Economic Development and Integration in the Asia-Pacific: Shared Prosperity through Industrial Cooperation

Date: 6 November 2026, 14:00-16:00 (UTC+8)

Venue: Silk Road Hall (Rotunda), Hall 4.2, National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai)

Hosts: United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM)

Organizers: UNIDO Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific
China International Import Expo Bureau
National Exhibition and Convention Center (Shanghai)

Introduction:

The world is undergoing profound changes, as defined by emerging technologies, digital and green transitions, the reconfiguration of industrial and supply chains, and the growing challenges in international development cooperation… In response, economies in Asia and the Pacific could fully leverage their strengths in resources, resilience, and innovation potentials and advance regional cooperation for integrated development.

In the context of the 60th anniversary of UNIDO, this parallel session will convene representatives of governments, industries, and academia from across the Asia-Pacific region and experts from international organizations to share experiences in inclusive and sustainable industrial development while exploring opportunities for strengthening international industrial cooperation. The discussion will help shape the development of an Asia-Pacific community that promotes shared prosperity.

Program:

MC: Dongning Li, News Anchor, China Global Television Network		
Timeslot	**Agenda and Speakers**	
13:30-14:00	Sign-in	
14:00-14:10	**Opening Remarks (10 minutes)**	
	Fatou Haidara	Deputy to the Director General and Managing Director of UNIDO (video message)
14:10-14:20	**Launch and Presentation (10 minutes)**	
	Outcome 1: Enhancing UNIDO-China Cooperation through Country Programming and Partnerships Outcome 2: Towards the Next Decade of "Bridge for Cities" – Shaping Sustainable Urban Future through Industrial Innovation (2016-2026)	
	Jie Zhao	Chief, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific of UNIDO

Timeslot	Agenda and Speakers	
	Panel Discussion (90 minutes)	
14:20-15:05	**Topic 1 – Innovative Solutions and Good Practices in Industries: Contributions by the Asia-Pacific Region to the World**	
	Kanishka Raj Rathore (Moderator)	Programme Officer, UNIDO
	Lynal Nam	Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Commerce of Cambodia
	Syed Jahidul Anam	Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industries of Bangladesh
	Muhammad Alamgir Chaudhry	Chief Executive Officer, National Productivity Organization, under the Ministry of Industries and Production of Pakistan
	Unny Sankar	Minister (Economic Affairs), Embassy of Malaysia in China
	Chun Xu	Director, AIM Global Centre of Excellence in Shanghai
15:05-15:50	**Topic 2 – Enhancing Regional Cooperation and Industrial Partnerships for Shared Prosperity in Asia and the Pacific**	
	Teddy Monroy (Moderator)	UNIDO Country Representative to the Philippines
	Thavichanh Thiengthepvongsa	Deputy Director General, Investment Promotion and Management Committee Office of Lao PDR
	Enkhbold Vorshilov	Advisor, Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia
	Xin Qi	Director, Institute of Belt and Road Economic and Trade Cooperation, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, under the Ministry of Commerce of China
	Marco Kamiya	UNIDO Representative at the Sub-Regional Office in Indonesia
	Closing (10 minutes)	
15:50-15:55	**MC: Summary and Key Takeaways**	
15:55-16:00	**Guests' Group Photo**	