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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS¹

Thursday, 27 November 2025

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| 12 noon– | 8th plenary meeting | Plenary Hall |
| 1 p.m. | General debate (cont'd) | <i>UN Web TV platform</i> |
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| 2.30 p.m. | 9th plenary meeting | Plenary Hall |
| | Consideration and adoption of decisions and resolutions | <i>UN Web TV platform</i> |
| | Closure of the session | |

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¹ The schedule of meetings reflects the schedule of work, as agreed by the Conference on 24 November 2025.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Wednesday, 26 November 2025

7th PLENARY MEETING (afternoon)

Item 2: Election of officers

(b) Election of the Vice-Presidents

The following were elected as officers of the current session:

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| Vice-President: | H.E. Ms. Nina Vaskunlahti | Finland |
| Vice-President: | H.E. Ms. Elena Maria Freije Murillo | Honduras |

Item 7: Elections to organs

With the Vice-President in the Chair, the Conference considered the membership of the Industrial Development Board. For African States in List A, the membership of the following States was approved: Algeria, Angola, Ghana, Morocco, South Africa, Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda (until the close of the twenty-second regular session of the Conference). For Asian States in List A, the membership of the following States was approved: India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kuwait, Pakistan and Thailand. For States in List B, the membership of the following States was approved: Austria, Israel, Luxembourg, Malta, Spain, Switzerland and Türkiye. For States in List C, the membership of the following States was approved: Ecuador, Honduras, Panama and Peru. For States in List D, the membership of the following States was approved: Bulgaria and the Russian Federation.

Statements were made by representatives of Peru, Ukraine, State of Palestine, Iran (Islamic Republic of), South Africa, Colombia, Türkiye, Tunisia, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Namibia, Pakistan, Hungary and Germany.

With the Vice-President in the Chair, the Conference considered the membership of the Programme and Budget Committee. For African States in List A, the membership of the following States was approved: Algeria, Egypt, Ghana, Morocco, South Africa and the United Republic of Tanzania. For Asian States in List A, the membership of the following States was approved: China, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Pakistan and the Philippines. For States in List B, the membership of the following States was approved: Austria, Finland, Germany, Italy, Japan, Malta, Spain, Switzerland and Türkiye. For States in List C, the membership of the following States was approved: Brazil, Mexico, Peru and Honduras. For States in List D, the membership of the following States was approved: Hungary, Poland, and the Russian Federation.

Statement was made by representatives of Ukraine.

Item 5: Credentials of representatives to the Conference

With the Vice-President in the Chair, the Chairperson of the Credentials Committee, Mr. Nik Ady Arman Bin Nik Mohd Kamil of Malaysia, presented the report of the Credentials Committee, contained in document GC.21/L.1.

Comments were made by the representatives of the State of Palestine, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Jordan.

The report of the Credentials Committee was adopted as presented.

Item 11 (e): Appointment of an External Auditor

With the Vice-President in the Chair, Mr. Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef (President of the Accountability State Authority of Egypt) was elected as the External Auditor of UNIDO for a period of two years, 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028.

A statement was made Mr. Mohamed El-Faisal Youssef, President of the Accountability State Authority of Egypt, (pre-recorded video message) to express appreciation for the re-election to the post of external auditor.

General debate – Items 8 to 30

With the Vice-President in the Chair, statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Namibia, Türkiye, Switzerland, the United Arab Emirates, Armenia, Burkina Faso, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Jordan, Peru, Malaysia, India, Kuwait, Hungary, Libya, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Colombia, Mexico, Benin, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uganda, Azerbaijan, Lesotho, Israel, the Philippines, Argentina, Nepal, the United Republic of Tanzania, AISEC International, the Saudi Green Building Forum and the International Hydrogen Fuel Cell Association.

Austria exercised its right of reply.

Forum on industrial development issues:

Preparing for the future of industrialization: UNIDO's Vision 2050 and launch of the Industrial Development Report 2026

Opening remarks were made by Ms. Cecilia Ugaz Estrada, Deputy to the Director General and Managing Director of the Directorate of Strategic Planning, Programming and Policy.

Mr. Jaime Moll De Alba, Director of the Division of Strategic Programming Results Monitoring and Quality Assurance of UNIDO moderated the discussion.

The panellists of the thematic event were: Mr. Khalil Ibrahim Ibn Salamah, Vice Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Mr. Luís Felipe Giesteira, Deputy Secretary of Industrial Development, Innovation, Trade and Services, Ministry of Development, Industry, Trade and Services, Brazil; Ms. Lili Yan Ing, Lead Advisor (Southeast Asia Region) at ERIA and Secretary General of the International Economic Association; Mr. Jostein Hauge, Assistant Professor, University of Cambridge; Mr. Raphael Kaplinsky, Honorary Professor, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex (video recording); and Mr. Jeffrey Sachs, President, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (video recording).