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UNIDO ITPO Italy
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The new paradigm ushered in by the UN through the 17 Sustainable Development Goals to be reached by 2030 (UN 2030 Agenda) and evolution in the energy/environment/climate change nexus, as well as prospects for the pricing of carbon worldwide, have made it possible for enterprises to do well while doing good, as the new expression reads. ITPO Italy has mainstreamed the SDGs in its policies and activities.

UNIDO ITPO Italy, in pursuing industry-related SDG goals, especially in innovation and infrastructure development, has become a notable facilitator and helper of firms trying to do what is good for the environment and society (the SDGs) while also making a profit doing it, again illustrating the new paradigm of “doing well while doing good”.

Ultimately if, as is more and more true, sustainability means profitability, the ITPO Italy Office in Rome has rightly stressed sustainability at least as much as profitability or growth, in its interventions over recent years, including 2018. While this is revolutionary, the instruments used are the time-honoured ones of technology transfer, investment promotion, and capacity-building in the industrial sector, plus business-to-business collaboration, tools which the Office handles in masterly fashion.

In pursuit of its support to quality education (SDG 4), UNIDO ITPO Italy played a prominent role in the World Manufacturing Forum held in Cernobbio, on September 27th and 28th; and in the Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS) Roadshow held in Trieste on November 15th, where global policy experts, industrial leaders and eminent academic and business innovators addressed the challenges and discussed the evolution of global manufacturing.

The events usefully focused on how industries are responding to the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution (internet, artificial intelligence, decarbonization, sustainability) and how their policies can support education and sustainable development while achieving positive social impact. As Head of ITPO in the host country of Italy, I also had the pleasure of facilitating the participation of UNIDO Director General, Mr. Li Yong at the World Manufacturing Forum.

Given that our main objective is SDGoal 9, ITPO Italy gave strong support to the “BRIDGE for Cities” initiative, in collaboration with UNIDO Headquarters. The region of Friuli Venezia Giulia hosted the “BRIDGE for Cities” Roadshow, because of the strategic position of Trieste along the Belt and Road route. In this context, ITPO Italy ensured the participation of the President of Friuli Venezia Giulia region in the main “Bridge for Cities” Forum held in October in Vienna.

In an effort to assist emerging economies improve living conditions in their communities (SDGoals 8 and 11), UNIDO ITPO Italy supported Mozambique in promoting investments in agro-industry. Mozambique is considered of strategic importance for the African agricultural sector in view of its huge unexploited potential. This, in spite of low yields, production largely at subsistence scale, and incomplete supply chains. Therefore, technologies, quality inputs and sustainable production models including investment are needed to overcome these barriers and help Mozambique work towards achieving the SDGs.

Another activity worth mentioning is the implementation of the project “Fostering international partnerships between companies from MENA countries and Italian stakeholders operating in energy and sustainable development”, which gave opportunities to Lebanon and Morocco to get closer to achieving SDGoal 17.

Finally, with help and guidance from our officials and colleagues in all parts of UNIDO, ITPO Italy is very proud of its collaboration with Italian institutions, especially the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea; and the Friuli Venezia Giulia region.

The staff of the ITPO Italy Office, including the undersigned, think every day of ways and means to contribute more effectively to the achievement of the Goals closest to our mandate. We look for answers in daily activities and in discussions among all of us, brainstorming on how best we can help make our world more resilient and sustainable, keeping in mind that the ultimate goal of all our activities, however modest, must be a sustainable improvement in the welfare of the current and future generations.

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UNIDO ITPO Italy had a prominent role in the World Manufacturing Forum (WMF) held in Cernobbio on September 27th and 28th, this year enriched by the presence of the UNIDO Director General Li Yong. WMF is a two-day event where global policy experts, industrial leaders and eminent academic and research innovators address and discuss the challenges and trends in global manufacturing.
The 7th edition of the WMF, titled ‘Manufacturing Revolution to Promote Global Resilience: how the industrial transformation inspires education, sustainable development and societal impact’, explored how industry is responding to the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution and how industrial policies can support education, sustainable development and social impact.

UNIDO Director General Li Yong opened the panel with a keynote speech focused on the importance of manufacturing for poverty eradication, as well as the continued relevance of industry as a global provider of stable employment, especially in Developing Countries. “In 2015, the adoption of Goal 9 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development - ‘build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation’ - by UN Member States demonstrates the enduring relevance of industrial development for all countries. Industrial production continues to account for approximately 16 per cent of global GDP, and employs approximately 500 million people worldwide.” he said.

In this context, UNIDO ITPO Italy favored the signature of a Joint Declaration between UNIDO Hq and the WMF.

Moreover, the first edition of the annual WMF Global Report was launched. It addresses manufacturing sector issues and outlines significant trends and policy proposals. UNIDO contributed to the WMF Global Report with three case studies regarding its sustainable cities projects, its flagship Programme for Country Partnership (PCP) and its Global Cleantech Innovation Programme (GCIP).
UNIDO ITPO Italy strongly supported the “BRIDGE for Cities” Initiative, which revolves around sustainable urban-industrial development, aimed to advance the implementation of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in tandem with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, with which the BRI shares many similarities.
During the 3rd “BRIDGE for Cities”, 4 case cities and their municipal and regional leaders highlighted the ongoing and future projects. Trieste, Italy; Shanghai, China; Vienna, Austria and Chengdu, China have been identified to showcase their urban-industrial solutions.

For case preparation, roadshows and in-depth city assessments was conducted in each city, with the involvement of UNIDO technical departments and external experts. UNIDO ITPO Italy coordinated the assessment and City of Trieste’s case preparation with all the local stakeholders involved: Friuli Venezia Giulia region; City of Trieste; Port of Trieste; AREA Science Park and WTC Trieste. Trieste and Friuli Venezia Giulia region were selected due to their strategic position as a major port along the Belt-and-Road route.

In this framework, UNIDO ITPO Italy involved Friuli Venezia Giulia region in several activities during 2018. On March 26th, as part of the “Belt and Road Forum - Friuli Venezia Giulia: Strategic partner for EU-China economic relationship”, the region hosted the 1st UNIDO’s “BRIDGE for Cities” Roadshow.

Furthermore, during the 3rd “BRIDGE for Cities” Forum, held in October in Vienna, the region was represented at high level, indeed the President of the region, the Mayor of Trieste, the President of the Port of Trieste, the President of AREA Science Park and the President of WTC Trieste took part in the event. The representatives discussed how sustainable industrial development can be achieved at urban level, fostering in a virtuous circle the economic and infrastructural growth, as well as the initiatives implemented by the region in support of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Another important achievement facilitated by UNIDO ITPO Italy was the Memorandum of Understanding signed between UNIDO and the World Trade Center Association, to laid the foundation for further joint synergies.

The Trieste Case was also illustrated at the UN Global South-South Development (GSSD) EXPO 2018, at the UN HQs in New York. Representatives from FVG Region, Central European Initiative and Port of Trieste - facilitated by UNIDO ITPO Italy-illustrated their lessons learned with regard to their urban development focus: urban-port-industrial symbiosis in Trieste’s efforts towards becoming a sustainable city, during the Thematic Solution 9: “Promoting Green Growth and Sustainable Cities - Sustainable Urban-Industrial Development”.

These activities are a new promising step forward, in the long and successful history of cooperation between UNIDO ITPO Italy and the Italian Friuli Venezia Giulia region.

Furthermore, on October 12th, within the framework of the Belt and Road initiative, UNIDO ITPO Italy and Manus Loci organized “diVERSO IL MARE”, the photo exhibition by Elisabetta Illy held in Trieste and dedicated to the harbors of two cities belonging to the Silk Road, Trieste and Shanghai.

UNIDO ITPO Italy involved DMECO Engineering, an Italian excellence for the production of containers and social housing, CNH Industrials and IVECO, leaders of sustainable transportation. The exhibition was hosted in an industrial installation composed by the assembly of twelve containers.
ACHIEVEMENTS

1,000 Business (BtoB-BtoG) meetings were organized or supported by ITPO Italy between foreign and Italian counterparts to discuss about potential business collaboration.

12 Study tours and professional tours organized or co-organized by ITPO Italy involving stakeholders from Italy and abroad.

350 Entrepreneurs and institutional representatives from DCs were involved in business meetings, economic forums, study tours or international fairs in Italy and abroad.

23 Official missions abroad organized or co-organized by UNIDO ITPO Italy related with the on-going projects and programmes.
ITPO Italy took part in 12 international fairs in Italy and abroad, with the aim of meeting the exhibitors and supporting BtoB meetings.

International fairs 12

Roundtables, international conferences, workshops, business fora) were organized in Italy and abroad to spread awareness about investment and technology transfer opportunities to the Italian and foreign business community.

Promotional initiatives 55

New companies, associations, other stakeholders 232

have been contacted and registered in the UNIDO ITPO Italy database.

Projects promoted 35

were promoted to the Italian potentially interested counterparts (ITPO Italy can count on a database of thousands of companies organized by geographical and sectorial area of interest).
The relevance of ISID as an integrated approach to all three pillars of sustainable development is recognized by the recently adopted 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which will frame United Nations and country efforts towards sustainable development in the next years. UNIDO’s mandate is fully recognized in SDG-9, which calls to “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”. The relevance of ISID, however, applies in greater or lesser extent to all SDGs.

Accordingly, the Organization’s programmatic focus is structured in four strategic priorities:

- Creating Shared Prosperity
- Advancing Economic Competitiveness
- Safeguarding the Environment
- Strengthening Knowledge & Institutions

Each of these programmatic fields of activity contains a number of individual programmes, which are implemented in a holistic manner to achieve effective outcomes and impacts through UNIDO’s four enabling functions:

- technical cooperation;
- analytical and research functions and policy advisory services;
- normative functions and standards and quality-related activities;
- convening and partnerships for knowledge transfer, networking and industrial cooperation.

