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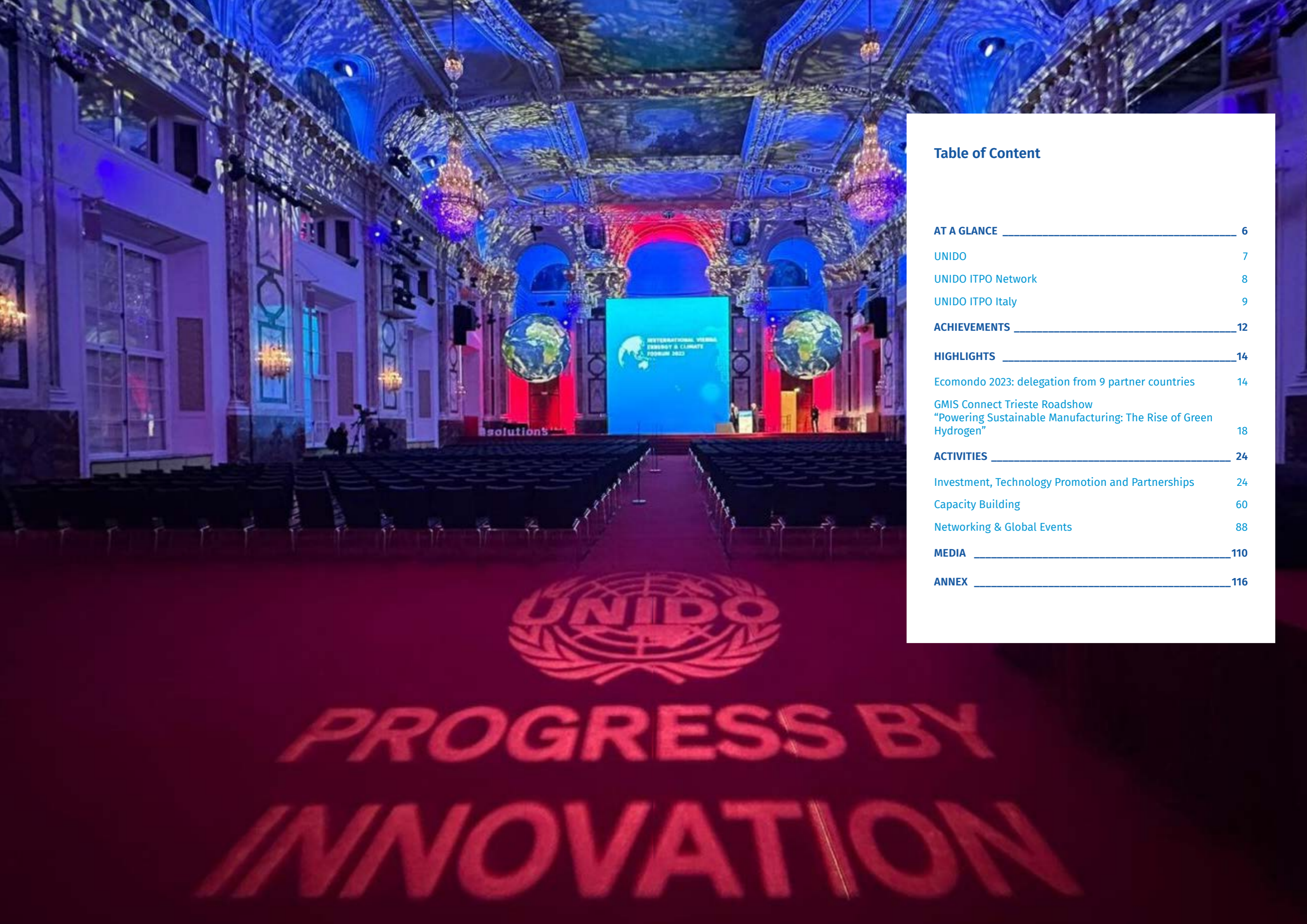


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FOREWORD



Dear all,

in the past year, although the pandemic status was officially revoked, our world has not been exempt from facing several already-existing or new dramatic challenges such as conflicts, wars, and soaring inflation on top of the climate crisis. And of course, these challenges have had even a more drastic impact on developing countries and economies in transition around the world, significantly hindering their growth paths.

To address these global challenges, a multilateral approach needs to be adopted, with cooperation among governments, institutions, companies, academia, and all parts of civil society. In particular, to fight economic uncertainty and advance shared prosperity, the role of the private sector within the mechanisms of development cooperation is key today more than ever. In this sense, the UNIDO Italian Investment and Technology Promotion Office has been pivotal to advance investment promotion, technology transfer, capacity building and public-private partnerships.

Indeed, in 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy continued to represent the unique focal point of UNIDO in the country by offering its traditional range of services to companies and institutions from around the world, by assisting UNIDO's Director General and Managing Directors during their official missions to Italy, as well by working in close collaboration with all of its institutional, intergovernmental and scientific partners, project donors, members of the Italian System and UN organizations based in the country.

After having completed in 2023 a three-year-long project on energy and environment for the benefit of 7 partner countries, UNIDO ITPO Italy will now implement several ongoing and new projects for partner countries around the world. In the next years to come, our Office will also align with the newly-launched "Piano Mattei", the renowned official plan of the Italian Government aimed at providing support to African countries in terms of renewable energy, environmental technologies and beyond for a sustainable development in Africa and worldwide.



In the meantime, in this Annual Report you will find a selection of all our highlights and activities from 2023 to accelerate Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in line with UNIDO's mandate. For these achievements, I would like to thank my invaluable team in Rome, as well as our colleagues at UNIDO Headquarters in Vienna and all stakeholders around the globe, for their constant and dedicated support.

Thank you and all the best,

Diana Battaglia

AT A G L A N C E



UNIDO



UNIDO is a specialized agency of the United Nations with a unique mandate to promote, dynamize and accelerate industrial development reflected in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9: “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”, but UNIDO’s activities contribute to all the SDGs.

UNIDO’s vision is a world without poverty and hunger, where industry drives low-emission economies, improves living standards, and preserves the livable environment for present and future generations, leaving no one behind. UNIDO’s work is concentrated on three focus areas: ending hunger by helping businesses from farm to fork; stopping climate breakdown by using renewable energy and energy efficiency to reduce industrial greenhouse gas emissions; and supporting sustainable supply chains so that developing country producers get a fair deal and scarce resources are preserved.

UNIDO provides support to its 172 Member States through four mandated functions: technical cooperation; action-oriented research and policy-advisory services; normative standards-related activities; and fostering partnerships for knowledge and technology transfer. |

UNIDO ITPO NETWORK

With its headquarters in Vienna, UNIDO has also established a Network of Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPOs) strategically located in both hemispheres across several industrialized countries, in order to bridge the gaps between their host countries and targeted developing countries and economies in transition through ad-hoc advisory services and technical assistance for the promotion of opportunities for investment, technology transfer and international partnerships. |



- NIGERIA
- ITALY
- SOUTH KOREA
- GERMANY (BERLIN & BONN)
- RUSSIA
- CHINA (BEIJING & SHANGHAI)
- JAPAN
- SAUDI ARABIA (RIYADH)
- BRAZIL (BRASILIA)
- BAHRAIN



UNIDO ITPO ITALY

The UNIDO Italian Investment and Technology Promotion Office (UNIDO ITPO Italy) is based in Rome and became operational in 1987 thanks to the financial support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation - Directorate General for Development Cooperation.



Its mandate is to enhance the competitiveness of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) from targeted developing countries and economies in transition through the mobilization of investments and the transfer of technology and management skills, to implement industrial projects for sustainable local development and foster international partnerships and business cooperation with the Italian public and private sectors.

UNIDO ITPO Italy assists developing countries and economies in transition by providing a wide range of services in line with its mandate.

SERVICES

to Institutions

- Training and capacity building
- Country-based promotion
- Technical assistance
- Dissemination of information on investment climate
- Networking
- UNIDO Delegate Programme

to Companies

- Investment opportunities
- Partners identification and matchmaking
- Facilitation of business meetings
- Assistance in negotiations and assessment of business plans
- Company visits and study tours
- Participation in global fairs, exhibitions and forums in Italy and abroad

SECTOR INTERVENTION

- UNIDO ITPO Italy offers ad-hoc services to both companies and institutions in two main industrial sectors, namely **agribusiness** and **energy & environment**, with a specific focus on:
 - Agricultural mechanization
 - Renewable energy
 - Green technologies
 - Agri-tech and food processing
 - Building and construction
 - Livestock, dairy and poultry
 - Water treatment
 - Fishery and cold chain
 - Waste management
 - Packaging
 - Energy efficiency
 - Leather, textile and fashion
 - Blue economy

UNIDO ITPO Italy works in close collaboration with its project donors – namely the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) - Directorate General for Development Cooperation (DGCS), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE), and the Italian Friuli Venezia Giulia Region (FVG) – as well as its official partners in light of the signature of joint declarations and memorandums of understanding – such as with Confindustria, Eni, Future Food Institute, CNH Industrial, University of Udine, Veneto Region and Acquedotto Pugliese – and all the different stakeholders in the framework of project activities and beyond.

The Office is very well-connected with the industrial sector of Italy and the members of the “Italian system” – among which SIMEST (Italian society for enterprises abroad) and SACE (Italian export credit agency) which are part of CDP Group (Cassa Depositi e Prestiti), as well as ICE/ITA (Italian Trade Agency) – and is always intensifying synergies and strengthening collaborations with relevant stakeholders from the institutional, private and academic sectors of Italy and developing countries – such as ministries, embassies, regions and municipalities, investment promotion agencies, universities and more – in order to advance public-private partnerships for international cooperation. |

PARTNERS & STAKEHOLDERS

PROJECTS

In 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy, in addition to its core activities, implemented multiple activities within the framework of the following projects:

“**Fostering International Partnerships between companies and/or institutions operating in the Energy and Environment sectors**” (**FIPEE**), fully implemented by UNIDO ITPO Italy and financed by the **Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE)**;

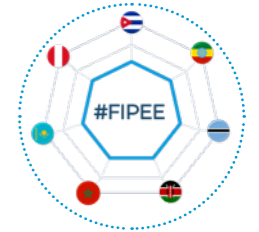
“**Investment Promotion for Iraq – Phase II**” (**IPI**), fully implemented by UNIDO ITPO Italy and financed by the **Italian Development Cooperation Agency (AICS)**;

“**Boosting institutional partnerships for youth engagement in sustainable innovation**”, funded by the **Italian Friuli Venezia Giulia Region** and implemented by UNIDO ITPO Italy in collaboration with the **University of Udine**.

“**Twinning partnership for sustainable small and medium-sized enterprises development in Lebanon**” - with a focus on Lebanese SMEs in the winemaking sector from the Bekaa Valley - funded by the **Italian Friuli Venezia Giulia (FVG) Region** and implemented by UNIDO ITPO Italy in collaboration with the **University of Udine** and the **Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK)**;

“**Productive Sectors Development Program for Somalia**” (**PSDP**) – implemented by UNIDO with the support of the **Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)**, the **United Nations Development Program (UNDP)** and the **United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF)**;

“**LevelUp - Advancing Jordanian Industries**”, implemented by UNIDO in cooperation with the **Jordanian Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply**. |



ACHIEVEMENTS

11 DEVELOPING COUNTRIES supported



10 EVENTS AND CONFERENCES joined as panelists

4 HIGH-LEVEL MINISTERIAL MEETINGS organized or attended

1 JOINT DECLARATION signed

12 TRAININGS organized

• 330+ participants



14 CONFERENCES organized

• 830+ participants

12 FAIRS & EXHIBITIONS attended

950+ B2B / B2G facilitated



102 INVESTMENT PROJECTS PROMOTED

74 INVESTMENT PROJECTS SCOUTED

2 FEASIBILITY STUDIES supported

12 COMPANY VISITS organized

6 STUDY TOURS organized



48 NEW TECHNOLOGIES identified

4 INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS facilitated

1 GUIDELINE STUDY supported

HIGHLIGHTS

ECOMONDO 2023

DELEGATION FROM 9 PARTNER COUNTRIES





UNIDO ITPO Italy organized and assisted a ministerial, institutional and business delegation from 9 partner countries – namely Botswana, Cuba, Ethiopia, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Morocco, Peru and Somalia – to the 2023 edition of Ecomondo, the Green Technology Expo, which took place in Rimini from 7th to 10th November 2023.

This initiative was organized within the framework of three UNIDO projects, namely: “Fostering international partnerships between companies and/or institutions operating in the Energy and Environment sectors” (#FIPEE); “Investment Promotion for Iraq - Phase II” (#IPI); and “Productive Sectors Development Program for Somalia”.



Within the exhibition, UNIDO ITPO Italy took part as jury member, speaker and awardee in the award ceremony for innovative startups of the National Association of Young Innovators (ANGI).

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The delegation was composed of more than 50 representatives of ministries, institutions and companies operating in the energy and environment sectors and beyond, who took part in more than 500 meetings with local exhibitors and visitors – also at UNIDO Italy’s dedicated booth inside the fair – to discover new business opportunities and synergies for international collaborations.

Finally, UNIDO ITPO Italy was interviewed by AWorld for ActNow, the United Nations campaign to inspire people to act for the Sustainable Development Goals. |



Watch the interview



HIGHLIGHTS

GMIS CONNECT TRIESTE ROADSHOW

POWERING SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING:
THE RISE OF GREEN HYDROGEN



Press conference GMIS Connect Trieste 2023



A press conference organized by UNIDO ITPO Italy and World Trade Center Trieste was held on 29th June 2023 to announce that the Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit (GMIS) would host its roadshow series in the city of Trieste in November 2023, to gather key industry leaders and experts from Italy to drive in-depth discussions around green hydrogen technologies, effective policies, and strategies to navigate the climate crisis in the context of manufacturing and beyond.

Co-chaired by the United Arab Emirates Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technology and UNIDO, GMIS brings together leaders from the global manufacturing and technology communities to discuss, debate, and shape the future of manufacturing.

