UNIDO and UNOPS sign MoU to enhance partnership and cooperation

Vienna, 16 April 2024 — UNOPS and the United Nations for Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to strengthen collaboration and accelerate progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in key regions.

The agreement signed by UNIDO Director General Gerd Müller, and Jorge Moreira da Silva, UNOPS Executive Director, outlines a number of concrete areas of cooperation, such as economic competitiveness, agribusiness value chains, innovation and environmental and climate action, including through renewable and sustainable energy and energy efficiency. This strengthened partnership complements the mandates and strength of each organization in support of more effective SDG delivery.

Furthermore, UNOPS will leverage its expertise to augment UNIDO’s delivery capabilities by supporting:

* Infrastructure & Procurement: to include designing, developing, and procuring infrastructure projects efficiently.
* Project & Financial Management: support in project management, capacity development, financial management and grant management.

Within the framework of the partnership, UNIDO will provide the necessary technical expertise to ensure that joint programmes and projects will be carried out efficiently and effectively, achieving scale but without compromising on quality.

**Speaking about the subject, Gerd Müller, Director General of UNIDO said:**
“I am very grateful that today we are beginning a new quality of cooperation between UNIDO and UNOPS. The agreement we have signed means that we will combine strengths and resources of both Organizations for more effective and efficient implementation of projects supporting sustainable economic and industrial development in the agricultural and energy sectors, in global supply chains, and advancing industrial decarbonization.”
Also, Jorge Moreira da Silva, UNOPS Executive Director, stated: "This collaboration with UNIDO represents a significant step forward in our collective efforts to achieve critical SDGs. By combining UNOPS’ implementation expertise with UNIDO’s knowledge of industrial development, we can together deliver impactful solutions for energy transition, sustainable industries, and resilient infrastructure around the globe. We look forward to expanding this successful partnership in the near future."

The signature of the agreement took place today at UNIDO’s headquarters in Vienna.

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