In carrying out the core requirements of its mission, UNIDO has considerably increased its technical services over the past ten years. At the same time, it has also substantially increased its mobilization of financial resources, testifying to the growing international recognition of the Organization as an effective provider of catalytic industrial development services.
ITPO Network

Within the UN system, there is a unique network made up of technical field offices, strategically situated in industrialized and emerging economies equipped with state-of-the-art technology. A UNIDO global network, which promotes responsible foreign and domestic investments and sustainable technology through public and private sector partnerships for inclusive growth and creation of wealth in Developing Countries.

The network comprises offices in Bahrain, China, South Korea, Japan, Russia, Nigeria, Germany and Italy. The mission is to facilitate investment flows and technology transfers to host and recipient countries by providing high quality, tailor made and demand driven services to public and private sectors. The mission is accomplished through partnerships and networks, capacity building activities, advisory services, promotional events, investment and technology projects assessment, and matchmaking activities.

ITPO Italy

Mission and Services

The Italian Investment and Technology Promotion Office (ITPO Italy) became operational in 1987 with financial support from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (IMFAIC) - Directorate General for Development Cooperation (DGDC). The office mandate is to enhance SMEs competitiveness in Developing Countries, through the mobilization of investments as well as the transfer of technology and management skills, required for the implementation of industrial projects in Developing and Emerging Countries.

Below is the set of services that ITPO Italy provides in support of private companies and institutions of DCs:

SERVICES TO ENTERPRISES

1. Dissemination of information on investment possibilities in Developing Countries
2. Search for partners and matchmaking activity
3. Organization of business meetings
4. Preliminary evaluations of investment projects
5. Assistance in negotiations including assessment of business plans

SERVICES TO INSTITUTIONS

1. Training and capacity-building
2. Technical assistance
3. Country and sector-based promotion
4. Networking
5. Dissemination of information on investment legislations
ITPO Italy is mainly involved in two priority sectors, in which Italy excels: **Agro-Industry and Energy and Environment**. The office offers a range of specific services to these sectors, including: information dissemination and awareness creation, training activities and support for transferring environmentally sound technologies.

Concerning **Agro-industry**, ITPO Italy assists Developing Countries through the promotion of projects and activities to disseminate technologies and techniques to reduce post-harvest losses and to increase quality systems, in order to enhance food security and food safety.

Within this framework, ITPO Italy actively operates for the identification and promotion of projects concerning food harvesting, processing and packaging, namely of fisheries, fruits, meat and dairy products.

Moreover, ITPO Italy has a long and strong tradition in fulfilling the requests of many African, Asian and Latin American countries in other sub-sectors of Agro-Industry. In particular, the office concentrated its efforts in leather & footwear, textile & garment and woodworking sectors with training initiatives aimed at product quality improvement, product diversification, technology upgrading and productivity improvement.

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As far as **Energy and Environment** are concerned, ITPO Italy is working to reinforce the concept of environmental protection policy and to diffuse the utilization of renewable energies, by making firms in Developing Countries more sensitive to environmental problems and more aware of the advantages derived from the use of environmentally sound technologies.
INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

ITPO Italy has increasingly enhanced and strengthened relations with the main Italian and foreign governmental bodies, institutions, and organizations. As an international honest broker, ITPO Italy has intensified collaborations and synergies with a large number of institutional key players in order to formulate and implement initiatives and activities, addressed to sustain economic and industrial development in Developing Countries. Our office continues to maintain direct contact with the respective governments and working relationships with national and international business communities.

Within the framework of its activities and priorities, mainly focused on agro-industry and energy & environment issues, ITPO Italy has a close cooperation with its donors, the IMFAIC, the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS) and the Italian Ministry of Economic Development (IMED) and Friuli Venezia Giulia region (FVG region).

Italian System and relevant stakeholders

ITPO Italy is very well connected with the industrial sector in Italy and frequently collaborates with the “Italian System” members, in order to involve a large number of relevant stakeholders in industrial and economic development processes in Developing Countries. Among its main contributors, it is worth mentioning SIMEST (Italian society for enterprises abroad) and SACE (Italian export credit agency), which are part of CDP (Cassa Depositi e Prestiti) system, as well as ITA (Italian Trade Agency), which represents the main agency working under IMED and of particular relevance for ITPO Italy’s activities. The office also has relevant contacts and collaborates with other important Italian stakeholders, such as Confindustria, Unioncamere (Central Union of Chambers of Commerce), CNA (National confederation of handicraft and SMEs), Legacoop, Confindustria, Banca Popolare di Sondrio, other Italian regions, like Basilicata and Lazio, UPI (Unione Parmense degli Industriali), Padova Promex (the special Agency of the Chamber of Commerce of Padova), CNH Industrial and local Investment and Promotion Agencies, Industrial Districts and Universities.

Friuli Venezia Giulia Region

The region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and UNIDO ITPO Italy have a committed partnership, following the signing of a Joint Declaration on 8th May 2015 establishing a collaboration to provide Developing Countries with technical assistance, training, consultancy services, adequate and sustainable technologies transfer, good practices sharing. Since then, the region has been involved in a variety of projects of bilateral and triangular cooperation with emerging economies facilitated by our office.

During 2018 the partnership was reinforced by the formulation and implementation of three new projects financed by the region, namely: “Promotion of investment and cooperation opportunities on maritime and smart health sectors in Cuba”, “Support the Cuban Government to enhance the architectural and cultural heritage of La Havana” and the “Innovation Bridge Trieste – Dubai 2020”.
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

In line with its mandate, ITPO Italy strongly collaborates with some specific IMFAIC Directorates considered as fundamental direct counterparts, such as the DGDC, the Directorate General for Development Cooperation, the Directorate General for the Promotion of the “Country System”, and the Directorate General for Global Affairs. The relevance of the MSMEs development programmes represent the basis for the long-lasting collaboration between IMFAIC and ITPO Italy. In 2018, this collaboration was particularly precious for the implementation of relevant joint initiatives and activities aimed at promoting investment opportunities in new emerging markets and at increasing dialogue and matchmaking activities between Italian and Developing Countries private and public sectors.

Italian Ministry of Economic Development

As a follow up of the 2012 joint declaration, ITPO Italy and the IMED – Directorate General for Internationalization, Policies and Trade Promotion, signed an agreement in 2013 so as to implement two investment support projects in the Philippines and Myanmar. These projects aimed to strengthen local SMEs and to promote business relationships between Philippines, Italy and Myanmar based companies and respective institutions. The target sectors were the ones in which Italy excels, namely agro-industry, textile and dimension stone. The results achieved have been particularly appreciated by IMED, which has reconfirmed its intention to cooperate with our office and to increase awareness among Italian entrepreneurs of the investment possibilities offered by Myanmar in the gems and jewelry sector.

Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea

In 2006 ITPO Italy established a strong collaboration with the IMELS and became one of its main partners. ITPO Italy and IMELS are currently developing joint programmes to promote investments and the transfer of green technologies and best practices to Developing Countries. ITPO Italy’s commitment is to encourage an environmentally friendly industrial development model in the African Continent, in line with the SDGs objectives. As a result of their longstanding collaboration, ITPO Italy and IMELS decided to strengthen their joint efforts, promoting efficiency and qualitative improvements in terms of natural resources use, pollutant emissions and waste management, in order to delink the concept of economic growth to that of environmental degradation. Indeed, in the course of 2018, ITPO Italy continued the implementation of two projects concerning Iran and Botswana, as well as a new project focused in MENA countries, both financed by IMELS. These projects are pursuing the objectives and commitments undertaken at the Cop 21 Climate Change Conference.

Ministries and Embassy representatives of DCs

ITPO Italy, as an international honest broker, works closely with Embassies of Developing Countries, in order to streamline communication between public and private sectors and to facilitate know-how transfer in the specific fields in which the office is active. In synergy with Embassy representatives and trade officers, and in line with the specific needs of each Developing Country, the office formulates its annual strategy for cooperation, defining specific initiatives to be jointly implemented. This continual interaction is a fundamental working tool in ensuring that the measures necessary to the sustainment and to the strengthening of networking collaborations are carried out accordingly. Strengthening links between national focal points and the corresponding local authorities to further cooperation, as well as the exchange of information concerning the development of the private sector for subsequent actions is equally important.
Within the framework of the project “Support to Mozambique’s SMEs in Investment Promotion” in the agribusiness sector, several activities have been carried out to support Mozambican stakeholders, including the organization of the official mission to Italy of the Vice Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, the arrangement of the first Mozambican nationals booths in two Italian relevant fairs, and the coordination of a dedicated high-level event on agribusiness in Maputo on the occasion of the business mission to Mozambique of a delegation of Italian operators led by Macfrut. Finally, other African countries benefited from ITPO Italy’s assistance, namely Botswana, Ethiopia, Ghana, Senegal, Mauritania, Ivory Coast and Guinea with the aim of promoting technology transfer and investments in Sub-Saharan Africa.
Stimulating the Italian financial sector for the cooperation in Botswana

On January 17th, UNIDO ITPO ITALY organized a meeting in the framework of the project entitled «Technical Assistance in supporting Botswana Private Sector and relevant institutions in renewable energy (RE) through investment promotion and technology transfer». The aim of the meeting was to provide a platform of interaction and dialogue with the Italian industrial sector, the Ministry of Environment and the Financial Institutions in order to define financial schemes to implement industrial projects in Botswana. CDP, SIMEST, SACE (Italian financial groups) and the Italian companies interested to invest in Botswana in Solar, Biogas and Environmental Technologies sectors took part in the event.