The Summit aims to place manufacturing at the heart of economic regeneration and government policymaking and utilise technology as a tool for global cooperation and collaboration.

The event was attended by Ketty Segatti representing the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, Chief Technical Advisor of UNIDO ITPO Italy Dino Fortunato, Director of Confindustria Alto Adriatico Massimiliano Ciarrocchi, and virtually Namir Hourani, Managing Director of the Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit. Also present at the panel were Rodolfo Taccani, Rector's Delegate for Technology Transfer and Territorial Relations for the University of Trieste (UniTS) and Salvatore Dore, Contamination Lab (C-Lab) Contact Person for UniTS.

During the press conference, all participants highlighted the significant achievements already made at the regional and local levels. The FVG Region has long been at the forefront of driving innovation, sustainability, and renewable energy with numerous initiatives aimed at developing international collaborations between universities and businesses. This remarkable track record led to its selection as the next venue for the GMIS Roadshow.

As part of the Region's green initiatives, the "YES! Call 2023 - Sustainable Innovative Solutions from Friuli Venezia Giulia" was also launched during the press conference. |

The roadshow in Trieste

GMIS Connect Trieste "Powering Sustainable Manufacturing: The Rise of Green Hydrogen", the Roadshow of the Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit organized by UNIDO and the Ministry of Industry and Advanced Technologies of the United Arab Emirates (MoIAT), was held on 14th November 2023 at the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region headquarters in Trieste, Italy.

The event – organized in collaboration with the FVG Region, UNIDO ITPO Italy, Confindustria, World Trade Center Trieste, University of Trieste, National Institute of Oceanography and Experimental Geophysics (OGS), the International Foundation of Trieste (FIT), and The Laboratory on Quantitative Sustainability (TLQS) – brought together thought leaders, government officials, and industry experts from Italy and the United Arab Emirates to highlight the opportunities in decarbonizing the manufacturing sector and the role of green hydrogen in powering sustainable manufacturing.





The conference opened with the welcome remark of the FVG Regional Minister for Environmental Defense, Energy and Sustainable Development H.E. Fabio Scoccimarro:

“I would like to stress the conviction and commitment of this Region to invest in green hydrogen not as utopian panacea, but as useful and essential component of such climate action portfolio

that all together, European and non-Europeans countries, public and private sector, we must implement to achieve what I believe to be our shared goal: to continue to have a performing industrial sector, and at the same time to develop an environment-friendly manufacturing that we morally must pass down to our future generations.”



UNIDO ITPO Italy's Head Diana Battaglia commented during her speech:

“As the Italian Investment and Technology Promotion Office of UNIDO, we are proud to collaborate to facilitate and promote a global dialogue on sustainable manufacturing and the transformative possibilities of green hydrogen. Our aim is to encourage partnerships and knowledge sharing between Italian stakeholders and international key actors by serving as a catalyst and facilitator.”

On the sidelines of GMIS Connect Trieste, on the day before and the day after the roadshow, UNIDO ITPO Italy also took part with several of the stakeholders involved in site visits to local research centers and companies also operating in the field of energy and hydrogen, namely Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste and Faber Industries. |

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INVESTMENT, TECHNOLOGY

PROMOTION AND PARTNERSHIPS



To facilitate investment mobilization and technology transfer between Italy and targeted developing countries around the world as well as South-South cooperation, UNIDO ITPO Italy plays a key role in promoting the development of synergies and collaborations among members of the public, private and academic sectors, often resulting in the signature of official partnerships for increased, long-lasting cooperation. |



Joint Declaration signed between UNIDO ITPO Italy and Acquedotto Pugliese

A Joint Declaration was signed on 27th February 2023 in Bari by UNIDO ITPO Italy's Head Ms. Diana Battaglia and Chairman of Acquedotto Pugliese (AQP) Mr. Domenico Laforgia, with the goal of boosting research and development in the water systems and wastewater sectors of developing countries worldwide.

«The United Nations identified the water crisis as a key area of intervention, and therefore included it within the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the UN 2030 Agenda. Starting from this collaboration between UNIDO ITPO Italy and Acquedotto Pugliese – underlined UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia –

We will be able to develop and implement effective solutions to help guarantee access to safe and clean water

advancing progress by innovation toward an Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, in line with UNIDO's mandate».

Building on the first successful collaboration between UNIDO ITPO Italy and AQP on the occasion of an expert study mission to



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Cuba – aimed to analyze and develop innovative solutions for the phenomenon of saline intrusion in the Camagüey region – this official partnership agreement specifically focuses on promoting technical assistance, training activities, consultancy services, technology transfer, sharing of best practices, joint research projects and capacity building of business communities and institutions from Italy and targeted developing countries around the world, in order to improve the management of local water resources through increased international public-private collaborations in the field. |

UNIDO ITPO Italy's Head Ms. Diana Battaglia and Chairman of Acquedotto Pugliese (AQP) Mr. Domenico Laforgia

The FIPEE Call Winners join 2023 GCIP Cleantech Days and IVECF

From 30th October through 3rd November 2023, the Winners of UNIDO ITPO Italy's "FIPEE Call for High Impact Cleantech" joined the Cleantech Days of the UNIDO Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP) and the International Vienna Energy and Climate Forum (IVECF) in Vienna, Austria.



Starting the week with the Opening Ceremony of the GCIP Cleantech Days, representatives of the winning SMEs of the FIPEE Call – Cubaenergía from Cuba, Happy Pads from Ethiopia, Drop Access from Kenya, and Ciclo from Peru – joined a training for entrepreneurs held by Siemens in Siemens City, during which they played the "Sustainability Game" by Siemens to promote cleantech and circular-economy business models in an innovative, dynamic way. After a pitch training session, on 1st November the delegates had the opportunity to perform a pitch about the sustainable competitive advantages of their innovative cleantech solutions to a jury of experts selected by UNIDO.



At IVECF, on 2nd and 3rd November, all Winners took part in the session "Connecting the dots to empower cleantech innovations & climate solutions". Notably, the Winner from Kenya Norah Magero, Co-Founder & CEO of Drop Access, also joined as panelist the sessions "Showcase of thematic solutions by women changemakers" and "Pathways to prosperity and climate neutrality".



2nd FIPEE Investment Forum on Energy & Environment

On 7th November 2023, within the context of the 2023 edition of Ecomondo – The Green Technology Expo in Rimini, UNIDO ITPO Italy held its “2nd FIPEE Investment Forum on Energy & Environment”, as a milestone event towards the conclusion of the activities of the FIPEE project.

Opened by UNIDO ITPO Italy’s FIPEE Project Coordinator Valentina Maltese and moderated by UNIDO ITPO Italy’s Chief Technical Advisor Dino Fortunato, the panel session featured the participation as speakers – notably from the project donor and its local counterparts and major stakeholders – of: Carmen Cristina Terry Berro, Specialist Expert in Environmental Policies at the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment of Cuba (CITMA); Tirhas Mebrahtu Hindeya, Director for Resource Mobilization and Project Monitoring Directorate at the Ethiopian Environmental Protection Authority; Zhuzim Daulet, Chief of the Waste Management Department at the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan; Benedict Muyale, Senior Resource Mobilization Officer at National Environment Trust Fund (NETFUND) of Kenya; and David Toledano, President of the Moroccan Federation of Industries and Building Materials (FMC). The panel concluded with the closing remarks of Jacopo Betti from the project donor MASE, notably also attending the event.

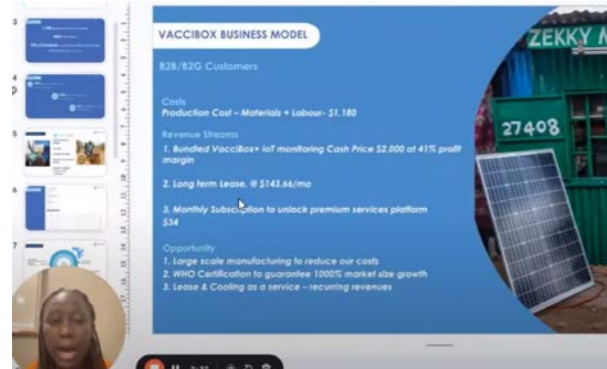
The Forum represented an opportunity to showcase the results of the FIPEE project, highlight the latest policies on energy and environment currently in place in each partner country, and further foster the development of business synergies, also thanks to UNIDO ITPO Italy’s wide ministerial, institutional and business delegation from the project’s 7 partner countries at Ecomondo 2023. |



FIPEE Call Business Day

On 6th December 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy hosted online, on its Investment and Matchmaking Platform on Energy & Environment, the “FIPEE Call Business Day”.

More than 20 participating companies had the opportunity to meet the 5 Winners of the “FIPEE Call for High Impact Cleantech”, who introduced their innovative technologies already showcased at relevant international forums; exhibit their own technologies, products and services within the virtual expo space; discover products and services of all the international companies already registered on the online platform; and take part in B2B meetings, to discover new opportunities for investment, technology transfer and international partnerships. |



At K.EY 2023 with a business delegation from Ethiopia and Kenya

At the 2023 edition of K.EY, held in Rimini from 22nd to 24th March, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized and assisted on site the participation of a business delegation in the energy sector from Kenya and Ethiopia.

Mostly focusing on and interested in the field of photovoltaic, solar panels and environmental technologies, the 6 companies – 5 Ethiopian and 1 Kenyan – had the opportunity to take part in more than 70 B2B meetings with Italian and international exhibitors at the fair, and reported to have identified innovative technologies and solutions to be replicated in their projects and home countries, paving the way for potential synergies and collaborations. |





Roadshow in Italy to present the two UNIDO Business Forums in Jordan and Somalia

UNIDO ITPO Italy launched a roadshow to promote the two UNIDO Business Forums in Jordan and Somalia, which began with a kick-off event at UNIDO ITPO Italy premises in Rome on 27th March 2023 and continued with multiple roundtables and company visits across several regions and cities in Italy: on March 28th in Turin at FederCamere, March 29th in Reggio Emilia at Unindustria and Cleverttech, March 30th in Bologna at Legacoop Emilia-Romagna and Ferrari Growtech in Mantua, and concluded on March 31st at Venicepromex and Genius Watter in Padua. These locations were identified based on the distribution of Italian regions with high industrial potential in the sectors of interest to the roadshow.



Opening with welcome remarks from the Head of UNIDO ITPO Italy Diana Battaglia and from Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo Director General Letizia Pizzi, the kick-off roundtable of the roadshow notably featured the participation as delegates from Jordan and Somalia of Amin Alasoufi, Director of the Department of Economic Studies and Research at the Amman Chamber of Industry, and Abdullahi Mohamed Warfa, Senior Advisor to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Somalia.

Moderated by UNIDO ITPO Italy's Investment Promotion Expert Francesco Pallocca and Chief Technical Advisor Dino Fortunato, the roundtable – also thanks to ad hoc presentations by the two delegates – allowed to promote dynamic business and investment opportunities in Jordan and Somalia to the multiple representatives of the Italian business community also attending the roundtable, and further consolidate business relations among Italy, Jordan and Somalia. |



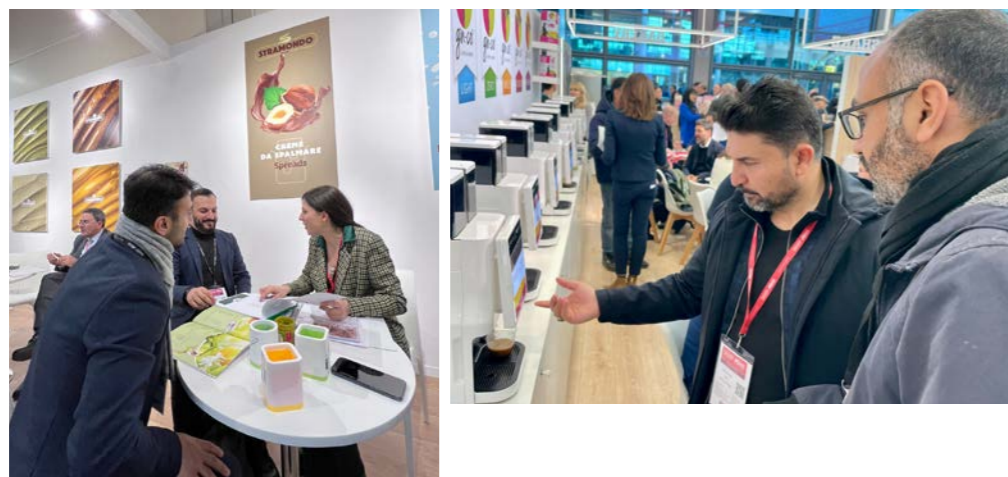
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SIGEP 2023

Within the framework of the project “Investment Promotion for Iraq - Phase II”, UNIDO ITPO Italy joined SIGEP 2023, held in Rimini from 21st to 25th January 2023, by facilitating the participation of an Iraqi delegation at the fair.

15 representatives of companies from different areas of the country (Iraqi Kurdistan, Baghdad, Thi Qar and Basra) took part in more than 100 B2B meetings with exhibitors at SIGEP. Among the delegates there were also many well-known realities of the Iraqi confectionery market such as Al Khassaki and Fusteka, large food service chains with several branches and new openings coming up.

Great satisfaction among: the delegates, who could appreciate the level of excellency of the technological products offered by SIGEP; the Italian exhibitors, enthusiast about the opportunity to finally interact in person with selected representatives of such a promising market; and finally the organizers, with numbers way beyond expectations for the Iraqi delegation. |



Second IPI steering committee, institutional visits and training during UNIDO ITPO Italy's mission to Baghdad

Within the framework of the IPI project, from 17th to 20th April 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in a mission to Baghdad.

