

INFORMATION

TIME AND VENUE

The Meeting will be held

from 7 - 11 December 2009 in

Meeting Room D1973
19th floor, UNIDO Headquarters
Vienna International Centre
Wagramerstrasse 5
A-1400 Vienna, Austria

LANGUAGE

The working language of the Meeting will be English.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

All expenditures related to the participation in the abovementioned meeting are to be covered from the respective office/unit project budget.

VISA ARRANGEMENTS/ACCOMMODATION

Before leaving the home country, participants should complete all formalities regarding entry and transit visas that they may require for the journey to Vienna, Austria. In case you need any assistance regarding Austrian Visa or hotel reservation, please contact the ITPO Coordination Unit.



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BACKGROUND

Background

In the last years we are going through a rapid restructuring of global economies and UNIDO has to respond to the changing scenario of developmental needs. ITPOs Network has realized the need of restructuring its services and we are already implementing new modalities of delivery of our services to adapt ourselves to the changing global economic environment and UNIDO priorities.

We are all committed to work to improve efficiency and relevance of our ITPO services. The priorities of the ITPOs for the next year will be mainly focused on enhancing relevance and efficiency of the network aligned to UNIDO thematic priorities and Result Based Management Principles. Some elements of the new strategy have been already implemented in 2009 on a pilot basis.

In 2010 we will continue streamlining ITPO operations with UNIDO programmatic priorities and enhance efficiency, quality and development impact of Network services through:

- integration in UNIDO's development assistance chain;
- upgrading Network services and delivery models;
- redefining Network development and organization and reorienting Network coordination and management towards RBM principles.

We can further improve the implementation of our new strategy through enhanced networking, cooperation and synergies to facilitate more effectively investment flows and technology transfer to developing countries and to countries with economies in transition thereby contributing to technological and productivity enhancement.

ITPO META Evaluation has reiterated that ITPO network is a unique asset of the Organization with high degree of relevance for the host country partners/donor Governments which, through UNIDO, access a wide network of potential partners and the ITPOs contribute to the achievement of internationalization and development objectives.

ITPOs provide UNIDO with unique comparative advantages vis-à-vis many other international agencies involved in direct support to investment and technology promotion. This is the only instrument in the entire UN system, which is able to match interests of industrial private sector in both recipient and donor countries.

Our efforts in 2010 will then focus on strengthening this image internally and internationally and fostering our full potentials to further integrate our services within the Network and with UNIDO's entire technical cooperation programme, for enhanced synergies and impact.

OBJECTIVE

Objective of the meeting

The major aim of the meeting is to review work plans of ITPOs for 2010 and to discuss synergy of activities among ITPOs and to enhance synergy with UNIDO technical cooperation operations and priorities.

ISSUES

Issues to be discussed

1. Implementation of new vision and Network's development priorities for 2010-2013. Towards integration of ITPO services in UNIDO development assistance chain to enhance relevance and efficiency of the Network. We will jointly assess achievements and shortcomings of work-plans in the past as well as define best options for implementation of future ones.
2. Upscaling impact of Network's investment promotion services; innovative business models for generation of projects; Result Based Management indicators; regional and thematic diversification of investment promotion strategies; business partnerships building and monitoring information system.
3. Network Coordination delegation on implementation of specific thematic and regional initiatives.
4. Status of implementation of partnerships with financial institutions and cooperation with other UNIDO branches and networks.
5. Publication of new administrative manual, planning and reporting system for the Network.
6. Consultations with branches on work-plan issues to establish synergies as well as to streamline future cooperation.
7. Expansion of the network; linkages with other international institutions and networks.