The meeting was an occasion to illustrate to the Italian entrepreneurs the existing opportunities in the Country. In addition, CDP, SIMEST and SACE showed interest for the projects presented and offered their support to develop case by case the financial schemes.

Strengthening the relations with Botswana institutions

From January 29th to 31st, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized an institutional and entrepreneurial mission to Gaborone, Botswana, aimed at pursuing two interconnected goals. The office presented to the Government of Botswana, and particularly to the Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Mr. Thabang Leslie Botshoma, the activities undertaken within the framework of the project “Technical assistance program in supporting Botswana private sector and relevant institutions in renewable energy (RE) through investment promotion and technology transfer” implemented in collaboration with the Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS). Moreover, delegates from the Botswana Investment and Trade Center had the chance to share the achievements of their experience with the Italian technology providers during the Italian fair Ecomondo 2017 and the UNIDO ITPO Italy delegate programme.

The mission represented another promising step forward to foster inclusive and sustainable development through mutual and beneficial cooperation between Italy and Botswana.
Support to a Botswana delegation in the Biogas sector

From February 13th to 16th, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS), UNIDO ITPO Italy organized the incoming of an institutional and entrepreneurial delegation belonging to biogas sector. The mission aimed to develop capacity building actions in biogas for the Botswana representatives as well as to provide awareness to the Italian private sector regarding the current efforts undertaken by the southern African Country.

Furthermore, the delegation took part in the round table “Biogas Opportunities in Botswana”, with the presence of the Italian Ministry of Environment Land and Sea. The round table was aimed at illustrating the existing opportunities to several Italian entrepreneurs active in biogas sector. The representatives also attended the biogas Italy Conference «Back to Earth», organized by the Italian Consortium of Biogas (CIB).

UNIDO ITPO Italy also organized a study tour aimed at visiting an agro-waste feedstock plant installation with the support of the Biological Care company, as well as a recovery of methane from a waste landfill installation with the support of MarcoPolo Engineering.

Progetto Fuoco exhibition

UNIDO ITPO Italy participated to Progetto Fuoco Fair, held in Verona since February 21st to 25th, one of the most important global events focused on the production of heat and energy from wood combustion.

The fair represented an excellent opportunity to identify stoves and fuel technologies for rural areas in Botswana, that could provide solutions with respect to the problem of the transition to clean cooking. In the framework of the commitments for the climate change agreements, Botswana indicated their willingness to replace fuel wood with the use of LPG and biogas.

Moreover, UNIDO ITPO Italy had the opportunity to spread information among the Italian private sector that attended the fair, and raise awareness regarding the current efforts of the African country in the renewable energy sector.

Enhancing Botswana know-how regarding biogas solutions

From October 29th to 31st, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported a delegation from Botswana in a series of meetings and study tours in Italy focused on biogas, in the framework of the collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea.

The delegation was composed by four representatives of the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), the State-controlled company which produces and sells processed meat products, two representatives of UNDP Botswana and a project coordinator of the Botswana Institute for technology Research and Innovation (BITRI).

UNIDO ITPO Italy successfully organized a dedicated meeting with the Italian institution SACE, the financial institution fully owned by Cassa Depositi e Prestiti which supports the operations of Italian companies abroad.

Moreover, ITPO Italy organized a 3-days study tour in the area of the Lazio region and close to Lodi in the Lombardy region. Through the visits to the biogas plants the delegates had the opportunity to get acquainted with cutting-edge technologies and innovative production processes. These activities paved the way to potential collaborations and partnerships, in line with the scope of the project implemented in Botswana. This visit had been particularly important for the members of the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC), who had the opportunity to study an innovative plant which turns slaughterhouse wastes in a resource safeguarding the environment.
In 2018, UNIDO ITPO Italy has completed its project aimed at supporting the Mozambican Government and local SMEs through promotion of investment opportunities, innovation and technology with a focus on agribusiness. Thanks to the project activities, implemented in collaboration with the local agency for Investment and Export Promotion – APIEX and funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation – AICS, ITPO Italy contributed to create the right conditions for the involvement of Italian companies in sustainable business activities in the local agricultural and agroindustry field, promoting Mozambique and the opportunities offered by the country in any relevant occasion, and supporting steadily the ongoing negotiations started between Italian and Mozambican stakeholders. After 3 years of activity, UNIDO ITPO Italy built a strong local network, becoming a reference point for the Italian business community and the Mozambican government on agribusiness issues, opening a window on the great business potential offered by the country, presenting the best viable technologies for fostering local agribusiness value chains, supporting directly many local private and institutional stakeholders, and paving the way for making of Mozambique an innovative agribusiness hub, valorizing local productions through new business models and best practices.

Strengthening business and high-level institutional relations in Mozambique

From March 26th to 30th, UNIDO ITPO Italy met selected Mozambican private and institutional stakeholders of the project “Support to Mozambique’s SMEs in Investment Promotion”, to pave the way for the following business and institutional missions to Italy in May 2018 and to discuss activity plan till December 2018 with local counterparts and the Italian Cooperation representatives.

Mozambique at the center of the 2018 edition of Seeds&Chips

From May 7th to 9th, UNIDO ITPO Italy participated in the inspiring international event “Seeds&Chips”, the Global Food Innovation Summit which was held at MiCo (Milano Convention Centre), in Milan.

The Summit brought together some of the most influential stakeholders in the field of food innovation to share their best practices and technologies.

Furthermore, ITPO Italy staff had the occasion to meet the Vice Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, the Vice Minister for Land, Environment and Rural Development and the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs with the aim to discuss new potential activities and next steps on the cooperation activities already implemented in favor of Mozambique.

UNIDO ITPO Italy participated as speaker in an ad-hoc conference “Innovation in Tradition for Sustainable Food System” organized in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and other stakeholders such as FAO, Illy and ActionAid. This event represented an occasion to share the good practices implemented in Mozambique in the agribusiness sector.

Mrs. Diana Battaggia during her speech at Seeds&Chips Summit
ITPO Italy also sponsored the first ever exhibiting booth at Seeds&Chips of a Mozambican delegation composed of agribusiness startups, officially inaugurated by the Mozambican Vice Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, H.E. Luisa Celma Meque.

As key brokers of knowledge sharing between Developed and Developing Countries, UNIDO ITPO Italy and Seeds&Chips constitute a perfect collaboration to address global challenges regarding nutrition and technological innovation. Their combined commitment to such topical issues represents a great achievement and a promising step forward to further foster sustainable growth and inclusive development worldwide.

First ever Mozambican exhibition space at Macfrut 2018

For the third consecutive year, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported the participation of an entrepreneurial and institutional delegation from Mozambique to the international agricultural fair Macfrut, held at the Rimini Expo Centre from May 9th to 11th.

Macfrut is one of the most prominent agricultural fair in Italy and the steadily participation of delegations from Mozambique had great importance to enhance the local agribusiness sector. With the support of UNIDO ITPO Italy and the Mozambican Investment and Export Promotion Agency (APIEX), the Mozambican stakeholders held BtoB meetings with experts and managers of Italian companies, mainly operating in the seeds, packaging and processing machinery sectors. This year, thanks to the support of UNIDO ITPO Italy, the delegates from Mozambique participated also as exhibitors, being able to benefit also of a dedicated national booth.

Furthermore, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized a 2-days study tour in the area of Cesena for the representative of the Mozambican company Soluções Rurais, operating in the seeds sector, to give more information about different production processes.

Official visit to Italy of the Mozambican Vice Minister of Agriculture and Food Security

Within the same context, ITPO Italy organized and supported the first Official visit in Italy of the Mozambican Vice Minister of Agriculture and Food Security HE Luisa Celma Meque, assisted by a high-level institutional delegation. The visit was a great occasion to open a window on the great opportunities offered by the agricultural sector of the African country, facilitating the presence of Mozambique in the debate on food supply chains among Italian companies and institutions.

The Vice Minister had the opportunity to inaugurate the booths of the Mozambican exhibitors in Macfrut and Seeds&Chips, to meet the President of Macfrut and the Founder of Seeds&Chips, to open the conference “Innovation in Tradition for Sustainable Food System” organized in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and to participate in a bilateral meeting with the Director General for Development Cooperation, who is committed to organizing an official mission in the country soon, with the support and participation of UNIDO ITPO Italy.

Finally, ITPO Italy also organized a meeting in Bologna with the Director of the Future Food Institute, an interesting visit to FICO Eataly World, and a dedicated meeting with the Regional Minister for Agriculture, Hunting and Fishing at the Emilia-Romagna region, a great opportunity to discuss the recently approved cooperation initiative in the dairy sector in Mozambique, in collaboration with Granarolo and CEFA onlus.
Enhancing packaging sector in Mozambique

Within the framework of Ipack-Ima fair, UNIDO ITPO Italy assisted a delegation composed by representatives of 3 institutions and 15 companies from Mozambique.

During the three days, the delegation had the opportunity to acquire knowledges about the entire food and non-food production, from processing to packaging, and from storage to the distribution. In this context, ITPO Italy organized over 150 BtoB meetings between the Mozambican delegates and the Italian exhibitors, with the aim to promote technological transfer as well as identify potential commercial partners.

During the fair, a Mozambican company engaged in the production of banana flour and supported by ITPO Italy renewed its ties with the University of Catania, with the aim to explore potential synergies. The occasion was useful to illustrate methods and techniques to improve the quality of the product, to allow their access to international markets.

Italian stakeholders supported at the FACIM – International Trade Fair of Maputo

From August 27th to September 2nd, UNIDO ITPO Italy participated in the 54th edition of FACIM, the multisectoral trade fair of Maputo, supporting some Italian companies involved in the agribusiness sector in BtoB meetings with local counterparts.