During the mission, UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia and Investment Promotion Expert Andrea Carapellese carried out the second steering committee of the IPI project, visited the Iraqi Federation of Industries (IFI) Business Center and held a staff training, and met with His Excellency the Italian Ambassador in Iraq, as well as the Presidents of IFI and of the Federation of Iraqi Chambers of Commerce (FICC) and network companies. |

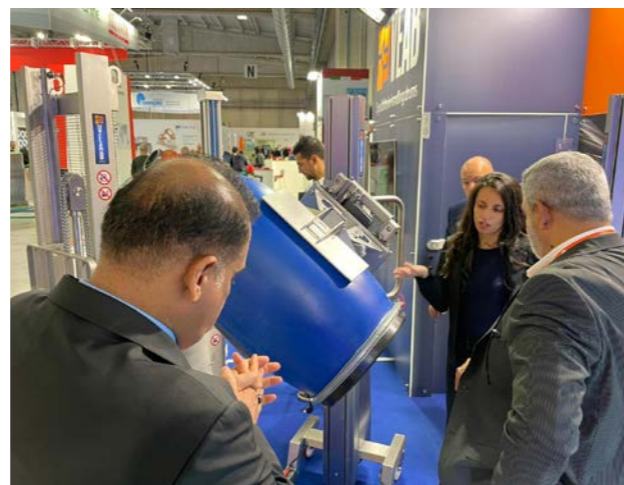




Delegation from Iraq and KRG to Cibus Tec 2023

UNIDO ITPO Italy organized and supported the participation of a delegation from Iraq at the 2023 edition of Cibus Tec held in Parma from the 24th to the 27th of October 2023. Cibus Tec stands as a beacon of innovation in the realm of food and beverage technology.

The Iraqi delegation, organized by UNIDO ITPO Italy, comprised manufacturers and institutional representatives, including luminaries such as Director General Ali Mousa Alshabbar from the Iraqi Ministry of Industry and Mustafa Sizachi from the KRG Ministry of Trade and Industry.



By facilitating the Iraqi delegation's participation, UNIDO reaffirmed its steadfast dedication to encourage inclusive industrialization and catalyzing socio-economic development in regions striving for prosperity. Cibus Tec, with its 80-year legacy of innovation and excellence, provided an ideal platform for the Iraqi delegation to showcase their prowess and explore cutting-edge solutions in food and beverage technology. |



SANA 2023

UNIDO ITPO Italy spearheaded the participation of the first-ever Iraqi delegation at the 35th edition of the SANA - International Exhibition of Organic and Natural Products held in Bologna from the 7th to the 9th of September 2023. The Iraqi delegation comprised not only 4 distinguished representatives from companies and institutions hailing from Iraq and the Kurdistan region but also included pioneers in the flourishing organic food industry and trade such as Rashi Al Fadhliyya.

Their presence marked a significant milestone in Iraq's journey towards economic revitalization and integration into the global market. Under the auspices of UNIDO ITPO Italy, the delegation was afforded an important platform to showcase their innovative products and cutting-edge services. Leveraging the dedicated Iraqi booth, crafted to encapsulate their diverse offerings, the Iraqi representatives seized the opportunity to exhibit their excellence to an international audience. |

RiminiWellness 2023

UNIDO ITPO Italy supported the organization of the participation of the Design District Company, from the Iraqi Kurdistan region, in the 2023 RiminiWellness fair - the event that gathers all the main realities of the wellness universe - held in Rimini from 1st to 4th June. Design District Company is operating in the field of interior design and events organizing, founded by a group of expert women and located in Erbil since 2014, specialized in interior designing of buildings, houses, gyms, SPA's restaurants, tourism projects and now aiming to launch new initiatives on wellness and health care. In this framework, the two women representatives had the opportunity to take part in around 20 BtoB meetings with Italian companies and exhibitors at the fair mostly operating in the sectors of fitness and well-being, fostering opportunities for business and collaboration in the field between the two countries. |



A twinning program between Jordanian and Italian businesses

On 19th January 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy joined “A twinning program between Jordanian and Italian businesses”, the event presenting the project “LevelUp - Advancing Jordanian Industries”.

“Today, Italy and Jordan are in fact two countries that are confronted with similar economic issues such as unemployment, the need to advance industries, and the urgency to create decent job opportunities for both women and youth, including through self-employment” UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia commented during her opening remarks.

This project allows those who may not yet have the level of competency required to thrive in the international markets, to participate actively in the technical work of standards development, and thus seize the opportunity to gain specifically targeted experience to promote women and youth-led investments in the selected value chains. |



Regional Business Networking Forum and LevelUp Project Achievement

The “Regional Business Networking Forum and LevelUp Project Achievement” was held on 22nd and 23rd May 2023 in Amman, Jordan, under the patronage of the Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply (MITS) of Jordan in collaboration with the Union of Mediterranean Confederations of Enterprises (BUSINESSMED) and supported by UNIDO ITPO Italy.

The Forum brought together private sector companies from Italy and the vibrant Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region – including Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine, and Syria – and served as a platform to foster B2B networking and best practices to reinforce export-oriented value chains for the industries of garment and fashion, food supplements and natural cosmetics, while presenting the achievements of the LevelUp project.



“A twinning program between Jordanian and Italian businesses”





Numerous high-level actors in the field of international cooperation and institutional figures, including Excellencies, Ambassadors and Ministers from Italy and Jordan participated in the event, which also featured the closing remarks from the Head of UNIDO ITPO Italy Diana Battaglia:

«As UNIDO ITPO Italy, we remain committed to supporting Jordan's industrial development efforts, as well as in the entire MENA region to promote sustainable investments by boosting the competitiveness of SMEs.»

The Forum witnessed the participation of a delegation of 20 Italian entrepreneurs, particularly from the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region.

The delegation, led by Luisa Corbelletto, Coordinator of Sprint FVG, had the opportunity to discuss the business environment and opportunities to boost economic cooperation between the FVG-Triveneto Region, Italy, and the MENA region, as well as take part in numerous B2B roundtable sessions. Moreover, Giulio Tarlao, Coordinator of International Relations and European Programming

at the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia, and Letizia Pizzi, Director General at Confindustria Assafrica & Mediterraneo, also participated in the event as speakers.

Lastly, within the framework of the IPIraq project, 3 companies from Iraq – primarily from the governorates of Erbil, Dhi Qar, and Basra and operating in the sectors of agro-industrial production, infrastructure and construction, and renewable energies – were also in attendance.

The impact of this Forum is expected to be long-lasting, fostering new business partnerships, increased trade, and economic growth in the MENA region. The LevelUp project continues to drive progress towards its goals of job creation, economic inclusion, and the development of a vibrant SME ecosystem in Jordan. |



Final Ceremony of “Gate 4: Seed to Grow” Phase of UNIDO’s LevelUp Program

On 9th March 2023, the final ceremony of the “Gate 4: Seed to Grow” phase of UNIDO’s LevelUp Accelerator program was held in Trieste, Italy. The event marked the successful completion of the program’s fourth phase, which focused on helping seven Jordanian startups grow and develop their businesses.

Delivered in partnership with Jordan’s Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply and local partners, including Change Labs, Jordan Exports, JEDCO, and Business and Professional Women Amman (BPWA), the LevelUp Accelerator program followed a five-gate selection process: “Gate 1: Call for Applications and Open Days”, “Gate 2: Think Digital”, “Gate 3: Incubation and Scale-up”, “Gate 4: Seed to Grow”, and “Gate 5: Go Global”. The seven Jordanian SMEs had previously completed gates 1-3 of the LevelUp

Accelerator program, earning the designation of “Champions of Digital Change”; in the framework of the “Gate 4: Seed to Grow” phase, immersive industry training and fundraising boot camps took place at Polo Tecnologico Alto Adriatico Andrea Galvani, in Italy.

The final ceremony was attended by government officials of the Friuli Venezia-Giulia Region, business leaders, and representatives from UNIDO and its partner organizations. Delivering a keynote speech at the final ceremony, UNIDO ITPO Italy’s Head Diana Battaglia recognized the achievements of participating SMEs in the Level Up program and urged them to continue to use the skills and knowledge gained during the program to drive their businesses forward. |

KAZAKHSTAN

Business Tour in Kazakhstan: focus on Urban Waste, Plastics, Metals and WEEE

UNIDO ITPO Italy organized an entrepreneurial mission to discover the Kazakh market in the sectors of recycling and treatment of urban waste, plastic, metals and WEEE, dedicated to Italian SMEs, held from 9th to 12th October 2023 in Almaty with the visit to various local public-private stakeholders.

Kazakhstan is the ninth largest country in the world, having become one of the economic leaders of Central Asia in recent years. Growth based on industrial development programs that reflect the country's vision of sustainable environmental policies – including the Municipal Solid Waste Modernization Programme, which is still being implemented and which presents numerous business opportunities for Italian companies able to offer technologies and technical support in the sector of management, treatment and recycling of the main types of waste.



During the business tour in Kazakhstan, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported an Italian business delegation that had the opportunity to visit local public-private stakeholders operating in the reference sectors to learn about characteristics, regulatory frameworks and discover new business opportunities, meet Kazakh commercial and institutional counterparts in order to start possible international collaborations, and share good practices and made-in-Italy technological solutions with Kazakh counterparts to develop the local sector. |



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Mission to Kenya on geothermal for Italian delegation

UNIDO ITPO Italy coordinated a four-day mission to Kenya for an Italian business and institutional delegation in the geothermal sector, which took place from 27th to 30th March 2023.

After the “Italy-Kenya Business & Investment Forum on Geothermal” on 27th March, on the second day of mission the visits of the Italian delegation to several key geothermal sites in Kenya started in Menengai, at the 6 MW well and project infrastructure of the Geothermal Development Company (GDC) of Kenya and upcoming 35 MW plant by Sosian Energy, also experiencing different uses for geothermal energy including greenhouse farming, aquaculture and milk pasteurization.



The mission continued on 29th March at the Akiira geothermal site, where the Italian delegates had the opportunity to understand first-hand the local challenges related to the recovery and development of two deep geothermal wells, and at the Oserian Development Company, with its more than 250 hectares of greenhouses for the cultivation and distribution of flowers by the in-house company Bohemian Flowers.

On the concluding day of mission, the Italian delegates visited the Olkaria Geothermal Spa, followed by a presentation by the team of the Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) about their activities in terms of renewable energy, and finally with the tour of KenGen’s geothermal power plants Olkaria I and V sites, the latter generating 170+ MW transmitted through and on-site 220 kV substation.

By promoting international cooperation and sharing know-how and best practices in the field, UNIDO ITPO Italy’s mission to Kenya contributed to maximize the impact of geothermal energy power plants at local, national and global level, in order to harness the huge Kenyan potential in the geothermal, renewable energy sector and beyond, toward an Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development within the country, in line with the mandate of UNIDO and the United Nations 2030 Agenda.



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Italy-Kenya Business & Investment Forum on Geothermal

The “Italy-Kenya Business & Investment Forum on Geothermal” was successfully held on 27th March 2023 with more than 120 participants at the Kawi Complex Auditorium in Nairobi, promoting the development of new synergies and collaborations in the field of geothermal and beyond between the private and public sectors of both countries.

The Forum was organized by UNIDO ITPO Italy with the financial support of the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE) and in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum of Kenya, the Geothermal Association of Kenya (GAK) and Unione Geotermica Italiana (UGI), as a part of UNIDO ITPO Italy’s mission to Kenya for an Italian business and institutional delegation in the geothermal sector.

Notably opening with the welcome remarks of GAK Chairman Paul Ngugi, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Italy to Kenya Lorenza Gambacorta, UNIDO ITPO Italy’s Head Diana Battaglia, and Her Excellency the Ambassador of Kenya to Italy Jackline Yonga, the Forum featured the interventions of several high-level government and institutional guests, starting with the keynote address of Principal Secretary at the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum of Kenya Alex K. Wachira – who stressed on the importance for Kenya and Italy to further strengthen their existing relations in renewable energies and particularly in the geothermal sector, where new partnerships could be established – as well as UGI President Prof. Bruno Della Vedova, Vice President of the Italo-Kenyan Trade Association (CDCIK) Ashfaq Makrani, and GAK Vice Chairman Peketsa Mangi for the closing remarks.

“This Forum reflects the goals of the FIPEE project by facilitating investments, the transfer of skills and best practices, and policy dialogue to boost local markets for economic growth and energy cooperation” added UNIDO ITPO Italy’s FIPEE Project Coordinator Valentina Maltese during her speech, before leaving the floor to UNIDO ITPO Italy’s Expert in Energy and Environment for Kenya Linda Faith Okalet in order to highlight UNIDO ITPO Italy’s latest activities in support of the Kenyan geothermal sector.

During the main panel session of the Forum, many expert representatives of the major Kenyan stakeholders in the field – namely Managing Director and CEO of the Kenya Electricity Generating Company (KenGen) Abraham Serem, Paul Ngugi as Acting Managing Director of the Geothermal Development Company (GDC), Ag. Director Economic Regulation & Strategy at the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) Dr. John Mutua, Director Geothermal of Akiira Geothermal Limited Dr. Stephen Onacha, and Director of Geothermal Training and Research Institute (GeTRI) at Dedan Kimathi University of Technology Prof. Nicholas Mariita – delivered technical presentations on geothermal energy in Kenya to provide the Italian delegation with a comprehensive overview of the local sector by illustrating its legal framework, main challenges and potential.



At the end of the first session of the Forum, a multilateral meeting was held among the Ministry of Energy of Kenya (Alex K. Wachira, Principal Secretary) the Ambassador of Kenya to Italy (H.E. Jackline Yonga) the Italian Embassy to Kenya (Lorenza Gambacorta, Deputy Head of Mission and Giacomo Montemarani, Commercial Attaché) and UNIDO ITPO Italy.

In the afternoon session of the Forum, the Italian enterprises introduced their innovative solutions and expertise to the Kenyan and international audience, paving the way for the following highly participated Q&A and networking sessions, during which all participants at the Forum had the opportunity to interact and discuss together opportunities for investment, business and collaborations. |





Mission to Lebanon officially kicks off project to support Lebanese SMEs in the wine sector

Between 4th and 7th September 2023, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized and took part in a mission to Lebanon officially kicking off the project “Twinning partnership for sustainable small and medium-sized enterprises development in Lebanon” funded by the Italian Friuli Venezia Giulia (FVG) Region.



