokyo** <http://www.unido.or.jp>

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (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. ITPO Tokyo is the Investment and Technology Promotion Office of UNIDO in Japan. It was established in 1981 and promotes Japanese foreign direct investment to developing and emerging countries.

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