Furthermore, in views of the institutional mission in Italy of the President of the Bilene District, Mr. Matias Albino Parruque, UNIDO ITPO Italy visited the crops of rice, vegetables and fruit, in addition to the aquaculture tanks located about 2 hours north from the capital Maputo. The visit allowed an assessment of the technological needs for the agricultural mechanization that specifically concern, among others, rice harvesting and cleaning, land levelling, and pumping systems for irrigation.

Mozambique discovers Ecomondo 2018

From November 6th to 9th, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported an institutional and business delegation from Mozambique to Ecomondo exhibition in Rimini, the leading international trade fair on green and circular economy in the Mediterranean area, dedicated to environment, material recovery, renewable energy and sustainable industrial development.

The delegation was composed by 2 business managers and 2 representatives of the Province of Inhambane, who performed more than 70 BtoB meetings with Italian exhibitors and technology providers attending the fair, with a particular focus on waste management technologies.
Boosting cooperation in the agriculture machinery sector

From November 7th to 11th, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported a Mozambican delegation to EIMA International fair, the 43rd edition of the exhibition held in Bologna and entirely dedicated to agro-machinery and gardening.

Three companies took part in the event, also supported by the Italian Trade Agency. The entrepreneurs had the opportunity to meet Italian counterparts involved in the field of earthmoving machinery, tree harvesters, combine harvesters, corn and soy harvesting machines.

First official Macfrut mission to Mozambique

In the framework of the project “Support to Mozambique’s SMEs in Investment Promotion”, between November 29th and December 2nd, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized the first official mission in Mozambique of Macfrut fair, one of the most important Italian events dedicated to agriculture. Indeed, the 2019 edition of Macfrut, which will take place in Rimini in May, will have for the first time a focus on Mozambique, among others Sub-Saharan African countries.

Supporting the Mozambican District of Bilene in a dedicated study tour focused on the Italian rice value chain

From December 11th to 13th, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported the institutional mission of the President of Bilene District, H.E. Matias Albino Parruque, in the framework of the project “Support to Mozambique’s SMEs in Investment Promotion”. Bilene district is in the Gaza Province and rely upon a touristic and agricultural potential among the most interesting in the south of the country. The mission underlined challenges and opportunities of the local agriculture’s most relevant sectors, namely rice and fruit, highlighting their potential.

In this framework, the President had the opportunity to visit several Italian companies involved in the above-mentioned sectors, and to discuss with them about potential joint synergies.
Visit of the Ethiopian Embassy in Centro Agroalimentare Romano

On February 15th, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported Ethiopian Embassy representatives in their visit to Centro Agroalimentare Romano (C.A.R.), in order to explore potential joint synergies in view of the Forum on agro-industry held in Addis Ababa in March 2018.

C.A.R. is one of the most important structures in Europe for fruit, vegetables and fish products marketing, since they join production, trade and distribution processes. Their participation in Ethiopian agro-industrial Forum could be a first step in the framework of a fruitful partnership with this African country.

UNIDO ITPO Italy also promoted the Agro-industrial Forum among the Italian business community, with the aim of supporting the implementation of Integrated Agro-industrial park strategy, carried out by the Ethiopian government to favor the creation of an agro-industry value chain.

Second agro-industry Investment Forum in Ethiopia

UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the second Agro-Industry Investment Forum Ethiopia held in Addis Ababa since March 5th to 8th. The Forum focused on food processing, textile, leather as well as related sectors such as packaging and renewable energies.

Important stakeholders coming from public and private sectors participated in the event, like potential investors, companies involved at international level, business associations, international organizations, financial institutions and representatives of the Ethiopian government.

ITPO Italy supported an entrepreneurial delegation composed by 11 Italian companies coming from different sectors, providing the possibility to hold BtoB and BtoG meetings with selected local counterparts, as well as to discuss on the Integrated Agro-Industrial Parks (IAIPs), a concrete opportunity for potential investors.

In this framework, UNIDO ITPO Italy favored the signature of an agreement between the Ethiopian company Ethiogreen and the Italian Planet Links. The partnership will be focused on the production of injera, the typical Ethiopian food, through a technological upgrade proposed by the Italian counterpart.

Supporting a delegation from Ethiopia at IPACKIMA

From May 29th to June 1st, UNIDO ITPO Italy participated to the 24th edition of Ipack-Ima, the international fair on packaging technologies held at Fiera Milano, assisting a delegation of Ethiopian entrepreneurs.

The delegation had the opportunity to be exposed to the entire food production chain, from processing to packaging, and from storage to the distribution. In this framework, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized several BtoB meetings between the delegation and the Italian exhibitors, with the aim to promote technological transfer as well as identify potential commercial partners.

Moreover, during the “Save Food” Conference, the Ethiopian company EthioGreen, represented by Ms. Rahel Moges, illustrated its experience as well as the ongoing partnership with the Italian company Planet Links, supported by UNIDO ITPO Italy.
Senegal, Mauritania, Ivory Coast and Guinea

Supporting fishery sector in Western Africa
On March 13th, Confindustria Reggio Calabria organized a Roundtable with UNIDO ITPO Italy to discuss about the investment opportunities in Senegal, Mauritania, Ivory Coast and Guinea. The event was attended by local companies working in the agro-industry sectors, namely fishery and cold chain.

The occasion was useful to present ITPO Italy projects to the Italian companies, as well as to deepen the existing opportunities in the four African countries.

Roundtable with Confindustria Reggio Calabria

Nigeria

Nigeria-Italy business forum
On November 26th, ITPO Italy took part in the Nigeria-Italy Business Forum, organized by the Nigerian Embassy in Rome in collaboration with the National Union of Nigerian Associations in Italy and the Nigerians in Diaspora Organization.
ITPO Italy presented its activities carried out in Africa, pointing out the attention paid to the investment promotion, technology transfer and capacity building. In particular, the missions fulfilled in Ogun and Sokoto state were also underlined, aimed at favoring the creation of partnerships with Italian counterparts in the leather and marble sectors.
Several Italian companies attended the event, having the occasion to deepen the existing opportunities in the largest economy in Africa.

Roundtable with Confindustria Reggio Calabria
Assisting Ghana Embassy in finding suitable solutions in the housing sector

On June 5th, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized a visit of the Ghanaian Embassy to the premises of the Italian company DMECO.

DMECO Engineering produces containers and modular solutions for different purposes, including housing and infirmary. UNIDO ITPO Italy identified this company as a potential technology provider for the development in the African continent.

During the visit, Ambassador H.E. Paulina Patience Abayage had the opportunity to illustrate the investment opportunities in the country, identifying potential local counterparts interested in these solutions, such as the Ministry of Defense, Interior and Energy, as well as some agencies connected to them.

Visit of H.E. Paulina Patience Abayage, Ambassador of Ghana in Italy to DMECO Engineering

Regional

Italy-Africa Business Week - Roundtable on energy

On October 18th, UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the conference “The access to energy facilitates a sustainable development”, organized in the framework of Italy–Africa Business Week in Rome. During the speech, UNIDO ITPO Italy focused on energy as a fundamental right in allowing the implementation of other rights as food conservation for food security, cold chain for food hygiene, the disposal of medicines and medical center services for health, the availability of power and access to the Internet for education.

Furthermore, ITPO Italy presented its double role on either the promotion of renewable energies projects in Africa and actions taken as implementing agency for the Italian Ministry of Environment.

The main purpose of the conference was the presentation of the best practices implemented by companies, intergovernmental and civil society actors on the promotion of the use of renewable energy in Africa.
Under the framework of the Joint UNIDO-SMEDA-Italy Programme, several promotional activities were carried out, such as round tables, professional tour and participation in trade fair in order to support Pakistani Institutions and the private sector. Moreover, within the framework of the project “Support to Iran’s SMEs through investment promotion and technology transfer in energy and environment”, ITPO Italy carried out several promotional activities in order to support Iranian delegations and the private sector.
Awareness on financial instruments for foreign investors in Iran

On March 6th, UNIDO ITPO Italy participated in the Road Show about financial instruments and regulations for foreign investors in Iran. The event was organized by the Italy-Iran Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and was attended by relevant stakeholders operating in the financial sector, including the Deputy Director for Foreign Investments of the Organization for Investment, Economic and Technical Assistance of Iran (OIEIAI).

During the event, recent data and statistics on the commercial trade between Italy and Iran were presented, stressing on the strong relation existing between the two countries and the great opportunity represented by the Iranian market.

The participation of UNIDO ITPO Italy is part of the project “Support to Iran’s SMEs through investment promotion and technology transfer in energy and environment”, implemented in collaboration with the Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS).

Iranian participation in Ipack-ima fair

UNIDO ITPO Italy also assisted an Iranian entrepreneur in his participation in Ipack-ima fair.

During the three days, the entrepreneur had the opportunity to acquire knowledge about meat and dairy industry, from processing to packaging, and from storage to the distribution. In this framework, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized over 30 BtoB meetings with the Italian exhibitors, with the aim to promote technological transfer as well as identify potential commercial partners.

Stimulating cooperation in the energy sector

From June 26th to 28th, UNIDO ITPO Italy hosted an institutional and business delegation from Iran, composed by 4 representatives of relevant institutions and associations, as well as 3 company managers.

In particular, the mission was attended by representatives from the Department of Environment (DoE), the Organization for Investment, Economic and Technical Assistance of Iran (OIEIAI), the Tehran Chamber of Commerce and the Association of Iran Recycling Industries.