The mission — which took place across the Lebanese cities of Beirut, Baabda, Kaslik — was carried out by an Italian delegation composed of representatives from UNIDO ITPO Italy, FVG Region and University of Udine, and featured a participated press conference (notably broadcasted on Lebanese television) to officially announce the project to the national audience and beyond, multiple meetings with relevant local stakeholders involved — namely the Lebanese Ministry of Industry, UNIDO Lebanon, the Italian Embassy to Lebanon and the Italian Trade Agency in Lebanon, the Chamber of Commerce of Zahle, the Association of Lebanese Industrialists, Union Vinicole du Liban (UVL) and the National Institution of Vine and Wine (NIVW) — as well as several company visits, further fostering public-private synergies to pave the way for upcoming activities in the framework of this project. |





PlastExpo 2023 in El Jadida

UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the 2023 edition of PlastExpo, the main exhibition in Morocco related to the green plastic sector organized by the Fédération Marocaine de la Plasturgie (FMC) and held in El Jadida from 7th to 10th June 2023. 5 selected Italian companies, thanks to the support provided by UNIDO ITPO Italy, had the opportunity to take part in the fair, attend B2B meetings with visitors and exhibitors, as well as to visit the Jorf Lasfar Industrial Park.

Notably, the Minister of Industry and Trade of Morocco Ryad Mezzour visited UNIDO ITPO Italy's booth at the fair, where the Italian companies had the opportunity to showcase their innovative technology to foster new business collaborations between Italy and Morocco.



Furthermore, UNIDO ITPO Italy's Investment Promotion Expert Enrico Siepi also took part as panelist in the conference "Recycling of post-use plastics", highlighting the main activities carried out in the framework of the project. |



Partnership between Moroccan FMC and Italian ANPAR signed during the seminar on construction waste management in Casablanca

In the framework of the seminar "The Italian Circular Economy applied to the Construction sector of Morocco" organized by UNIDO ITPO Italy, the signing ceremony of the collaboration agreement between FMC and ANPAR was held, who agreed to cooperate and exchange regularly information on: the organization of seminars, workshops, conferences of scientific and technological interest for the associations and the associates; the evolution of the legal and regulatory framework relating to the sectors of interest of the two associations; technical assistance activities to promote the adoption of good practices in the construction sector and the recycling of C&D waste; the introduction of measures to promote the principles and models of the green and circular economy in the construction and recycled aggregates sectors; and the development of technologies and solutions for greater respect for the environment and less soil consumption.

This agreement between FMC and ANPAR symbolizes a veritable milestone in the construction sector and will contribute to significantly strengthen the exchange of expertise and know-how between Italy and Morocco, so to concur to the creation of a circular supply chain in the Moroccan building industry, to disseminate opportunities for cooperation and socio-economic growth among SMEs, while responding to one of the country's most urgent environmental challenges, thus confirming that respect and safeguard of environment represent a crucial factor for economic growth and human development; today and for generations to come.

To conclude, it is worth mentioning also the meeting organized between FMC and ANPAR during Ecomondo 2023 exhibition in Italy, facilitated by UNIDO ITPO Italy, on post-seismic reconstruction in Morocco, with special reference to mountain villages damaged by the recent earthquake in the country in September 2023. The will of the Moroccan stakeholders, as discussed during the meeting with ANPAR and ASSOAMBIENTE, was to create a pool of Italian experts so to organize a preliminary mission onsite to evaluate needs and technical solutions to rebuild damaged buildings in accordance with local architectural tradition and modern anti-seismic standards. |



High-level roundtable with Somali Minister of Commerce and Industry and H.E. the Ambassador of Italy to Somalia

On 13th February 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy hosted a high-level roundtable meeting at the presence of His Excellency the Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Federal Republic of Somalia, Jibril Abdirashid Haji Abdi.

The roundtable started with the opening remarks of His Excellency the Ambassador of Italy to Somalia Alberto Vecchi, UNIDO Somalia Programme Manager Ygor Scarcia and Giuseppe Mistretta, Director for Sub-Saharan African Countries at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and was concluded by a participated Q&A session after the presentations of several Italian companies, institutions and associations operating in Somalia attending the roundtable in presence as well as online.

Notably, during his keynote speech the Somali Minister officially announced the second edition of the “Italia-Somalia Business and Trade Forum”, taking place in Mogadishu on 30th and 31st May 2023 with the goal to further strengthen economic cooperation between the two countries for an inclusive and sustainable industrial development, and thanked UNIDO and ITPO Italy for their continuous support in this direction. |

Macfrut 2023: UNIDO ITPO Italy and UNIDO Somalia support Somali delegation

At the 2023 edition of Macfrut, held in Rimini between 3rd and 5th May, UNIDO ITPO Italy and UNIDO Somalia supported the participation in the fair of a Somali delegation composed of local companies operating in the field of fruit & vegetables.

During the fair, the Somali delegates had the opportunity to meet exhibitors and visitors, discussing business and facilitating the development of potential collaborations. With their own dedicated booth at the fair, UNIDO ITPO Italy and UNIDO Somalia also took part in a panel session to introduce the delegation as well as upcoming activities to promote Somalia as a business destination for Italian and international companies – including the 2nd “Italia-Somalia Business & Trade Forum”. |





2nd UNIDO “Italy-Somalia Business & Trade Forum”

The 2nd edition of the “Italy-Somalia Business & Trade Forum”, organized within the framework of the “Somalia Economic Conference” of UNIDO Somalia, was held in Mogadishu on 30th and 31st May 2023. Objective of the event was to promote Somalia as an emerging business destination for Italian and international companies, encouraging the development of synergies and collaborations in various focus sectors – such as agriculture, fishing, livestock, poultry, dairy and construction – in terms of trade, concession agreements, technology transfer and foreign direct investment. More specifically, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported the participation in the Forum of several delegates of Italian companies, who also had the opportunity to take part in informative roundtables, matchmaking and B2B sessions, and meet international partners to discover new business opportunities.

The conference welcomed more than 450 participants including high-level officials of the Somali government, both federal and member states, United Nations agencies, European Union representatives, Italian and international companies, the Somali private sector, associations and donors, marking a significant milestone in the promotion of business opportunities and international collaborations for the development of the Somali private sector. The Italian Ambassador in Somalia, His Excellency Alberto Vecchi, also joined the event as panelist and recalled the deep-rooted relations between Italy and Somalia. «Italians», said the Ambassador, «when they come to Somalia they feel at home. This happens above all thanks to the hospitality of the Somali people and the special relationship they still maintain with

Italy.» The Ambassador also highlighted the potential of Somalia to become one of the most important economic and commercial hubs in the world, thanks to its strategic geographical position, at the crossroads of one of the busiest sea routes in the world, and «Italy», said Vecchi, «will definitely stand by its side.»

As key results and indicators of the success of the Forum, the Italian company Argo Tractors announced the start of a cooperation with the Somali Moumin Group of Companies, new representative of Landini in the market, to add value to the farm mechanization process in the country. Moreover, Case IH/CNH Industrial also highlighted the consolidation of the partnership with Gaalooqe in Somalia thanks to UNIDO. Case IH supports the modernization and mechanization of farming in Somalia, and with its Case IH Academy it creates economic opportunities and jobs in the agricultural sectors, particularly among women and young people.

The other Italian companies also attending the event presented their technology and services, among which Genius Watter, Acquedotto Pugliese and BonelliErede during the panel session “The importance of the AfCFTA for the future of trade in Somalia and the African continent”. |





Two Somali delegations visit exhibitions in Sicily and Apulia on Blue Economy and Agribusiness

From 18th to 21st October 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy organized and assisted on site the participation of two Somali delegations in two Italian exhibitions on blue economy and agribusiness: Blue Sea Land in Mazara del Vallo, Sicily, and SAIE in Bari, Apulia.



At Blue Sea Land, one delegation had the opportunity to attend conferences and panel sessions on the subject of the blue economy together with ambassadors and high-level institutional representatives from the African continent, among others, while the other delegation at SAIE to discover innovative technologies in the field of agribusiness and meet the Italian private sector, to promote Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in Somalia. |

CAPACITY BUILDING



To significantly increase the long-lasting impact of its investment and technology promotion activities, UNIDO ITPO Italy also carries out capacity-building activities – such as trainings, workshops, seminars, company visits and study tours – to develop and strengthen skills, processes and resources for the benefit of companies and institutions from partner countries. |

Art workshop for youths on inclusivity and sustainability

UNIDO ITPO Italy supported the art workshop held in collaboration by the social enterprise Il Carro, the artist Mario Arlati and Monza Arte Contemporanea (M.Ar.Co) in July 2023 in Monza, Italy and presented during the press conference on 29th September.

During the workshop, the youths of the social enterprise had the opportunity to paint on a canvas made of recycled materials from textile waste the flag of the United Nations, as a universal symbol of sustainability and inclusivity.

The press conference was joined by UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia who, during her speech, highlighted the key role of UNIDO ITPO Italy in promoting youth and women empowerment to foster inclusive socio-economic growth around the world, especially in developing countries.

Furthermore, always with respect to the nature of the art workshop, Battaglia highlighted UNIDO ITPO Italy's role in promoting activities advancing the implementation of circular-economy business models in its main sectors of intervention – namely agribusiness and energy and environment – where the recycling of products and raw materials plays a crucial role to accelerate Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, as well as in addressing pressing issues such as food insecurity, water crisis, energy waste and climate change, in line with the mandate of UNIDO and the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. |



UNIDO ITPO Italy's Head Ms. Diana Battaglia with artist Mr. Mario Arlati at the social enterprise Il Carro after the conclusion of the art workshop



Workshop on Circular Economy for Municipalities

UNIDO ITPO Italy's "Workshop on Circular Economy in Municipalities" took place in Sancti Spiritus, Cuba, on 17th and 18th January 2023, with the goal to sensitize municipal stakeholders at both local and global level about the need to promote and transit towards the application of a circular economy model.

Attended by 32 public and private stakeholders, the workshop allowed to present the fundamental principles of circular economy, as well as its benefits for sustainable development; contextualize circular economy in municipal environments, identifying actors, opportunities and initiatives; and share success stories and best practices in the application of circular economy models in municipalities and cities worldwide.

The activity paved the way for a potential collaborative project to promote an interprovincial center of circular economy and industrial symbiosis. |

Study mission on saline intrusion in Camagüey

From 23rd to 27th January 2023, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized an expert study mission to Cuba, with the goal to analyze the current situation and contribute to minimize the negative impacts of saline intrusion in the Cuban province of Camagüey.

The phenomenon of saline intrusion constitutes one of the fundamental environmental challenges of the country, exacerbated by climate change and with a dramatic impact on agricultural areas threatening the national food security. Field visits and expert meetings with representatives of the local counterpart, the National Institute of Water Resources (INRH) of Cuba, emphasized the need for an integrated solution to address water resource recovery, meet drinking water needs, and enhance environmental conditions for socio-economic development.

The Multi-Criteria Decision Making process identifies the IWRM solution #4 (new aqueduct from Najasa II dam + irrigation development) as the most effective despite higher costs and longer construction time, offering significant environmental and socio-economic benefits. While solution #2 (new aqueduct with well field closure) and #3 (irrigation development and artificial recharge) have merits, the immediate construction of a new aqueduct to Santa Cruz del Sur is crucial for urgently supplying safe water. Solution #3 is recommended for long-term perspective due to its delayed impact on drinking water issues. The total investment for IWRM solution #4 is 380,185,275.00 CUP, necessitating a phased approach. Urgently, a new aqueduct is proposed to utilize Najasa II dam water, connecting to well fields and mitigating saline intrusion and sanitary risks. The benefits include addressing health hazards, utilizing dam-stored water, and saving energy by halting well withdrawals.

In conclusion, the study emphasized the urgent need for immediate action, particularly the construction of a new aqueduct, while outlining the long-term potential of comprehensive IWRM solutions to address the complex water management challenges in the region. |





Course for MSMEs on environmental management

On 6th and 7th June 2023 in Havana, Cuba, UNIDO ITPO Italy successfully held a course focused on sustainable environmental management dedicated to local MSMEs to sensitize about the importance of adopting circular-economy models for sustainable development in the country.

Thanks to the participation as panelists of multiple international experts from the Cuban Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (CITMA) as well as from Area Science Park – on this occasion represented by its Director Massimiliano Rudella – the course introduced global environmental challenges, illustrated legal frameworks in the field, and presented business success cases – among which, the Winner from Peru of UNIDO ITPO Italy’s FIPEE Call for High Impact Cleantech, Ciclo, with its CEO Roger Mori Pizzino showcasing its awarded innovative technology and sharing best practices with the Cuban MSMEs. |



ETHIOPIA



Ethiopian Study Tour and Delegation to Agrilevante fair

From 5th to 7th October 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy assisted an institutional and business delegation from Ethiopia for a study tour on the water-energy-food sector in the Italian region of Apulia.

During the study tour, the delegation had the opportunity to visit CIHEAM Bari – the International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies in Bari – to learn more about the institute’s activities for smart agriculture and water efficiency, with visits to its insectariums and experimental fields, as well as to take part in Agrilevante – the International Exhibition for Machines, Plants and Technologies for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry – to meet local and international exhibitors and visitors to discover sustainable innovative technologies. |



Study Tour and Trainings on Precision Forestry

UNIDO ITPO Italy coordinated and assisted on site a study tour on precision forestry for a delegation from Ethiopia and Peru, held between 31st January and 2nd February 2023 in Italy between Florence and Pistoia and carried out by Bluebiloba and the Department of Agricultural, Food, Environmental and Forest Sciences and Technologies (DAGRI) at the University of Florence.

At the Italian Academy of Forest Sciences in Florence, the delegation attended on January 31st an in-class training focusing on several topics, among which forest remote sensing and water harvesting management, interacting with the local experts as well as each other to share views, raise questions and improve technical skills, through practical exercises on Google Earth Engine. On the second day, the study tour featured a special session of augmented reality, during which all delegates experienced the use of a chainsaw and learned how to accurately use it for legal logging through technical training.

