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# UNIDO AND SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS

Strengthening Member States' capacities in developing  
productive, resilient and sustainable supply chains

Resolution GC.20/Res.2, adopted on 1 December 2023

**GC.20/Res.2 STRENGTHENING MEMBER STATES' CAPACITIES IN  
DEVELOPING PRODUCTIVE, RESILIENT AND  
SUSTAINABLE SUPPLY CHAINS<sup>1</sup>**

*The General Conference,*

*Recalling* the Lima Declaration: Towards inclusive and sustainable industrial development (GC.15/Res.1), which calls upon the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to enhance its support for the efforts of countries towards achieving inclusive and sustainable industrial development,

*Also recalling* the Abu Dhabi Declaration (GC.18/Res.1), which recognizes the important role of the development and adoption of improved and responsible business practices; the promotion of enhanced international industrial standards; impact investments; and effective policymaking aimed at bridging inequality gaps while ensuring the sustainable use and management of natural resources, and equal opportunities for all to achieve inclusive and sustainable industrial development,

*Recognizing* the role of productive, resilient and sustainable supply chains in driving inclusive and sustainable industrial development as emphasized through UNIDO's thematic priority on supply chains (IDB.51/6),

*Also recognizing* the alignment of this priority area with the medium-term programme framework 2022-2025 (IDB.49/8-PBC.37/8) in that it draws on a broad range of technologies and sector-specific skills to be transferred to promote low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient industrial development in the light of different national circumstances, foster innovation and accelerate structural transformation, in line with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change, as reported through the Director General's update on the medium-term programme framework (IDB.51/10),

*Acknowledging* UNIDO's long-standing and continued efforts towards productive and sustainable supply chains through its programmatic work with a particular emphasis on supporting Member States, small and medium-sized enterprises in producer countries and workers in championing the relevant Sustainable Development Goals, as well as promoting and facilitating the effective and efficient participation and/or integration of developing countries in global and regional sustainable supply chains, as well as relevant and applicable sustainability standards to ensure shared gains from global trade by generating value at all stages of production,

*Welcoming* the continued efforts of the Secretariat to identify, in consultation with Member States, new approaches to deliver UNIDO's technical assistance in the field of sustainable supply chains to support Member States and producers in a way that creates synergies with all relevant stakeholders from the public and private sector with a view to maximizing the positive impact towards sustainable supply chains,

*Noting* the need to strengthen this commitment towards ensuring that all actors gain from transitioning to more sustainable production in global and regional supply chains, especially small and medium-sized enterprises in producer countries, in light of legally binding international agreements, as applicable, as well as emerging regional and national legislation,

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<sup>1</sup> Submitted by Bangladesh and co-sponsored by Finland.

*Requested* the Director General within the mandate and the budget of UNIDO:

1. To continue engaging and cooperating with the public and private sectors and all relevant stakeholders dealing with inclusive and sustainable industrial development, in consultation with concerned Member States, to foster an inclusive process that makes all voices heard to create productive, resilient and sustainable supply chains globally and regionally; to meaningfully enhance the transfer of technology, on mutually agreed terms, and the transfer of knowledge and related know-how, technical and financial support and tools including supply chains digitization to developing countries, and share experiences and best practices to promote actions conducive to trade liberalization and investments;

2. To strengthen its programmatic work and develop a holistic proposal on supporting Member States, firms and workers in further developing productive, resilient and sustainable supply chains, including targeted, sustainable and effective support measures for small and medium-sized enterprises, women and youth in particular, to ensure that all actors can reap the benefits of global and regional supply chains, supporting the needed transition to a more equitable, inclusive, sustainable and economically-viable future for all;

3. To report to the twenty-first session of the General Conference, through the intervening sessions of the Industrial Development Board on up to date developments, including the challenges encountered and achievements made regarding the implementation of the present resolution.

(Adopted by the twentieth session of the General Conference of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization at its tenth plenary meeting, 1 December 2023, Vienna, Austria (GC.20/Res.2). The resolution is available in all six official languages of UNIDO here: [www.undocs.org/GC.20/inf/4](http://www.undocs.org/GC.20/inf/4))

Cover photo: Ms. Rashida operating a machine at the AutoCoro section at SIMCO recycling facility in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The operation enables reassembling recycled cotton to the machine feed for spinning. Through the “Switch to Circular Economy Value Chains” project, SIMCO is part of the H&M pilot in Bangladesh, aiming to build indigenous capacity and capability of the local supply chain in Bangladesh through surfacing, testing, and scaling the adoption of collection, sorting and recycling solutions for cotton and polyester. The pilot will collect and test successful technologies and business models, in collaboration with H&M, their network of local suppliers and recyclers in Bangladesh, and global technology innovators.



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