The occasion was useful to deepen the “Waste to Energy opportunities and challenges in Iran”, as well as the investment opportunities in the energy and environment sectors. In this framework, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized some meetings between the Iranian representatives and relevant Italian stakeholders, such as the Italy-Iran Chamber of Commerce, the Italian company Ecoimpianti and the Italian Trade Agency.
Enhancing the relations with the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry (LCCI)

On April 17th, UNIDO ITPO Italy hosted a delegation from the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), composed by more than 20 delegates among senior officers, members of the Chamber executive committee and company managers. The LCCI is an extremely active institution in the business community of Lahore by providing business opportunities to its members. They are also aimed to promote investment opportunities and local capacities through programs of technical exchanges and international cooperation, to support Lahore and Pakistani economic and social development. The scope of the visit was to learn about UNIDO ITPO Italy activities and methodology.

In his speech, the Senior Vice President of LCCI, Mr. Khawaja Khawar Rashid, pointed out the multiple industrial sectors represented in the framework of the Chamber, underlining the numerous investment opportunities existing for Italian technology providers and investors, within the dynamic context of Lahore.

Speech of Mr. Khawaja Khawar Rashid, Senior Vice President of LCCI

Present of Mr. Khawaja Khawar Rashid to Mrs. Diana Battaggia, UNIDO ITPO Italy head

UNIDO ITPO Italy hosted a delegation from the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI)
On September 3rd and 4th, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized, in collaboration with the Embassy of Pakistan in Rome, two-days of meetings with an entrepreneurial delegation from Pakistan looking for suitable industrial partners and technology suppliers in food & agriculture, oil & gas, ICT, and logistics sectors.

In this context, UNIDO ITPO Italy took part as a speaker in the panel “Doing business in Pakistan” within a multisectoral seminar held at the Pakistan Embassy. Several Italian enterprises participated to the initiative with the aim to acquire knowledge about Pakistani economy, opportunities and policies concerning investment as well as to meet and to set the basis for potential commercial relations with the delegation.

Moreover, UNIDO ITPO Italy hosted the Pakistani delegation in its premises, also promoting the participation of Italian entrepreneurs to the Pakistan Trade Show, with the objective to build BtoB relationships and enhance trade between the two participating countries.

On May 23rd, the opening day of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF), UNIDO organized an international forum entitled: “Increasing the contribution of women to economic growth and prosperity: Creating an enabling environment”. The event was staged in cooperation with the All-Russian Non-Governmental Organization of Small and Medium business (OPORA RUSSIA) - Committee on Women Entrepreneurship Development, with organizational support from the Roscongress Foundation and financial support from the Government of the Russian Federation.

The event was attended by numerous high-level representatives from regional governments of the Russian Federation, as well as from the Russian and international business community, including Festo Didactic, SAP and Scania among others.

During the event, Mrs. Aasia Saail Khan from the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) participated as panelist to talk about the support given by UNIDO ITPO Italy to the Pakistani women fashion designers in the country. It was an excellent opportunity to talk about her experience as entrepreneur, and her recent story regarding the collaboration with Italian fashion designers.

The Forum provided a platform for fruitful debate, involving policymakers and representatives from the private sector, as well as women’s networks.
Boosting the Pakistani meat sector
In the context of Ipack-Ima fair, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported a delegation composed by representatives of companies involved in the meat industry. In this framework, the delegation had the opportunity to take part in more than 50 BtoB meetings with Italian exhibitors involved in packaging and processing technologies. The occasion was useful to discuss about potential trade and investment partnerships.

Favoring partnerships within EIMA fair
Within the framework of EIMA, UNIDO ITPO Italy assisted a Pakistani delegation composed by 6 companies involved in the production of spare parts of agriculture machineries.

Several BtoB meetings were organized, in order to favor commercial and investment partnerships with the Italian exhibitors.

Strengthening the relations with the National Management College
On November 13th, UNIDO ITPO Italy hosted in its premises a delegation of the National Management College of Pakistan, in order to share information about the activities implemented in favour of SMEs and the development of Pakistani industrial sector.

The Pakistani delegation was composed by high-level public officials, who also presented to ITPO staff the existing opportunities in the country, as well as policies and rules in the industrial sectors promoted by ITPO Italy.
China

**Mutual investments between Shanghai and Friuli Venezia Giulia region**

On November 16th, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized in Trieste the round table “Mutual investment between Shanghai & FVG”, in collaboration with the Friuli Venezia Giulia (FVG) region, SILK2FVG, the Central European Initiative (CEI) and Invest Shanghai.

This forum, focused on the sectors of shipping, tourism & health BIO industry, provided an international platform to discuss and exchange information about the opportunities of trade in the sectors of interest, also resulting from the asset of Shanghai and Trieste free trade zones.

Speech of Mrs. Diana Battaggia during the round table “Mutual investment between Shanghai & FVG”
UNIDO ITPO Italy strengthened cooperation with Cuba, mainly organizing the “III International Workshop for Women Entrepreneurs in Cuba”, a good opportunity for women entrepreneurs, business leaders and professionals. The occasion was useful to promote women’s entrepreneurship, gender equality and sustained economic growth.
Promoting Women Entrepreneurship in Cuba

On February 14th, UNIDO ITPO Italy, the Embassy of Cuba in Italy and the Italian Association of Women Executives (AIDDA), promoted in Rome the “WEIC - III International Workshop for Women Entrepreneurs in Cuba”.

The initiative was opened by Emma Lien Morejón and followed with the speeches of important personalities such as the Head of ITPO Italy, Mrs. Diana Battaggia.

The great improvement regarding the recognition of the role of women in the society was highlighted, as well as the different challenges that Cuba and Latin America still have to cope in order to enhance women’s entrepreneurship, ensure gender-equality and promote sustained economic growth.

Enhancing the packaging sector in Cuba

On June 20th, in the framework of HavanaPak fair, the leading Cuban exhibition focused on packaging, UNIDO ITPO Italy presented its project aimed at supporting the Cuban Government through the strengthening of the local capacity in the industrial sector of packaging, in collaboration with the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.

The occasion was useful to enhance the cooperation with the most relevant local stakeholders, in order to pave the way for the future activities in the framework of the project.
WEIC - III International Workshop for Women Entrepreneurs

Following this promotional phase, the “WEIC - III International Workshop for Women Entrepreneurs”, was held in Havana, Cuba, on April 20th and 21st.

The workshop was organized by UNIDO ITPO Italy in association with AIDDA and Grupo Empresarial PALCO, as well as with the support of the Embassy of Cuba in Italy and the Friuli Venezia Giulia region.

The International workshop provided a valuable platform for more than 90 participants, mainly from Cuba and Italy, to create a productive dialogue between women executives, professionals, scientists, artists, artisans and local farmers. The event offered an opportunity to exchange experiences on the role of women in relation to education, training and work activities and to discuss solutions on how to improve economic participation of women and thereby create conditions for inclusive and sustainable growth.

UNIDO ITPO Italy held meetings with the representatives of the Cuban Ministry of Foreign Trade and Investment (MINCEX) and the Ministry of Industry of Cuba (MINDUS). ITPO Italy also organized a panel on the theme “UNIDO - Promotion of women empowerment for sustainable and inclusive industrial development” explaining the activities of the Organization to improve the business environment for women entrepreneurs.
Supporting the Cuban Government through capacity building on investment promotion and technology transfer

On November 26th and 27th, UNIDO ITPO Italy, together with the UNIDO Coordination in Cuba, met CSCEIE (Centro de Superación del Comercio Exterior y la Inversión Extranjera), MINCEX (Ministry of International Trade and Investments) and the National Institute for Packaging from MINDUS (Ministry of Industry) to outline a road map with the activities envisaged in the UNIDO project “Capacity-building on investment for the Cuban Government”.

Through this project and thanks to the financial contribution of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, UNIDO ITPO Italy will upgrade skills and managerial capabilities of entrepreneurs, managers, administrators and government staff involved in implementing and supporting investment projects in the country.

Furthermore, support will be provided to transfer suitable technologies on selected industrial sectors and improve the local capacities of the national packaging center to test different packaging materials and technologies.
UNIDO ITPO Italy continued to support the activities in MENA region in line with UNIDO Project: “Promoting Women’s Empowerment (PWE) for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in the MENA Region” managed by UNIDO AGR/RJH. Moreover, ITPO Italy organized and supported specific initiatives to facilitate networking, economic collaboration and investments in Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia, with the aim of fostering international partnerships with Italian stakeholders operating in energy and environment sectors.
Economic empowerment for rural women in the MENA region

On March 13th, Mrs. Diana Battaggia participated in the side event “Economic empowerment for rural women in the MENA region”, held at the UN Headquarters during the 62nd Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the main global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women. It was a useful opportunity to discuss with the participants about the role of women as agents for change, as actors in the sustainable development of their communities, capable of providing a decisive contribution to the resolution of crises.

The initiative was organized by UNIDO, UN Women and FAO in cooperation with the governments of Italy and Tunisia. The side event featured high level speakers from Italy, the MENA region, UN agencies and NGOs, who showcased success stories of the region in the area of economic empowerment for rural women.

In this framework, UNIDO ITPO Italy met Mrs. Susana Balbo, Chairwoman of W20, and discussed about the challenges faced by rural women throughout the world.

Empowering women through entrepreneurship in the MENA region

On May 3rd and 4th, in Barcelona, UNIDO ITPO Italy participated at the discussions about the second phase of the project on Promoting Women’s Empowerment (PWE) for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in the MENA region. Several representatives took part in the event, such as ministerial officers and women’s business associations coming from MENA countries, as well as representatives from UNIDO, UN Women, FAO, the Italian Agency of Cooperation for Development (AICS) and the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

The second phase benefits from synergies and a joint intervention with UN Women and FAO, which can greatly complement UNIDO’s efforts.
Women continue to face significant challenges in the MENA region to reach their full economic potential, which in return stifles the overall sustainable economic and social development of the region. Therefore, the joint project will invest increased efforts in creating an enabling ecosystem for women entrepreneurs with due consideration of the realities on the ground. The project seeks to alleviate persisting levels of rural marginalization, improve access to technologies and information, as well as improve control over resources.

