

MEDIA ADVISORY

WHO	UNIDO, African Union, UN Economic Commission for Africa
WHAT	Africa Industrialization Day (AID) 2018
WHEN	20 November 2018, 14:30 – 18:00
WHERE	Conference Room 3, C-Building, Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria

The Africa Industrialization Day 2018, organized jointly by the [United Nations Industrial Development Organization](#) (UNIDO), [African Union Commission](#) (AUC) and the [United Nations Economic Commission for Africa](#) (UNECA), is taking place on 20 November 2018 at the UNIDO Headquarters, at the Vienna International Centre, Vienna, Austria.

The event is celebrated with the entire support of the United Nations, and particularly the UN Economic Commission on Africa (UNECA) and UNIDO, and also the support of the African Union Commission (AUC).

The Africa Industrialization Day 2018 is organized under the theme “*Promoting Regional Value Chains in Africa: A pathway for accelerating Africa’s structural transformation, industrialization and pharmaceutical production*” in the context of the [Africa Continental Free Trade Agreement](#) (AfCFTA) and the [Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa](#) (IDDA III).

Intended as a multi-stakeholder global forum, the symposium is expected to be attended by 50-80 participants ranging from representatives of *Permanent Missions to UNIDO in Vienna* to representatives of *international organizations, NGOs, the private sector and academia*. The opening remarks will be held by Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi, Managing Director and Deputy to the Director General, UNIDO.

The message from the UN Secretary-General will be delivered by Mr. Yury Fedotov (tbc), Director-General, United Nations Office in Vienna and the Joint Statement by AUC, UNIDO and UNECA by H.E. Ambassador Vivian Okeke (Nigeria), Chairperson of the African Group in Vienna.

Media is cordially invited to participate in the event.

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