On February 2nd, the delegates had the opportunity to visit the forestry site in the Apennines of Pistoia at the company Azienda Agroforestale Gaggioli Lorenzo. During the visit, after discussing Italian regulations on how to deal with forest operations, tree species and indigenous species, demonstrations were held and innovative measurement tools including 3D applications – were given to the delegates for practical exercise.

Notably, the study tour concluded with the vote of thanks and delivery of attendance certificates to all delegates from Ernesto Fino, representing the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security – donor of the FIPEE project - whose participation in the activity was positively perceived as clear signal for further collaboration.

This initiative successfully allowed the Ethiopian and Peruvian delegates to establish linkages with key Italian experts belonging to universities, research centers and forest operators, as well as to learn more about and practice the use of technological tools for forestry management, conservation and restoration, paving the way for additional future trainings with Italian experts. |



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Use of Google Earth Engine for Analysis of Forestry Data

Organized by UNIDO ITPO Italy in collaboration with the University of Florence (UniFi), the webinar “Use of Google Earth Engine for Analysis of Forestry Data” took place online on 15th June 2023 at the presence of more than 40 companies and institutions from Ethiopia and Peru in the field.

With the special participation as key panelist of UniFi Professor Francesca Giannetti, the event illustrated into details how to effectively use the tools offered by Google Earth Engine – including key features such as data catalog, cloud-based computing, geospatial analysis, visualization and mapping, and more – in order to perform different analyses related to forestry data, sharing best practices for increased know-how and expertise with relevant stakeholders from Ethiopia and Peru, towards the development of the local sectors. |



(a division of Energotec) Eng. Federico Solari; and representatives of the Convention Bureau and the Chamber of Tourism of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, as well as officials for environment management.

During the presentation of its study “Technologies and Solutions for Solid Waste Management”, CIE Tecnología Ambiental addressed the challenges of the sector in Urubamba and its surrounding regions and detailed opportunities for solutions through sustainable best practices.

The transition to a circular-economy model is essential for an Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in the province of Urubamba: in this direction, the study will now allow local authorities to evaluate concrete measures for actions against climate change, preserving nature by reducing carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions, as well as for the formalization of small family businesses through the creation of new jobs in solid waste collection. |

Round Table for the presentation of the Study on Technologies and Solutions for Solid Waste Management in Urubamba

UNIDO ITPO Italy organized and held on 14th December 2023 at the premises of the Provincial Municipality of Urubamba, Peru, a presentation of the study on technologies and solutions for local solid waste management to promote sustainable practices in the field.

Moderated by UNIDO ITPO Italy’s Chief Technical Advisor Dino Fortunato, the round table was open to and attended by local and national government authorities, professionals, academics and further stakeholders interested in waste management: among the participants, representatives of the Ministry of the Environment of Peru (MINAM), country counterpart of the FIPEE project; the Mayor of Urubamba, Eng. Rolando Vera Gallegos; the Representative of CIE Tecnología Ambiental





Study Tour on Industrial Zones in Jordan

Taking place in Jordan from 13th to 16th March 2023, the study tour for 10 Iraqi delegates from the Ministry of Industry, Industrial Zone Commission, Enterprise Development Centers and business associations was planned with the aim of presenting best practices and success stories in relation to the Jordanian model of industrial zones and introduce them to selected Jordanian institutions and associations to support small and medium-sized enterprises, the private sector and beyond.



On the first day of the study tour in Amman, the delegation met with Deputy General Manager of JIEC – Jordan Industrial Estates Company Oday Obaidat and Investment Director Kay Marwan Depolacky, who presented the 9 industrial zones of the country while exploring the business model and legal framework under which these zones operate in the country.

Afterwards, the delegation moved to the oldest industrial area of the country, on the outskirts of Amman, the Abdullah II Ibn Al Hussein Industrial Estate, where, following a meeting with the Director of the industrial area, visits were made to two successful companies in the area: Nabil Foods, specialized in the production of a wide range of frozen and refrigerated products, present on the retail market and supplier for many international restaurant chains; and Dip - Universal Drip Irrigation Pipe Manufacturing, a Jordanian company controlled and managed by Iraqis which has become an international excellence in the field of irrigation.

On the second day, the delegation was supported to visit the largest industrial area in the country, almost at the border with Syria: the Al-Hassan Industrial Estate in Irbid. Here, after meeting the Director of the industrial area, the study tour continued with visits to two major companies: Durra, a large Syrian company that produces a vast range of foodstuffs and fresh foods and employs almost exclusively female and largely Syrian employees in production; and Mobedco, a manufacturer of pesticides and veterinary drugs with historic production sites across various industrial areas in several Arab countries.

After visiting two of the main industrial areas of the country, on 15th and 16th March the study tour continued in Amman, focusing the attention on the main institutions, associations and supporting industry and innovative companies in the most strategic sectors of the country: among these, the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply, where the issue of policies in support of the Jordanian private sector and national import-export strategies was addressed; the Amman Chamber of Industry (ACI), a point of reference for the country's manufacturing industry; the Information and Communications Technology Association of Jordan - int@j, which develops interesting services trying to maximize the contribution of the ICT sector to the national economy; and finally Oasis500, the first accelerator of innovative companies of its kind in the MENA area, manager of pre-seed and seed funds which aims to catalyze the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem and to invest and enhance scalable innovative ideas and startups within the technological sectors. |



TOE 19 Course at EDC Thi Qar

UNIDO ITPO Italy facilitated the organization of the Training of Entrepreneurs (TOE 19) held on 2nd August 2023 at the UNIDO Enterprise Development Center (EDC) Thi Qar in Iraq.

Featuring the attendance of 32 participants – among which notably many women entrepreneurs, the course enabled valuable knowledge exchange under expert guidance, offering extensive training in essential management and development subjects including business planning, communication, marketing, accounting, and financial record-keeping skills. |



Ministerial Training Workshop in Iraq

In a concerted effort to bolster capacity-building and foster sustainable development in Iraq, UNIDO ITPO Italy participated in a transformative training workshop organized by the Ministry of Construction, Municipalities, and Public Works of Iraq held in Baghdad on the 12th and 13th of September 2023.

This event sought to equip governmental stakeholders with essential skills in business plan development and risk management, crucial elements for the successful implementation of projects aligned with national development objectives.

UNIDO's steadfast commitment to advancing inclusive industrialization and economic empowerment was exemplified by the presence of Dr. Abdulhadi Al-Hatem, UNIDO's National Technical Coordinator in Iraq, at the training workshop. Dr. Al-Hatem delivered comprehensive insights and practical guidance on the intricacies of business plan formulation and risk mitigation strategies, elucidating the fundamental structure and components of a robust business plan and emphasizing adherence to UNIDO's proven methodologies tailored to the Iraqi context. UNIDO's engagement provided participants with essential tools and frameworks to identify, assess, and mitigate risks effectively, thereby enhancing project resilience and sustainability. |





Digital Strategy for SMEs: an Introduction to Navigating Iraq's Digital Economy

UNIDO ITPO Italy's webinar "Digital Strategy for SMEs: an Introduction to Navigating Iraq's Digital Economy" took successfully place online on 5th October 2023.

With the participation of around 40 Iraqi and Italian start-ups and SMEs, the webinar provided an introductory overview of key digital strategies for navigating the Iraqi market and, more specifically, its digital economy. By bringing together key local hubs, institutions, and firms with a focus on digitalization – with the participation as panelists of representatives of Baghdad Business School, The Station, Kapita, Abwaab, Hi Influencer, Aon and Baghdad Game Lab – to share presentations and success stories, the webinar allowed to create and strengthen existing networks that can support and empower start-ups and SMEs in their digital journey. |



Introductory Workshop on Eco-Industrial Park for Iraq

The "Introductory Workshop on Eco-Industrial Park for Iraq" took place online on 18th October 2023, held by colleagues from UNIDO headquarters in Vienna Alessandro Flammini and Klaus Tirkko, for the benefit of over 10 members of the Government Commission for Industrial Zones in Iraq.

The objective of the initiative, highly appreciated by the Iraqi federal and KRG counterpart, was to introduce UNIDO's approach and ongoing projects on EIPs, providing practical examples of RECP interventions, industrial symbiosis and master plan development, then opening the discussion for future initiatives within the scope of UNIDO's activities in the country. |



Study Tour in Italy on WEEE and Waste Management

UNIDO ITPO Italy organized and assisted a study tour, held from 13th to 16th March 2023 across the Italian regions of Lombardy and Veneto, aimed at providing a business and institutional delegation from Kazakhstan with innovative Italian best practices in the field of WEEE and waste management.

The study tour kicked off in Milan, with meetings at Centro di Coordinamento RAEE and visit to Azienda Milanese Servizi Ambientali (AMSA) by Gruppo a2a, while on 14th March in Monza e Brianza at Stena Recycling.



During the second leg of the study tour in Veneto, the delegation had the opportunity to visit the industrial plants of Angiari PMR in Verona, as well as For Rec S.P.A. and Panizzolo Recycling Systems in Padua on the final day of the study tour. |



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The Bootcamp kicked off with a conference at Strathmore University in Nairobi, with great active participation of young students and professionals.

On the second day, the expert delegation moved to Naivasha, in the heart of the Great Rift Valley, at the Olkaria Geothermal Spa by KenGen, where the delegates further illustrated new topics of interest to the local team members.

Finally, the last two days of the Bootcamp were held at the premises of the Geothermal Development Company (GDC) in Nakuru, focusing on both technical aspects of geothermal energy as well as on its social, economic and environmental impact on the local communities, for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development, toward the achievement of UNIDO's mandate and the United Nations 2030 Agenda. |

Kenya Renewable Energy Bootcamp

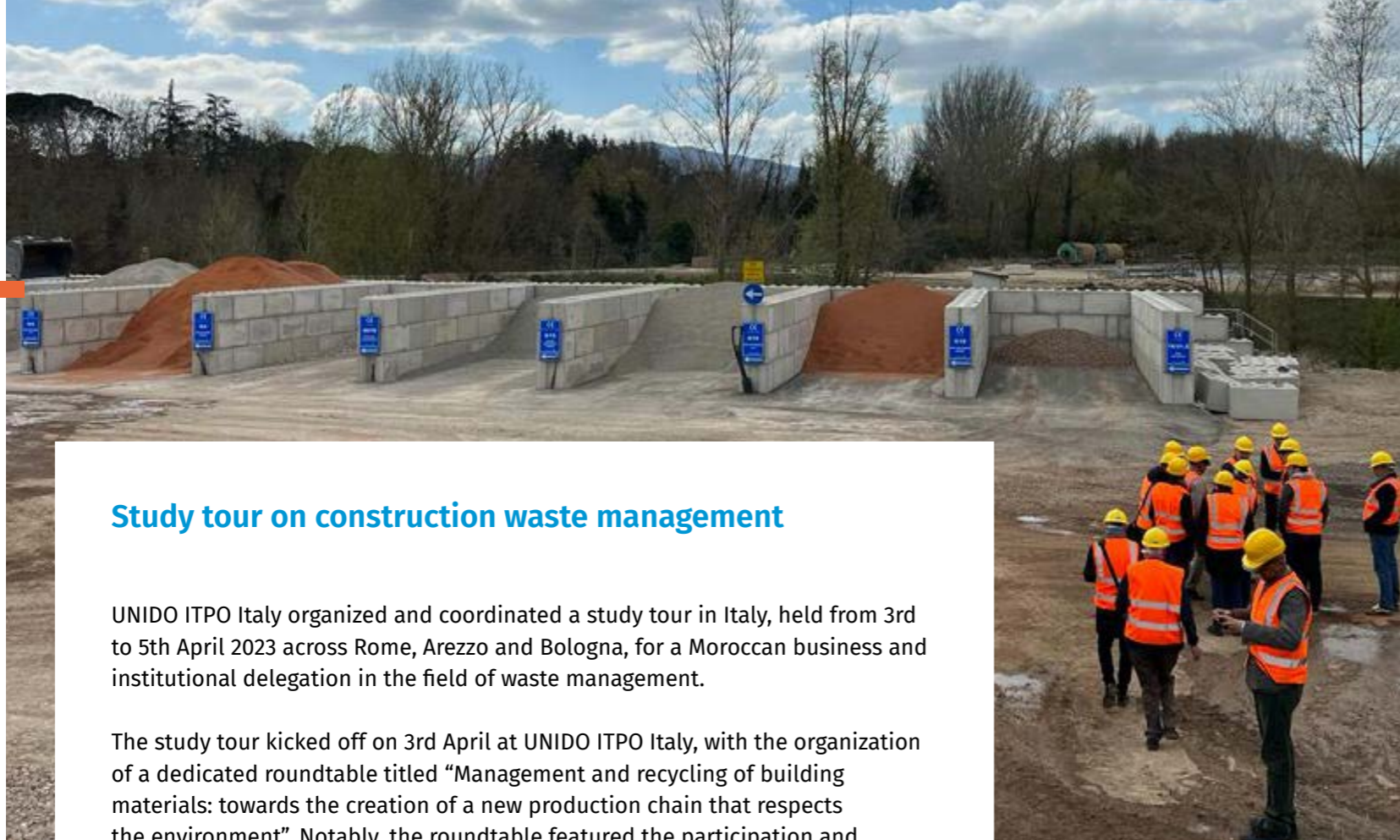
UNIDO ITPO Italy's "Kenya Renewable Energy Bootcamp – Training Sessions with Italian Experts" took successfully place from 11th to 14th July 2023 in Kenya across the cities of Nairobi, Naivasha and Nakuru, facilitating the exchange of know-how and best practices in the field of geothermal between Italy and Kenya.

Notably accompanied by the Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of Kenya to Italy, UNIDO ITPO Italy's delegation to Kenya was composed of 9 Italian experts representatives of the main national associations, academia and companies in the field of research and development of geothermal – namely Sapienza University of Rome, the Italian National Research Council (CNR), Enel Green Power, Italian Geothermal Union (UGI), Opus Automazione, the Italian National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology – Vesuvius Observatory (INGV-OV), the Consortium for the Development of Geothermal Areas (COSVIG), and Steam Group.