UNIDO ITPO Italy will be involved during the second phase of the Project, in particular on investment promotion and market access activities for women entrepreneurs from the MENA region.

**Women4Mediterranean Conference**

On October 11th, in the framework of the UNIDO project “Promoting women empowerment for inclusive and sustainable industry in the MENA region”, ITPO Italy collaborated to organize two roundtables during the Women4Mediterranean High Level Conference that was held in Lisbon, Portugal. The Forum constitutes the major regional platform to discuss, exchange experiences and promote women’s participation in the public, economic and civil life to bring solutions to regional challenges, creating impact by gathering the most relevant stakeholders and leaders from the Euro Mediterranean region. Around 50 women and men from the MENA region countries participated in the discussions of both roundtables.

The discussions were focused on “Information and Communication Technologies for gender equality and women empowerment”, aimed to raise awareness on the opportunities offered by the ICT sector for women’s economic empowerment, and on “Women shaping the future of food technologies”, since food and drink industry is one of the largest manufacturing sector worldwide. This workshop focused on raise awareness on the business opportunities offered by the food transformation and underlined the prominent role of women in reshaping food technologies.

**MENA delegation at Ecomondo fair**

Within the framework of Ecomondo fair, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported an institutional and entrepreneurial delegation from the MENA region, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Environment Land and Sea. The delegation was composed by 12 companies from Lebanon, Morocco and Jordan, as well as institutional representatives from Tunisia, Lebanon and Jordan. The delegates completed about 150 BtoB meetings with the Italian exhibitors and technology providers attending the fair. In addition, on November 8th ITPO staff guided a part of MENA delegation in a company visit to the headquarters of the company System Group, a leading Italian group composed by 16 affiliated companies mainly operating in the piping systems for multiple industrial applications.
Discussing on Green Neighborhood in Lebanon

On May 3rd and 4th, in the context of the collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized a technical seminar on green neighborhoods, focused on six main topics: green neighborhoods and cities, green buildings, design of public spaces and green areas, sustainable transportation, sustainable water, energy & food, sustainable waste. The Forum was held in Beirut, in cooperation with the Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC), local counterpart of IMELS in the project jointly implemented with UNIDO ITPO Italy.

Around 15 Italian companies and more than 50 Lebanese ones attended the event, carrying out more than 100 BtoB meetings. UNIDO ITPO Italy followed-up the meetings held, paving the way for the participation of the Italian companies in the International Beirut Energy Forum (IBEF).

Stimulating international partnerships in the International Beirut Energy Forum (IBEF)

Renewable energies as opportunities for investment and promotion of industrial partnerships, as well as numerous bilateral meetings between Italian entrepreneurs and potential Middle Eastern partners: these were the results of the UNIDO ITPO Italy mission to the Beirut Energy Forum, which took place in the Lebanese capital from September 26th to 28th.

Moreover, in collaboration with the Italian Trade Agency, the Italian delegation presented a very interesting booth in which more than one hundred business meetings were organized.

The focus of the Forum was the promotion of digital development.

The overcoming of the analogue instrument and its gradual replacement with modern technologies is indeed affecting the energy consumption patterns, stimulating the optimization of resources, as well as the increased use of industrial platforms and intersectoral partnerships. UNIDO ITPO Italy played a strategic role in connecting local companies and Italian ones, remaining available for the follow-up.
Promoting the participation in the Lebanese industrial parks

From October 22nd to 26th, a Lebanese delegation carried out a study tour in Italy led by the Lebanese Minister of Industry, Mr. Hussein El Hajj Hassan. Italy is a strategic partner for Lebanon and the experience of the Italian enterprises constitutes a fundamental value for the growth plans of the territory. The Minister explained the opportunities offered by the development plans of three industrial districts. The project, according to final estimates, should eventually generate over 32,000 jobs, of which almost 5,000 for the construction of industrial sites, which should be finished within the first months of 2022.

The close cooperation between Lebanon and UNIDO, which carried out the feasibility studies of the project and which acts as a facilitator, aims to promote the industrial and inclusive development of the region. UNIDO and the Lebanese Ministry of Industry strongly support the development of industrial parks and the local supply chain and have the joint intention of increasing the production capacity of Lebanese SMEs, improving their ability to access markets, promoting their renewable production and efficient resources.

In this framework, the study tour was aimed at meeting the tannery district of Santa Croce sull’Arno, as well as the existing excellencies in the food sector in Emilia-Romagna region, namely Parma and Bologna. The delegation had indeed the opportunity to visit two valid examples of Italian industrial cluster, evaluating the reproducibility of these models in Lebanon.

![The Lebanese Minister of Industry, Mr. Hussein El Hajj Hassan took the floor during the round table on Industrial Zones in Lebanon](image1)

![Visit to FICO EATALY WORLD - the largest food park in the world](image2)

![Visit to the tannery district of Santa Croce sull’Arno](image3)
Morocco

Enhancing Moroccan energy and environment sectors

Pollutec Maroc, held in Casablanca from October 2nd to 5th, was a good opportunity to promote partnerships on water treatment and waste management.

The participation in Pollutec fair was part of the project granted by the Italian Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea and implemented by UNIDO ITPO Italy.

In this framework, eight Italian companies had the opportunity to take part in around 100 BtoB meetings with the local counterparts.

Furthermore, thanks to UNIDO ITPO Italy support, the Italian delegation met the Moroccan Ministry of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development representatives, in order to discuss about the national programme on waste treatment.

Tunisia

SIAT – International exhibition on agriculture

In the framework of the collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, UNIDO ITPO Italy assisted the Italian company Isagro in the participation in SIAT, the International exhibition on agriculture held in Tunisia from October 8th to 11th.

Isagro is specialized in organic fertilizers, showing a great interest for the Tunisian business environment. Some BtoB meetings were organized with the exhibitors, in order to evaluate potential partnerships.
Launch event of the project “Innovation bridge Trieste-Dubai 2020”

In 2020, two major international events will take place in different parts of the world: in July 2020, Trieste will become the European City of Science - ESOF 2020 while Dubai will host the EXPO 2020 by the theme “Connecting Minds, Creating the Future”.

For this end, on May 8th, UNIDO ITPO Italy in partnership with Friuli Venezia Giulia region launched the project ‘Innovation Bridge Trieste – Dubai 2020’. The project foresees a programme of activities to anticipate and link EXPO Dubai 2020, through a series of initiatives aimed at creating linkages and networks between regional, national and international innovators, including industry, public and private technology producers and research centers. Therefore, by spurring the matching between the academic and the international business worlds, it will be possible to bring together in a comprehensive framework different expertise and skills, thus facilitating the achievement of shared solutions to common problems.
Within the framework of the aforementioned project, on November 15th, UNIDO ITPO Italy organized the Global Manufacturing and Industrialization Summit (GMIS) Roadshow in Trieste. The event was organized by UNIDO and the GMIS Organizing Committee, in cooperation with the government of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, AREA Science Park Trieste and World Trade Centre Trieste. The event, which counted also with the support of UNIDO ITPO Moscow and WTC Russia, represented a good opportunity to bring together leaders from the private sector, the academia, the regional government and civil society to analyze trends in the industries and come up with transformational ideas and plans, as well as to embrace the opportunities arising from global innovation and technology.

The main topics were the potential of Italy’s strategic national plan “Piano Nazionale Industria 4.0” for harnessing the Fourth Industrial Revolution, and Italy’s vision for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals framework through digital manufacturing. The final segment was an interactive session, soliciting feedback from participants on their top priorities and potential solutions to key challenges facing the manufacturing sector.

At the end, the participants embarked in the “Factories of the Future Tour” aimed to provide a practical illustration of best practices for the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Wärtsilä Italia S.p.A., who provide smart technologies and complete lifecycle solutions for marine and energy markets, facilitated a guided tour of their Trieste production center.

The consensus points from the Trieste roadshow brought forward to inform the GMIS Summit 2019, to take place in Yekaterinburg, Russian Federation, under the theme of “nature-based technologies” in July 2019.
Towards ESOF 2020

On November 22nd, UNIDO ITPO Italy participated in the event aimed at presenting the initiatives related to the EuroScience Open Forum (ESOF), which will be hosted in Trieste in 2020. ESOF is an international forum dedicated to scientific research and innovation that offers a unique framework for interaction and discussion for scientists, innovators, policy makers, entrepreneurs and the civil society. UNIDO ITPO Italy is strictly involved in all the activities in view of ESOF 2020 within the framework of “Innovation Bridge Trieste – Dubai 2020” project. The main objective will be to connect ESOF Trieste to EXPO Dubai 2020, as well as to foster international cooperation and technology transfer with the involvement of Central and Eastern European countries in ESOF 2020.

Enhancing the relations with United Arab Emirates towards EXPO Dubai 2020

In the framework of the project “Innovation Bridge Trieste – Dubai 2020, UNIDO ITPO Italy, jointly with UNIDO ITPO Bahrain ad GMIS Team, organized, between December 16th to 18th, a mission to the United Arab Emirates for an institutional delegation from Friuli Venezia Giulia region.

Based on UNIDO ITPO Italy recognized expertise on nexus between innovation and industry, the Friuli Venezia Giulia region delegation met in U.A.E. many interesting local stakeholders operating in open innovation, start-ups, entrepreneurship and academy, to illustrate ESOF 2020 as well as the opportunities offered by the Regional Scientific System. It was also useful to promote the creation of synergies between the events of ESOF Trieste 2020 and EXPO Dubai 2020.