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Study tour on construction waste management

UNIDO ITPO Italy organized and coordinated a study tour in Italy, held from 3rd to 5th April 2023 across Rome, Arezzo and Bologna, for a Moroccan business and institutional delegation in the field of waste management.

The study tour kicked off on 3rd April at UNIDO ITPO Italy, with the organization of a dedicated roundtable titled “Management and recycling of building materials: towards the creation of a new production chain that respects the environment”. Notably, the roundtable featured the participation and opened with the welcome remarks of UNIDO ITPO Italy’s Head Diana Battaglia, the Plenipotentiary Minister of the Kingdom of Morocco to Italy His Excellency Khalid Atlassi, MASE Technical Officer Laura Fanciulli, and Salah Eddine Ait Bella, Chief State Engineer of International Cooperation Division at the local project counterpart, the Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development of Morocco.

During the main session of the roundtable, technical experts and representatives from ANPAR – namely Giorgio Bressi and Luca Grillini – illustrated the operative and legal framework in Italy for a sustainable

management and recycle of construction and demolition waste, sharing innovative best practices with the Moroccan delegates – who also had the opportunity to introduce themselves, pose questions and interact in the Q&A session concluding the event.

In the afternoon, the first step of the study tour was the visit to the Eco Logica 2000 waste management plant in Rome. On the second day, the delegation traveled to Tuscany and visited Innocentini & Figli, where oils for machinery are 100% biodegradable and water recycled, and Figlinese Inerti, with 250,000 tons of materials treated per year. Finally, on the last day the delegates visited the plants in Bologna of CAMS and Ecofelsinea, Italian leaders in the design and manufacturing of fixed and mobile environment-friendly machineries for sustainable waste management and recycling. |



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Seminar “The Italian Circular Economy applied to the Construction sector of Morocco”

The seminar “The Italian Circular Economy applied to the Construction sector of Morocco”, organized by UNIDO ITPO Italy in collaboration with the Moroccan Ministry of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development (MTEDD) and the Moroccan Federation of Construction Material Industries (FMC) was successfully held on 6th July 2023 in Casablanca and aimed at presenting the study performed by UNIDO ITPO Italy “Guidelines on the application of the Circular Economy in the Construction sector in Morocco” through the interventions of several Italian experts, facilitating the exchange of best practices, know-how and solutions in the field of the two countries, also thanks to its participated Q&A sessions.

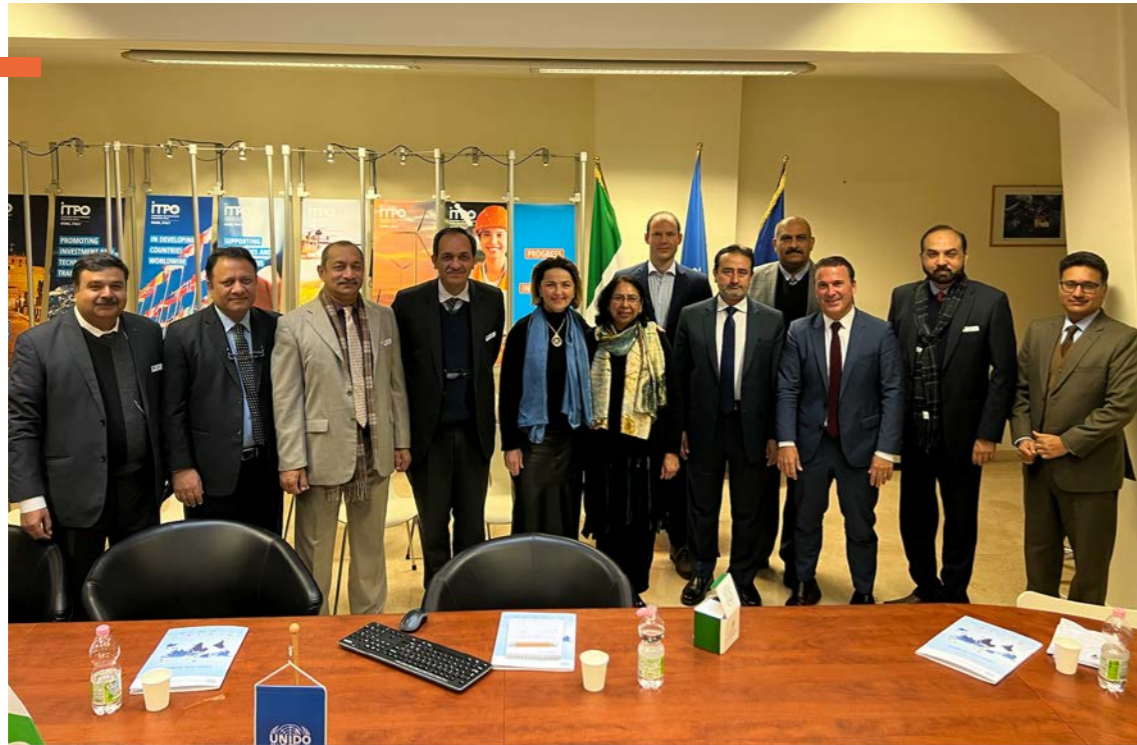


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The event featured the presence of more than 90 participants – notably including, among its institutional remarks and technical panel sessions, multiple relevant representatives of the most important public and private stakeholders in the field from both Italy and Morocco. Namely, among these: Andrea Alfio Maccarrone from the project donor MASE; Hafsa Lakhli and Loubna El Abed, respectively Director of Programs and Implementation and Head of the Non-Hazardous Waste Valorization Services at MTEDD, local project counterpart; David Toledano, President of FMC; Taoufik Cherradi, President of the Training and Human Capital Commission of Morocco; Francesco Pagnini, Director of the Italian Trade Agency (ICE) in Casablanca; Giorgio Bressi and Luca Grillini, respectively Technical Director of the Italian National Association of Recycled Aggregated Producers (ANPAR) and Delegate of ANPAR Emilia Romagna Region; Rossana Cintoli, Director General of the Italian Regional Agency for Environmental Safeguard (ARPA); Professor Alessandro Marradi from the University of Pisa; Sanae El Maghri, Project Engineer at the Moroccan Construction Techniques and Materials Center (CETEMCO).

An already-tangible result in this direction is the partnership agreement officially signed between FMC and ANPAR – celebrated during this seminar and that had been supported by the several promotional activities carried out by UNIDO ITPO Italy since 2022. This partnership will boost international cooperation between the two associations in terms of business collaborations, technology transfer and technical assistance, paving the way toward a more sustainable supply chain in the Moroccan construction sector and beyond. |

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National School of Public Policy in Pakistan

On 17th January 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy hosted a meeting with representatives of the National School of Public Policy of the Government of Pakistan and the Embassy of Pakistan to Italy.

The 7-member delegation of NSPP Senior Civil Servants met with UNIDO ITPO Italy's Head Diana Battaglia and Chief Technical Advisor Dino Fortunato, who introduced the services provided by the Office and discussed sectors of mutual interest to develop potential joint synergies. |

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YES! Call 2023 – Sustainable Innovative Solutions from Friuli Venezia Giulia Region

The “YES! Call 2023 – Sustainable Innovative Solutions from Friuli Venezia Giulia Region” is organized in the framework of the project “Boosting Youth Engagement for Sustainable Innovation”, implemented by UNIDO ITPO Italy with the financial support of the Friuli Venezia Giulia (FVG) Region and aimed at assisting young innovators and potential entrepreneurs in developing game-changing and profitable business models by fostering a community of motivated young women and men who regard an inclusive and sustainable green transition as the beginning point for entering global markets, acquiring knowledge, and sharing personal digital and green transformation experiences to build a new entrepreneurial culture.

Selected participants will take part in twinning exchange programmes, trainings and workshops for skills upgrading, enterprise development and acceleration in partnership with the Contamination Lab (C-Lab) of University of Trieste (UniTS) and other stakeholders from Bahrain and United Arab Emirates.

Held on 13th November 2023 at C-Lab, the kick-off event gathered in-person and online participants admitted to the Call, who had the opportunity to introduce their ideas for the first time in front of their peers and the event organizers, starting to develop synergies toward the launch of the activities envisaged by the program of the Call. |

NETWORKING & GLOBAL EVENTS



UNIDO ITPO Italy frequently takes part in relevant forums, conferences and similar events at both national and international level, to further develop synergies for networking and boost the impact of its activities.



UNIDO Delegation: Mr. Gunther Beger, Ms. Diana Battaglia, Mr. Dejene Tezera and Ms. Rana Fakhoury

UNIDO and UNIDO ITPO Italy at the UN Food Systems Summit - UNFSS+2 Stocktaking Moment 2023

From 24th to 26th July 2023, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported the mission to Rome, Italy of a UNIDO Delegation led by Gunther Beger, UNIDO Managing Director for SDG Innovation and Economic Transformation, on his participation at the United Nations Food Systems Summit +2 – Stocktaking Moment (UNFSS 2023).

MD Beger took part in the Summit held at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) as panelist during the event conference “Healthy Diets, Cultures and Traditions: Lessons from the Mediterranean Diet” and Leadership Dialogue “Food Systems for shared prosperity: achieving equitable, inclusive and sustainable economic prosperity in food systems and rural development”.

On the sidelines of the UNFSS 2023 where UNIDO featured its ad-hoc booth, also attended by ITPO Italy – MD Beger visited the premises of UNIDO ITPO Italy, that also provided its support to the MD on the occasions of his different meetings with relevant representatives of FAO, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), World Food Programme (WFP) and Roberto Colaminè, Deputy Director General for Development Cooperation, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI). |



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Launching Ceremony of UNIDO Global Call 2023

UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the Launching Ceremony of the UNIDO Global Call 2023, held on 12th June 2023 at UNIDO headquarters in Vienna.

Initiated in 2020 by UNIDO ITPO Italy and continued in the following years respectively by ITPO Bonn and ITPO Shanghai, the UNIDO Global Call has emerged as one of the most impactful flagship events in the UN system, effectively fostering technology innovation and application at international level. Under its motto “Green Hydrogen, Intelligent Future”, the Global Call 2023 initiated by ITPO Beijing together with the Division of ITPOs and Institutional Partnerships plus other related divisions, gathered innovative solutions in clean and smart energy for inclusive and sustainable industrial development. |



UNIDO ITPO Heads Meeting in Abu Dhabi

The UNIDO ITPO Heads Meeting took place in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, on 10th May 2023, notably at the presence of UNIDO Deputy Director General Fatou Haidara and ITPO Coordinator Weixi Gong, and was attended by several Heads and representatives of UNIDO ITPOs across the globe – from ITPO Italy, Head Diana Battaglia, Chief Technical Advisor Dino Fortunato, and Investment Promotion Expert Andrea Carapellese.

The meeting was fruitful to develop strategies to advance investment and technology promotion as well as cross-institutional partnerships worldwide, towards the achievement of UNIDO’s mandate of accelerating Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development through Progress by Innovation. |





World Manufacturing Forum 2023

UNIDO ITPO Italy participated in the 2023 edition of the World Manufacturing Forum – the annual event where industry leaders, policy makers, academics and research innovators address and discuss current and future manufacturing challenges – held on 27th and 28th November 2023 in Bergamo, Italy at the premises of SDF Group, Italian company among the main world manufacturers of tractors and harvesting machines.

Two days on the theme “New Business Models for the Manufacturing of the Future” with keynotes, round tables and parallel events on the main trends driving the new manufacturing scenario and their impact on the redesign of manufacturing supply chains. Over 600 participants from 40+ countries and 26 speakers for a comprehensive understanding of the most important topics in the manufacturing landscape, together with industry experts from companies, international institutions and research organizations.

Strong focus on women and young people in manufacturing, transversal themes that are increasingly central also in UNIDO’s activities. In past editions, UNIDO had supported WMF’s efforts to become a global event, through the involvement of high-level speakers from developing countries and experts from the Organization who have also collaborated in the drafting of past editions of the World Manufacturing Report.

This year UNIDO ITPO Italy met dozens of companies, startups, universities and institutions discussing possible synergies and participated in the company visit held at the headquarters of the SDF company, already in the UNIDO ITPO Italy network. Possible synergies between the two partners UNIDO and WMF also in the context of the next WMF 2024 edition which will have as its theme “New Perspectives for the Future of Manufacturing: WMF Outlook 2030”. |



3rd Mediterranean Innovation Agrifood Week by CIHEAM Bari

UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the 3rd edition of the “Mediterranean Innovation Agrifood Week”, organized by CIHEAM Bari from 22nd to 24th November 2023 in Bari, Italy.

On 24th November, UNIDO ITPO Italy’s Head Diana Battaglia joined as panelist the International Conference “The future is young: changing mindset to deal with change”, illustrating the pivotal role of the Office in supporting youths from the Mediterranean area and the development of their skills in the field of agrifood, energy and environment, in line with the mandate of UNIDO and the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. |



AICE 2023 - the Annual International Conference & Exhibition in Dubai

Within the framework of the project “Investment Promotion for Iraq - Phase II”, UNIDO ITPO Italy facilitated the first-ever participation of Iraq in the Annual International Conference & Exhibition (AICE) 2023, held from 1st to 3rd May 2023 in Dubai and organized by the World Free Zones Organization (World FZO) under the theme “Global trade 2.0: Zones, An ecosystem of Trust Driving Prosperity”.

UNIDO ITPO Italy assisted a delegation composed of the highest-ranking members of the Government Commission for Industrial Zones from Baghdad and the Kurdistan Regional Government, who also had the opportunity to take part in the workshop “The Advance Leadership Development Seminar”, with ad-hoc sessions on Leadership & Trust, AI & Adaptation, Responsible Business Conduct, and a special session on Green Zones.