Moreover, ITPO Italy and ITPO Bahrain met at EXPO Dubai 2020 premises the Vice President, Content and Programming and discussed about a series of activities to develop before and during EXPO 2020.
On January 26th and 27th, Mrs. Diana Battaggia, Head of UNIDO ITPO Italy, participated in the Expanded Board of Directors Meeting and the Board of Directors Retreat, held in Vienna in order to give a way forward for actions in 2018 as the basis for the preparation of work plans of all departments, divisions and offices.

During the meeting, the Director General remarked on the management objectives for 2018, such as “integration and scale-up”, expecting that it would maximize impact, harness synergies, move towards large-scale projects, knowledge and technology transfer, networking and industrial cooperation.
From May 7th to 9th, the “Waterfirst!” Initiative took place in Milan. This initiative was promoted by Seeds&Chips, the Global Food Innovation Summit, in collaboration with the National Research Council (CNR), The Italian Institute of Technology (IIT), and UNIDO ITPO Italy. It was an international competition, launched to identify the most innovative technology and ideas to solve the problem of sustainable water management, the most urgent challenge the world will face in the near future.

In just two months, “WaterFirst!” received an overwhelming number of applications from all over the world, demonstrating both the urgency of the theme and global scale of the problem of water management: proposals came in from the Americas to the Middle East, and from Africa to Europe. The 65 proposals selected to advance to jury consideration were published on the Seeds&Chips platform to share their work on developing intelligent methods and sustainable practices to meet the challenges of water conservation, pollution, waste, and sanitation.

The final 5 projects received a hospitality package for travel and accommodation to facilitate their participation in the Summit. Finally, the best project received a monetary award. Along with this cash prize, a special award dedicated to and named for Ambassador Giorgio Giacomelli was given to the winner of the WaterFirst!
The Vienna Energy Forum 2018 took place from May 14th to 16th at the Vienna International Center. The Forum organized by UNIDO, the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (BMEIA), the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL), gathered over 430 leaders from governments, civil society, international organizations and the private sector.

In this framework, UNIDO ITPO Italy facilitated a bilateral meeting between the Special Adviser on Strategy and Financing Development at the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, Dr. Roberto Ridolfi and UNIDO DG Li Yong. The occasion was useful to discuss about the activities of the FAO Investment Center to establish relations with major Investment Banks that finance the SDGs.
From June 4th to 6th UNIDO ITPO Italy attended the ITPO Heads Meeting, held in Tokyo, Japan. The annual appointment gathered together the Heads of the 9 UNIDO ITPO, to present their planned and future activities, and discuss about the new strategies for the entire network.

UNIDO ITPO Italy, within the framework of its various activities concerning different sectors, dedicated a strategic focus on food and agriculture innovation issues. It is a path that began in EXPO Milano 2015, where UNIDO ITPO Italy launched the 1st International Award “Innovative Ideas and Technologies in Agribusiness” and which will lead the office to take a leading role also in Dubai 2020.
Within the framework of the activities carried out by the office in following up the 2 successful editions of the International Award on Agribusiness (in occasion of EXPO Milano 2015 and Seeds&Chips 2017), and in line with the UNIDO focus on the nexus startup/innovation/youth in Developing Countries, ITPO Italy has been involved as mentor and advisor for many incubators, accelerators and stakeholders operating in food tech and agricultural innovation, opening interesting windows and opportunities in Developing Countries on these issues.

Focus on:
A significant reason behind Developing Countries’ weak productivity is the low rate of innovation, so the office is committed to boost the rates of adoption and adaptation of existing cutting-edge technologies in agribusiness. ITPO Italy paves the way to create the perfect match between innovation and local needs on agribusiness in Developing Countries with the aim of opening up new ways of modernizing value chains in an inclusive manner.

StartupBootCamp Demo Day
On January 25th UNIDO ITPO Italy participated to the Demo Day, the culmination of a program of scouting and selection managed by StartupBootCamp FoodTech, a global and independent accelerator program and the only one of its kind to attract industry-wide support.

Over 250 pitches have been presented to international investors, executives, experts, and selected mentors, including UNIDO ITPO Italy.

Official launch of Food Innovation Global Mission by Future Food Institute
On April 10th, UNIDO ITPO Italy participated as keynote speaker to the press conference organized by the Future Food Institute in Rome to launch the Global Mission 2018, the most important tool included in the Food Innovation Program, a second level Master’s conceived by the Future Food Institute.

The program now in its third edition involves young professionals and researchers from all over the world; it includes a period of preparatory study in Italy and a 60-day mission where the students are called upon to examine some of the most important Food Innovation Hubs in the world.

This year the mission started from Wageningen University & Research, one of the most important university in the world focused on agribusiness, with more than 3500 researchers operating in many fields strategic also for food safety & security issues in Developing Countries.

ITPO Italy had the occasion to deliver a speech presenting the most important challenges coming from Developing Countries that could be faced through food innovation best practices, as well as launching the 3rd edition of the UNIDO ITPO Italy International Award “Innovative Ideas and Technologies in Agribusiness” to be organized in 2019 in collaboration with the Future Food Institute.

As agriculture remains the backbone of economic activity and employment in most Developing Countries, food tech and agricultural innovation are strategic drivers to unlock the untapped potential and catalyze a new generation of investment opportunities that leverage the ability of many countries to leapfrog into the future.

ITPO Italy participated to the Future Agro Challenge during the Global Agripreneurs Summit 2018
From April 14th to 16th, UNIDO ITPO Italy was invited to participate as speaker to the Global Agripreneurs Summit in Istanbul, which involved many startups and institutional stakeholders involved in innovative projects and programmes for Developing Countries.

UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the main panel discussion on the future of agriculture with policymakers, agripreneurs and impact makers. This session included policy makers such as the Chair of the UN Committee of Food & Security, the President of the World Farmers Organization, Representation from the EU, among others.

Moreover, ITPO Italy representative was included in the jury selection of the Future Agro Challenge Global Championships, evaluating from the 50 finalists the top 14 to pitch on stage.

This initiative aimed to further promote ideas, initiatives and proposals that could bring forward result-oriented policies for the positive advancement of agri-food innovation in Developing Countries.
ITPO Italy intervened in the Live Shows at SMAU Bologna and Milano

On June 7th and on October 24th, UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in two legs of SMAU Roadshow, the international exhibition on innovation and technology, the reference event for the innovation sector in which institutions, companies and start-ups meet in order to set the basis for future collaborations.

In the first leg in Bologna, ITPO staff intervened at the round table “The agri-food sector and the innovation of excellence”. The occasion was useful to illustrate its activities and ongoing projects in the field of agro-industry and food innovation, aimed at improving the quality of food safety and hygiene in Developing Countries, in particular Mozambique, West Africa and Myanmar, through the promotion of investment opportunities with a view to establishing potential commercial partnerships.

The round table allowed UNIDO ITPO Italy to confirm its role in the field of agribusiness; if it is usual to talk about innovative models in the agro-industrial sector only for industrialized countries, the commitment of the office is to promote innovative ideas creating inclusive and sustainable value also for Developing Countries.

During the second leg in Milan, ITPO Italy participated in a panel with the aim of presenting experiences related to tradition and innovation, advanced technologies linked to nature and environment, protection of the brand and quality.

Round table “Measuring Sustainability to Create Value” organized by ANGA

On June 8th, UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the round table “Measuring sustainability to create value” in Rome, in the framework of an event organized for the 60th Anniversary of ANGA - “Giovani di Confagricoltura”, one of the most important Italian association of young agricultural entrepreneurs.

Sustainability and innovation were the topics of the conference, on which UNIDO ITPO Italy operates promoting investments, technology transfer and know-how in the target countries, with the aim of fostering both sustainable development and economic growth.

The event was an opportunity to discuss the challenges and the perspective that the agro-industry sector presents in Developing Countries and how it has stimulated awareness of UNIDO’s work in this area.

UNIDO ITPO Italy took part to the Dutch and Japanese legs of the FFI Food Innovation Global Mission 2018

UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in two legs of the Food Innovation Global Mission, the first one in Netherlands on May and the second one in Japan on June. The occasions were useful to present ITPO Italy efforts in the food innovation and agricultural tech, as well as the forthcoming activities in this field, to many potential partners such as Google Food and Wageningen University & Research.

FFI is an ecosystem that makes food innovation a key tool to face the great challenges of the future, speaking to the world, and enhancing the existing territory starting from Italy. An ecosystem whose soul is focused on education: Future Food Institute is a non-profit trust that, thanks to strategic global partnerships, has given life to the international Food Innovation Program Master’s, now in its third edition: Food Innovation Global Mission, Summer School, Young Talent Academy, laboratories for primary schools and executive workshops.

The mission was a great deep dive into research, innovation and the business world. Food innovation is a powerful leverage for competitiveness of companies, startups and territories. It is a way to empower women, farmers and design communities around food and its traditions. It means research and insights, glimpses of the future. It means to valorize cultures and provide a new mindset for the populations, this is one of the reason why we consider food innovation among our strategic focuses in our office.
Selection Days of StartupBootCamp FoodTech

UNIDO ITPO Italy participated as Mentor to the Selection Days of StartupBootCamp FoodTech, held in Rome on July 26th, within the framework of the activities carried out by the office as a follow-up of the International Award on Agribusiness. StartupBootCamp FoodTech is an accelerator focused on foodtech that supports early-stage tech founders to rapidly scale their companies by providing direct access to an international network of the most relevant mentors, partners, and investors in their industry; it empowers food innovators to become the future leaders of the agriculture and food industries.

During this 3-days event, from July 25th to 27th, more than 100 highly qualified mentors including ITPO Italy coached, evaluated and ranked the top 20 teams out of the hundred applications received from all around the world.

Maker Faire – Panel on Future Food for Climate Change

UNIDO ITPO Italy participated at Maker Faire 2018, international showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness, and a celebration of the Maker Movement, held in Rome on October 14th.