The event represented a fruitful occasion to promote investment and networking among stakeholders from industrial zones, free zones and special economic zones from all over the world, as well as for training on key topics of interest for the Iraqi institutional delegates and accreditation with the international community of experts and institutions operating in the field. |



FIPEE Call Winners at the Annual Investment Meeting 2023

UNIDO ITPO Italy facilitated and supported on-site the participation of 3 winners of its “FIPEE Call For High Impact Cleantech” in the Annual Investment Meeting (AIM) 2023, held from 8th to 10th May in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Representatives of the 3 winning companies – Phillip Sellwe, Managing Director of Bayon Holdings, Botswana; Samuel Okioro, Co-Founder of Drop Access, Kenya; and Roger Mori Pizzino, CEO of Ciclo, Peru – had the opportunity to join the AIM special panel session “Achieving the SDGs through Innovation & Entrepreneurship”, as well as to showcase their innovative awarded technologies at dedicated booths within the expo area of the congress, meeting exhibitors and visitors from all over the world and further developing opportunities for business and collaborations. |



Conference “Let’s rethink the future: operational proposals for sustainable development”

The event “Let’s rethink the future: operational proposals for sustainable development” organized by the Embassy of Italy to the Holy See in collaboration with UNIDO ITPO Italy took place on 11th May 2023 at the Embassy premises in Rome and was promoted by the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS) within the framework of its 2023 Sustainable Development Festival.

Opening with the welcome institutional remarks of His Excellency the Ambassador Francesco Di Nitto and UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia, the event was moderated by Carlo Marroni from Il Sole 24 Ore and saw the institutional remarks of Marco Giungi, Head of Unit for strategies and global multilateral processes of development cooperation at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Matteo Rizzoli from Libera Università Maria Santissima Assunta (LUMSA) and member of the scientific committee of the event “The Economy of Francesco”.

Furthermore, the event saw the success cases of several representatives of the private sector actively involved in driving sustainability through different tangible initiatives: among these, Roberto Coin, President of Roberto Coin SpA; Sara Roversi, President of Future Food Institute; Elodia Gagliese and Daniela Ropolo, Sustainability Managers respectively at Acquedotto Pugliese and CNH Industrial. |

Roundtable “Fishery and Aquaculture: sustainability and international cooperation”

UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the round table “Fishery and Aquaculture: sustainability and international cooperation” which was organized by Federpesca in collaboration with Federazione del Mare and Planet Diplomacy and held in Rome on 15th September 2023.

The roundtable notably featured the presence of representatives of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), FAO, IFAD, Italian Trade Agency (ICE), Cluster Big, Luiss Business School, as well as representatives of numerous Embassies to Italy – South Africa, Oman, Spain, Malta, Thailand, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Mozambique, Australia and Angola – as well as several companies and startups in the field. In this context, UNIDO ITPO Italy’s Chief Technical Advisor Dino Fortunato joined the roundtable as panelist, illustrating the projects and activities carried out by ITPO Italy to foster international cooperation for a sustainable development of fishery, aquaculture and blue economy. |



Water Innovation Summit 2023

On 22nd June 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy joined as speaker the 2023 Water Innovation Summit by Acquedotto Pugliese, held from 21st to 23rd June in Bari, Italy.

During the panel session, UNIDO ITPO Italy's Chief Technical Advisor Dino Fortunato highlighted the key role of UNIDO in advancing policy dialogue, technology transfer and capacity building to improve the water sector in developing countries worldwide, in line with its mandate and especially with the Sustainable Development Goal 6 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. |



7th Italia Africa Business Week

On 10th October 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the 7th edition of the Italia Africa Business Week (IABW).

UNIDO ITPO Italy's Chief Technical Advisor Dino Fortunato joined the panel session "Business Sustainability in a fast-changing world" to highlight the activities of the UNIDO project for Somalia with a focus on the local Enterprise Development Units (EDUs) and business partnerships established. |



Water for Life Award

UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia took part as jury member – evaluating innovative projects aimed at promoting sustainability in the water sector – in the "Water for Life" award, hosted by Acquedotto Pugliese and held at the Italian Cultural Institute of New York within the framework of the United Nations Water Conference in New York on 22nd March, World Water Day 2023. |

Seminar on opportunities for EU SMEs to leverage intellectual property rights for business growth in Kenya and abroad

In the framework of the FIPEE project, UNIDO ITPO Italy's National Expert for Kenya Faith Linda Okaalet took part in the "Seminar on opportunities for EU SMEs to leverage intellectual property rights for business growth in Kenya and abroad", organized by the European Commission and held in Nairobi on 17th October 2023.

UNIDO ITPO Italy also facilitated the participation in the event of the Italian company based in Kenya JV Almacis, that had already joined one of the UNIDO ITPO Italy's delegation and on this occasion presented its experience in the country in terms of market knowledge and business competitiveness. |



International Preview of CodeWay Expo 2024



On 14th November 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy joined the International Preview of CodeWay 2024 – to be held from 15th to 17th May 2024 – which took place in Rome at the Farnesina Palace, and was organized by Fiera Roma with the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and The European House Ambrosetti as scientific partner.

In this framework, UNIDO ITPO Italy's Investment Promotion Expert Andrea Carapellese joined the conference illustrating UNIDO ITPO Italy's key role in fostering the involvement of the private sector from Italy and developing countries in the mechanisms of international cooperation, in line with the mandate of UNIDO as well as the goals of CodeWay Expo. |



2023 Women Event International Award

UNIDO ITPO Italy facilitated the participation of Al-Hawra Talal Abdulhamed, Iraqi UNIDO Local Coordinator of the Enterprise Development Center Thi Qar, in the Award Ceremony of the 5th edition of the Women Event International Award – held on 21st September 2023 at the Sala Protomoteca of Capitoline Hill in Rome, Italy – when she was awarded by UNIDO ITPO Italy Head and jury member Diana Battaglia in the category “Industrial Development”.

In addition, during the ceremony, ITPO Italy Head also delivered the Women Event International Award to Her Excellency Mirta Aurora Granda Avernhoff, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Cuba to Italy, in the “Diplomacy” category, considering the strong collaboration relation between UNIDO ITPO Italy and the Cuban Government.

The Women Event International Award, organized by the Evento Donna Association, aims to award women and men who have contributed to female empowerment in various fields of enterprise: institutional and social, artistic and cultural, journalistic and literary, television and radio, cinema and theatre, inclusive and equal opportunities, research and medicine, fashion and sport, green and new generation. |



Premio Impresa Ambiente 2023

UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia took part as jury member in the selection for the winners of the 10th edition of Premio Impresa Ambiente, organized by the Chamber of Commerce of Venice Rovigo together with Unioncamere under the patronage of the Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security.

Premio Impresa Ambiente is the highest recognition in Italy for companies and public-private institutions who actively drive sustainability and innovation in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and 2030 Agenda. The 7 winners were awarded during the official ceremony held on 21st April 2023 in Venice, also attended by UNIDO ITPO Italy. |

2nd Young Innovators Business Forum by ANGI

UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the second edition of the Young Innovators Business Forum by ANGI, the Italian National Association of Young Innovators, held in Milan on 6th June 2023. In this framework, UNIDO ITPO Italy's Investment Promotion Expert Andrea Carapellese joined the institutional panel of the event, focusing on the strategic role of UNIDO ITPO Italy in the involvement of the private sector, with special attention to young people, in development cooperation mechanisms, enhancing the innovative technologies and business models of the Italian system.

The event was attended, among others, by Secretary General of CNEL Francesco Tufarelli, Head of the Regional Representation of the European Commission in Italy Claudia Colla, Director of Innovation and Development of ENEA Alessandro Coppola, Head of Institutional Relations Offices of the European Parliament in Italy Fabrizio Spada, as well as via video recording the Italian Minister of Environment and Energy Security Gilberto Pichetto Fratin and Valentino Valentini, Deputy Minister of Enterprises and Made in Italy. |



ANGI Award 2023: Innovation Oscars

UNIDO ITPO Italy joined the 6th edition of "Innovation Oscars", the 2023 award by the National Association of Young Innovators (ANGI), held on 6th December 2023 at the Temple of Hadrian of the Chamber of Commerce of Rome.

During the ceremony, UNIDO ITPO Italy's Head Diana Battaglia awarded Manila Di Giovanni, Founder and CEO of the startup DWorld, under the "AI & VR" category for its innovative technology promoting inclusive economic growth and sustainable industrial development, in line with UNIDO's mandate.

Furthermore, NUWA Technologies – one of the startups from UNIDO ITPO Italy's 2022 "Call for High Innovative Sustainable Solutions in Friuli Venezia Giulia" was also awarded in the framework of the ANGI event, under the category "Music, Culture and Media". |

Strengthening synergies with H.E. the Ambassador of Iraq to Italy

On 10th February 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia and Investment Promotion Expert for Iraq Andrea Carapellese met with H.E. Saywan Barzani, Ambassador of the Republic of Iraq to Italy. The meeting served as a key platform to discuss on the ongoing initiatives and future trajectory of the IPI project, this transformative project embodies a shared commitment to catalyzing sustainable economic growth and investment opportunities in Iraq. Ms. Battaglia, Mr. Carapellese, and H.E. Ambassador Barzani engaged in constructive dialogue aimed at reinforcing synergies between Iraqi and Italian stakeholders.

The fruitful exchange of ideas and perspectives underscored the collective determination to harness the full potential of UNIDO's initiatives in Iraq and capitalize on the expertise and resources offered by both nations. Central to the discussions were strategies to enhance collaboration and streamline efforts towards achieving shared objectives in promoting investment and fostering inclusive industrialization in Iraq. |



Angola and beyond: meeting with Regione Veneto

On 8th March 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia met with Luigi Zanin, Director for International Cooperation at the Italian Veneto Region's office in Rome, developing synergies toward a potential upcoming project for Angola and further initiatives within the water sector. |

Meeting Her Excellency the new Ambassador of Colombia in Italy

On 17th February 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy Head Diana Battaglia met Her Excellency Quessep Bitar, new Ambassador of Colombia to Italy, to discuss how to reinforce partnerships to address common challenges and promote sustainable business practices for Colombian SMEs.

Building strong partnerships among different stakeholders, such as government agencies, academic institutions and the private sector, is key: this is why, by working together, UNIDO ITPO Italy and other Italian stakeholders can create a supportive environment for Colombian SMEs, helping them to grow and contribute to the economic development of Colombia. As a first step in this direction, ITPO Italy Head and H.E. the Ambassador explored the possibility to organize initiatives to transfer best practices of the Italian tanning industry to Colombian SMEs, with the goal to improve their operations, increase their efficiency and potentially reduce their environmental impact. |





Meeting with H.E. Minister of Industry of Ethiopia

On 18th October 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy's Head Diana Battaglia met with the Minister of Industry of Ethiopia His Excellency Melaku Alebel, at the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) headquarters in Rome on the sidelines of the World Food Forum 2023.

The meeting represented an opportunity to discuss UNIDO ITPO Italy's project "Fostering International Partnerships between companies and/or institutions operating in the Energy and Environment sectors" (#FIPEE), as well as UNIDO's longstanding collaboration with Ethiopia towards future joint activities. |

Mission to Italy of H.E. State Minister of Commerce and Industry of Somalia

On 28th and 29th November 2023 UNIDO ITPO Italy supported the mission in Italy of H.E. Abdisalam Sharif Hussein, the State Minister of Commerce and Industry of the Federal Republic of Somalia.

During the mission, the State Minister of Commerce and Industry of Somalia engaged with key Italian institutions in Rome, including Confindustria Assafrica & Mediteraneo, CNA – National Confederation of Craftmanship and SMEs – and Telecom Italia Sparkle, offering an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas, share best practices, and establish fruitful partnerships.

The support provided allowed the mission to provide a platform to enhance the collaboration and dialogue between Italy and Somalia, strengthening the existing ties between the two countries and exploring new avenues of cooperation. |



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Acquedotto Pugliese e Organizzazione Nazioni Unite per lo Sviluppo Industriale (UNIDO ITPO Italy) siglano accordo a supporto dei Paesi in via di sviluppo.

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Visita de la directora de la ITPO de UNIDO en Italia

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Technology

Italy, Kenya strengthen alliance with joint geothermal forum



Italy-Kenya Business & Investment Forum on Geothermal in Nairobi, Kenya (source: UNIDO ITPO Italy)

Carlo Cariaga
29 Mar 2023

An Italian delegation visited Nairobi, Kenya for a business and investment forum, giving a platform to explore geothermal cooperation opportunities for the two countries.

Africa e Affari
Maggio/May 2023

#Somalia is back
Italia-Somalia Business and Trade Forum 2023
A win-win cooperation



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Al Clab di Units lanciato il bando "YES! CALL 2023 Sustainable Innovative Solutions from FVG Region"

29 Giugno, 2023

Si è svolta al Contamination Lab di Units la conferenza stampa organizzata da UNIDO ITPO Italy e World Trade Center Trieste per annunciare che il Global Manufacturing and Industrialisation Summit (GMIS) ha scelto Trieste come prossima tappa, a settembre, del roadshow GMIS Connect.

GMIS Connect -Trieste mira a riunire i principali leader industriali ed esperti italiani per promuovere discussioni approfondite incentrate sull'idrogeno verde, sulle politiche efficaci e sulle strategie per affrontare la

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Il Friuli Venezia Giulia si afferma come **capofila a livello mondiale** nella ricerca e negli investimenti sull'utilizzo dell'idrogeno nell'industria. A sancire questo ruolo un convegno nella sede della Regione a **Trieste** organizzato dall'**Unido**, l'Agenzia delle Nazioni Unite per lo sviluppo industriale, insieme al ministero dell'industria degli Emirati Arabi Uniti.

LA GAZZETTA DEL MEZZOGIORNO

Arv) Venezia 2 feb. 2023 - Presentato quest'oggi a palazzo Ferro Fini, sede del Consiglio regionale del Veneto, il progetto "Mielicoltura in Angola" proposto Direzione per la Cooperazione Internazionale della Regione Veneto in collaborazione con l'associazione regionale degli Apicoltori Veneti in collaborazione con l'Organizzazione delle Nazioni Unite per lo Sviluppo Industriale (UNIDO) e Ufficio Italia dell'Onu per la Promozione Tecnologica e degli Investimenti (ITPO Italy). "L'impegno nella cooperazione internazionale da parte del Veneto non è molto conosciuto dai cittadini anche se porta frutti e risultati importanti soprattutto in Africa - ha spiegato il presidente dell'assemblea legislativa veneta Roberto Ciambetti - Oggi presentiamo un caso interessante di cooperazione effettiva, concreta, che, cogliendo perfettamente lo spirito dell'agenda 2030

SOMALIA, ricostruzione e sviluppo. Gli interventi pubblici e privati italiani nel quadro delle attività UNIDO ITPO

Fino a qualche tempo fa la Somalia evocava l'immagine inquietante e desolante di uno «stato fallito», del caos e del terrorismo islamista più sanguinario. In quel Paese del Corno d'Africa oggi qualcosa sta cambiando, grazie al sacrificio e agli sforzi di buona parte dei somali e ai determinanti aiuti internazionali. In questi giorni i vertici governativi di Mogadiscio si sono giunti in Italia in visita ufficiale anche e soprattutto al fine di implementare questa dinamica virtuosa. Il 13 febbraio scorso ha avuto luogo presso la sede di UNIDO ITPO Italy a Roma una tavola rotonda alla quale hanno partecipato il ministro del Commercio e dell'Industria della Repubblica Federale di Somalia, Jibril Abdirashid Haji Abdi, alcuni alti diplomatici della Farnesina impegnati nei progetti di sviluppo, nonché

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Rabat - In collaborazione con la Fédération Marocaine de la Plasturgie, Unido Itpo Italy sta organizzando una delegazione di imprese italiane per prendere parte alla 9a edizione del Salone Internazionale della plastica, gomma, additivi, macchinari e prodotti petrolchimici, PlastExpo, che si svolgerà dal 7 al 10 giugno presso il centro espositivo Mohammed VI a el-Jadida, in Marocco. L'obiettivo dell'iniziativa di Unido, organizzata nell'ambito del progetto Pipee (Fostering international partnerships between companies and/or institutions operating in the energy and environment sectors) finanziato dal ministero italiano dell'Ambiente e della Sicurezza Energetica, è di promuovere partenariati di natura commerciale o industriale, attraverso incontri d'affari con le imprese locali.

Organizzato sotto l'egida del ministero dell'Industria e del Commercio del Marocco, PlastExpo è il più importante salone internazionale per le materie plastiche e le relative tecnologie in Africa e Medio-Oriente. Con 300 espositori nazionali ed internazionali e 20.000 visitatori, il Salone ospita le maggiori

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17th January	National School of Public Policy in Pakistan	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Meeting	8 Pakistani officers	Organizer
17th - 18th January	Cuba: "Workshop on circular economy for municipalities"	Multisectorial	Sancti Spiritus, Cuba	Seminar/Workshop	32 Cuban participants	Organizer
19th January	A twinning program between Jordanian and Italian businesses	Multisectorial	Online	Meeting	7 Jordanian companies	Panelist
21st - 25th January	SIGEP 2023	Agro-industry	Rimini, Italy	Fair/Exhibition	15 delegates	Delegation organizer
23rd - 27th January	Cuba: study mission on saline intrusion in Camagüey	Environment	Camagüey, Cuba	Study Tour	3 Italian experts	Organizer
30th January - 3rd February	Study Tour on Precision Forestry for Ethiopia and Peru	Environment	Florence - Pistoia, Italy	Training/Institutional_Support	7 delegates from Ethiopia and Peru	Organizer
10th February	Strengthening synergies with His Excellency the Ambassador of Iraq to Italy	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Meeting		Participant
13th February	High-level roundtable with Somali Minister of Commerce and Industry and H.E. the Ambassador of Italy to Somalia	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Meeting	3 Somali Officers	Organizer
17th February	Meeting Her Excellency the new Ambassador of Colombia in Italy	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Meeting		Participant
21st February	LUISS Open Day 2023	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Meeting	2 UNIDO ITPO Italy representatives	Participant
27th February	Joint Declaration signed between UNIDO ITPO Italy and Acquedotto Pugliese	Multisectorial	Bari, Italy	Meeting		Organizer
8th March	Angola and beyond: meeting with Regione Veneto	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Meeting		Participant
9th March	Final Ceremony of "Gate 4 Seed to Grow" Phase of UNIDO's LevelUp Program	Multisectorial	Trieste, Italy	Conference	7 Jordanian companies	Panelist
13th - 16th March	Study Tour on Industrial Zones in Jordan for Iraqi institutional delegation	Multisectorial	Jordan	Study Tour	10 Iraqi delegates	Organizer
13th - 17th March	Study Tour in Italy on WEEE and Waste Management for a Kazakh Delegation	Environment	Lombardy and Veneto Regions, Italy	Study Tour	4 Kazakh delegates	Organizer
22nd - 24th March	At K.EY 2023 with a business delegation from Ethiopia and Kenya	Energy	Rimini, Italy	Fair/Exhibition	6 delegates	Organizer
27th March	Italy-Kenya Business & Investment Forum on Geothermal strengthens energy cooperation between the two countries	Energy	Nairobi, Kenya	Forum	28 panelists and 94 participants	Organizer
27th - 30th March	Mission to Kenya on geothermal for Italian delegation	Energy	Kenya	Mission	14 Italian companies	Organizer
27th - 31st March	Roadshow in Italy to present the 2 upcoming UNIDO Business Forums in Jordan and Somalia	Multisectorial	Rome - Turin - Reggio Emilia - Parma - Bologna - Padua, Italy	Road Show	2 delegates from Somalia and Jordan, and more than 100 Italian companies involved	Organizer
3rd - 5th April	Study tour on construction waste management for Moroccan delegation	Environment	Rome - Arezzo - Bologna, Italy	Meeting	18 delegates	Organizer
17th - 20th April	Iraq: second IPI steering committee, institutional visits and training during UNIDO ITPO Italy's mission to Baghdad	Multisectorial	Baghdad, Iraq	Mission	Premio Impresa Ambiente 2023	Organizer

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21st April	Premio Impresa Ambiente 2023	Multisectorial	Venice, Italy	Mission		Jury member
1st - 3rd May	AICE 2023 - the Annual International Conference & Exhibition in Dubai	Multisectorial	Dubai, United Arab Emirates	Forum	3 delegates	Delegation organizer
3rd - 5th May	Macfrut 2023: UNIDO ITPO Italy and UNIDO Somalia support Somali delegation	Agriculture	Rimini, Italy	Company Visit	5 Somali companies	Delegation organizer
8th May	FIPEE Call Winners at the Annual Investment Meeting 2023	Energy & Environment	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	Company Visit	3 delegates	Delegation organizer
10th May	UNIDO ITPO Heads Meeting in Abu Dhabi	Multisectorial	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates	Meeting		Attendee
11th May	Conference "Let's rethink the future: operational proposals for sustainable development"	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Conference		Organizer and panelist
22nd - 23rd May	Jordan: "Regional Business Networking Forum and LevelUp Project Achievement" in Amman	Multisectorial	Amman, Jordan	Company Visit	23 Italian companies	Organizer and panelist
30th - 31st May	2nd UNIDO "Italia-Somalia Business & Trade Forum"	Multisectorial	Mogadishu, Somalia	Forum	450 Somali companies	Organizer and panelist
30th - 31st May	Somalia Economic Conference	Multisectorial	Mogadishu, Somalia	Forum	7 Italian companies	Organizer and panelist
1st - 4th June	RiminiWellness 2023	Consumer goods	Rimini, Italy	Fair/Exhibition	1 Iraqi company	Delegation organizer
6th June	2nd Young Innovators Business Forum by ANGI	Multisectorial	Milan, Italy	Forum		Panelist
6th - 7th June	Cuba: Course for MSMEs on environmental management	Environment	Havana, Cuba	Seminar/Workshop	26 Cuban participants and 4 panelists	Organizer
7th - 10th June	PlastExpo 2023 in El Jadida, Morocco	Environment	El Jadida, Morocco	Fair/Exhibition	4 Italian companies	Delegation organizer
12th June	Launching Ceremony of UNIDO Global Call 2023	Multisectorial	Vienna, Austria	Mission		Attendee
15th June	Use of Google Earth Engine for Analysis of Forestry Data	Environment	Online	Conference	61 participants from Ethiopia and Peru + 1 professor as panelist	Organizer
21st - 23rd June	Water Innovation Summit 2023	Environment	Bari, Italy	Forum		Panelist
29th June	Press Conference GMIS Connect - Trieste 2023	Multisectorial	Trieste, Italy	Conference	16 Italian counterparts / press	Organizer and panelist
6th July	Partnership agreement signed between Moroccan FMC and Italian ANPAR during UNIDO ITPO Italy' seminar in Casablanca on construction waste management	Environment	Casablanca, Morocco	Seminar/Workshop	4 Italian experts and 70+ Moroccan participants	Organizer
11th - 14th July	Kenya Renewable Energy Bootcamp	Energy	Nairobi - Naivasha - Nakuru, Kenya	Seminar/Workshop	9 Italian experts and 120+ Kenyan participants	Organizer
24th - 26th July	UNIDO and UNIDO ITPO Italy at the UN Food Systems Summit - UNFSS+2 Stocktaking Moment 2023	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Forum		Attendee
2nd August	TOE 19 Course at UNIDO EDCs Thi Qar and Basra	Multisectorial	Thi Qar and Basra, Iraq	Training/Institutional_Support	32 participants	Organizer
4th - 7th September	Mission to Lebanon officially kicks off project to support Lebanese SMEs in the wine sector	Winery production and technology	Lebanon	Mission	4 company visits, 8 institutional meetings and 35 Lebanese participants at the launch event	Organizer
7th - 10th September	SANA 2023	Multisectorial	Bologna, Italy	Fair/Exhibition	4 delegates	Delegation organizer
12th - 13th September	Ministerial Training Workshop in Iraq	Multisectorial	Baghdad, Iraq	Company Visit		Panelist
15th September	Roundtable "Fishery and Aquaculture: sustainability and international cooperation"	Agro-industry	Rome, Italy	Conference	27 counterparts	Attendee

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21st September	2023 Women Event International Award	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Company Visit	1 awarded UNIDO participant	Jury member and awarder
29th September	Art workshop for youths on inclusivity and sustainability	Multisectorial	Monza, Italy	Meeting		Supporter and panelist
5th October	Digital Strategy for SMEs: an Introduction to Navigating Iraq's Digital Economy	Multisectorial	Online	Seminar/Workshop	40 participants	Organizer
5th -7th October	Ethiopian Study Tour and Delegation to Agrilevante fair	Multisectorial	Bari, Italy	Mission	3 Ethiopian delegates	Delegation organizer
9th - 12th October	Business Tour in Kazakhstan: focus on Urban Waste, Plastics, Metals and WEEE	Environment	Almaty, Kazakhstan	Mission	7 delegates from 5 Italian companies and 20+ Kazakh participants	
10th October	7th Italia Africa Business Week - IABW 2023	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Conference		Panelist
11th - 12th October	EU-Botswana Business Forum (EBBF)	Multisectorial	Gaborone, Botswana	Company Visit		Promoter
17th October	Seminar Intellectual Property in Africa	Multisectorial	Nairobi, Kenya	Seminar/Workshop		Panelist
18th October	Meeting with H.E. Ministry of Industry of Ethiopia	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Meeting	1 Minister	Participant
18th October	Introductory Workshop on Eco-Industrial Park for Iraq	Multisectorial	Online	Seminar/Workshop	10 Iraqi participants	Co-organizer
18th - 21st October	Two Somali delegations visit exhibitions in Sicily and Apulia on Blue Economy and Agribusiness	Multisectorial	Mazara del Vallo, Sicily and Bari, Apulia	Fair/Exhibition	2 Somali delegates at Blue Sea Land and 4 Somali delegates to SAIE	Delegation organizer
24th - 27th October	Delegation from Iraq and KRG to Cibus Tec 2023	Multisectorial	Parma, Italy	Company Visit	4 delegates	Delegation organizer
30th October - 3rd November	UNIDO ITPO Italy's FIPEE Call Winners join 2023 GCIP Cleantech Days and IVECF	Multisectorial	Vienna, Austria	Forum	4 startups	Delegation organizer
2nd -3rd November	International Vienna Energy and Climate Forum - IVECF 2023	Energy & Environment	Vienna, Austria	Forum	4 startups + 1 Vice Minister Cuba	Delegation organizer
7th November	2nd FIPEE Investment Forum on Energy & Environment	Multisectorial	Rimini, Italy	Forum	50 participants among panelists and attendees	Organizer
7th - 10th November	Ecomondo 2023: delegation from 9 partner countries and Investment Forum on Energy & Environment	Environment	Rimini, Italy	Fair/Exhibition	46 delegates	Delegation organizer
13th November	Kick-off of the YES! Call 2023 - Sustainable Innovative Solutions from FVG Region	Multisectorial	Trieste, Italy	Meeting	15 young innovators	Organizer
14th November	GMIS Connect Roadshow "Powering Sustainable Manufacturing: The Rise of Green Hydrogen"	Multisectorial	Trieste, Italy	Road Show	21 panelists and 95 participants	Organizer and panelist
14th November	CodeWay Expo 2023 - International Preview	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Conference	1 UNIDO ITPO Italy representative	Panelist
22nd - 24th November	3rd Mediterranean Innovation Agrifood Week by CIHEAM Bari	Agro-industry	Bari, Italy	Forum	1 UNIDO ITPO Italy representative	Panelist
24th - 27th November	World Manufacturing Forum 2023	Energy & Environment	Bergamo, Italy	Forum	1 UNIDO ITPO Italy representative	Attendee
28th - 29th November	Mission to Italy of H.E. State Minister of Commerce and Industry of Somalia	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Mission	2 Somali officers and 5 meetings held	Supporter
6th December	FIPEE Call Business Day	Multisectorial	Online	Forum	22 participants	Organizer
6th December	ANGI Award 2023: Oscar for Innovation	Multisectorial	Rome, Italy	Conference	2 startups awarded	Jury member and awarder
14th December	Peru: Round Table for the presentation of the Study on Technologies and Solutions for Solid Waste Management in Urubamba	Environment	Urubamba, Peru	Conference	11 participants	Organizer

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