During the event, ITPO Italy delivered a speech entitled “Challenges and solutions in the link between Food Innovation and Climate Change in Developing Countries”, with the aim to promote innovative technologies and disruptive solutions for Developing Countries in the nexus between climate change and agribusiness. The focus was on the relationship between causes and effects: agriculture and food systems are partly responsible for climate change, but they are also both part of the solution. Furthermore, the office paved the way for the launch of the International Award dedicated to innovative ideas and technologies in agribusiness, which will be held in 2019.

Enhance the relationships with ITPO Shanghai – focus on food innovation

On October 16th, in the framework of the collaboration within ITPO network, UNIDO ITPO Italy hosted in its premises Ms. Xiaolei Zhao, Head of UNIDO ITPO Shanghai.

The scope of the visit was to exchange information about ITPO Italy’s activities and best practices, in a spirit of cooperation between ITPO offices.

In this occasion, UNIDO ITPO Italy also favored the organization of a dedicated visit to the HQs of Future Food Institute and FICO Eataly World in Bologna, paving the way for the fruitful relationships that led to the opening of a branch of FFI within the Center for Excellences supported by ITPO Shanghai.

Second Italian Arab Business Forum – ITPO Italy moderated a Workshop on Food Industry

On October 17th, UNIDO ITPO Italy took part in the second edition of the Italian Arab Business Forum organized by the Joint Italian Arab Chamber of Commerce - JIACC.

During the event, ITPO Italy moderated a technical panel titled: “Food Industry: Sustainable Agriculture & Food Security”, where the nexus between innovation/food and agriculture/Arab countries was depicted. Moreover, UNIDO ITPO Italy presented some data and trends related to the main food challenges faced by the Region, such as the huge growth expected for the food demand in the area, the different national strategies in the Arab countries to diversify the economy and the national industry in order to be less dependent on food import.

The aim of the initiative was to share the best innovative practices to address challenges and promote opportunities for the food industry in Arab countries.
LUISS Career Days

UNIDO ITPO Italy has renewed its participation to LUISS University’s Career Day for Social Impact Organizations, held at the University’s campus in Rome on February 22nd.

The event was organized by LUISS in order to provide to its students and recent graduates the opportunity to gather first-hand information and interact with professional staff from relevant international and social impact organizations. The fair was attended, among others, by organizations such as the World Food Programme (WFP), UN/DESA, UNHCR, IDLO and UNICRI.

Moreover, on September 22nd UNIDO ITPO Italy participated to the third edition of LUISS University Career Boot Camp. In this occasion, ITPO Italy staff taught a dedicated lecture to a group of undergraduate and graduate students, focused on how to start a professional career within the United Nations system. ITPO Italy staff provided multiple advice, also through their own professional experience, pointing to the students the importance for any civil servant working in an international environment to develop a very high standard of professionalism and values, such as integrity and respect for diversity. The participation to this initiative also allowed to provide detailed information on recruitment system and related internships opportunity within UNIDO ITPO Italy.

Conference “Migration: turning Challenges into Opportunities”

UNIDO ITPO Italy, in coordination with the UNIDO office in Brussels, participated as speaker to the Mutual Learning Workshop “Migration: turning challenges into opportunities” held on March 13th at the European Commission Office in Rome.

UNIDO focuses on strengthening the migration-development nexus because Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development (ISID) can be an effective measure to directly or indirectly prevent and mitigate negative consequences of migration.

The initiative, which represented an interesting occasion to compare ideas, experiences and solutions to stimulate discussion and mutual learning on migration issues, was funded by the European Commission and under the patronage of the European Commission, Directorate General for Migration and Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

The workshop hosted Italian and international experts, representing organizations and projects such as OIS, THE NODE, European Commission, World Health Organization (WHO), AMREF, and many others.

International Career Day 2018

On March 26th, UNIDO ITPO Italy renewed its participation to the Rome International Careers Festival, held at the UNINT University (Rome University of International Studies), in order to provide to the international students and recent graduates the opportunity to gather first-hand information and interact with professional staff from relevant international organizations. The event was attended, among others, by organizations such as UNESCO, UNICEF and UN/DESA.

During the Career fair, UNIDO ITPO Italy staff had the opportunity to disseminate information and raise awareness on the organization’s mandate and activities, and to illustrate the framework and procedures of its Internship Programme, dedicated to students and recent graduates.
Favoring the relations between Croce Rossa Italiana and Dmeco engineering

As part of its mandate, UNIDO ITPO Italy assisted on April 16th a delegation of Croce Rossa Italiana at the exhibition event organized by Interni magazine to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of its debut at FuoriSalone.

In particular, UNIDO ITPO Italy supported the meeting with Dmeco Engineering srl, a company from Puglia region specialized in the manufacture of containers for soundproofing. In the framework of Fuorisalone, Dmeco set up an experimental installation designed in collaboration with the architect Piero Lissoni and the Lissoni associate study. The installation envisages the assembly of twelve overlapping containers as a vertical sculpture, suggesting an abstract concept of habitation, with the intense colors of the Haitian houses.

UNIDO ITPO Italy considered the mobile container project created by Dmeco Engineering as a great solution for an ongoing program in the region of Haiti, which would consider the construction of boxes for the local communities, but also adaptable to other Developing Countries for different purposes (e.g. field hospital, recovery, etc.).

Croce Rossa Italiana showed interest for the technology created by Dmeco, paving the way for further collaborations and applications in the medical-health field.

Conference “A Just Transition to New Sources of Energy: Technologies, Costs, Geopolitics”

On June 8th, UNIDO ITPO Italy attended the conference “A Just Transition to New Sources of Energy: Technologies, Costs, Geopolitics” concerning the transition to a society free from fossil fuels organized by the Foundation for European Progressive Studies (FEPS) and Fondazione Pietro Nenni at the Hall Parliamentino of the National Council of Economy and Labor in Rome.

In particular, the office took part in the round table entitled “Geopolitics of the transition to new energies” presenting ITPO Italy vision and the framework of UNIDO’s energy strategy and initiatives to support renewable energy and energy efficiency projects in Developing Countries. In this framework, some global initiatives have been presented such as the Private Financing Advisory Network (PFAN) and Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC).

The conference represented an important gathering on the current situation regarding the future of energy, helping to define the necessary steps to achieve the transition to new sources of energy. The participation of UNIDO ITPO Italy also favored the strengthening of working relations with stakeholders interested in the activities carried out by the office.

On the path to Bridge for Cities event

From June 12th to 14th, UNIDO ITPO Italy led a delegation of UNIDO’s experts to the Friuli Venezia Giulia region, for a series of meetings with local authorities and relevant industrial stakeholders. The main purpose of the mission was to identify the urban development challenges of the city of Trieste and the region, in order to prepare the presentation of Trieste’s case study within the dedicated session on “Urban industrial symbiosis” at the 3rd Bridge for Cities event scheduled in October 2018.
Conference “Stati Generali della Piccola Impresa e delle Professioni”

On July 5th, the Head of UNIDO ITPO Italy, Mrs. Diana Battaggia, took part as speaker in the 2nd Edition of “Stati Generali della Piccola Impresa e delle Professioni” titled “The Italian real economy reacts, faces, and launches its proposals”, promoted by Valore Impresa and held at Teatro Eliseo in Rome.

Around thousand participants among entrepreneurs, economists, experts as well as politicians, took part in the event. Several topics have been discussed, with particular attention to taxation, market rules and credit with the scope to suggest and make proposals in order to relaunch the small national enterprises.

Mrs. Diana Battaggia highlighted how the enhancement of the Italian know-how in the Developing Countries could offer key opportunities to small firms. She also mentioned the relevant centrality assumed in the current international scenario by the private sector as a driving force for the development in the most growing areas of the world.

Mrs. Battaggia received the Innovation Leader Award

On December 14th, Mrs. Diana Battaggia, Head of UNIDO ITPO Italy, received the Innovation Leader Award from the National Association of Young Innovators (ANGI), during the ceremony held in the Camera dei Deputati, in Rome.

The prize was created to give a recognition to the best initiatives of Italian innovators, with the purpose to promote social excellence, scientific and technological research, education and culture, entrepreneurship and digital innovation.
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**UNIDO ITPO Italy**

**Italy organizes seminar on green neighborhoods**

BERLINO, MAY 9th - In the context of the collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, **UNIDO ITPO Italy** organized a technical seminar in Lebanon on green neighborhoods, focused on six main topics: green neighborhoods and cities, green buildings, green open spaces and green areas, sustainable urban transport, sustainable water-energy-food, and waste disposal. The seminar was held in Berlin, in cooperation with the Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation (LCEC), local counterpart of IMELS in the project, jointly implemented with UNIDO ITPO Italy.

**OCCE**

**Il governo libanese 'studia' la filiera della pelle**

La conferenza di Sonia Croce sull'oro (Polo), ma anche sulla pelliccia di Scandicci (Firenze), due distretti strategic della Toscana, vista specialmente la filiera della pelle, sorse all'intenzione di una delegazione del governo libanese, ha visto i tedeschi con i loro progetti di costruzione e rinforzo del distretto del cuoio italiano. L'evento è comunque promosso dall'UNIDO ITPO Italy.

**Trieste-Shanghai: di Verso il mare ma stessi porti, Italia e Cina**

Un'installazione e una mostra fotografica su Nuova Via della Seta in via di sviluppo... ha visto un incontro dei rappresentanti dell'Organizzazione Unita delle Nazioni Unite che si occupa di promozione di tecnologia.
A ROMA IL SEMINARIO SULLE OPPORTUNITÀ DI INVESTITMENTO NEI SETTORI ENERGETICO ED AMBIENTALE IN IRAN

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ROMA 05/05 - La giornata, a seguito dell’apertura del Banco Mondiale a Roma, ha visto un seminario sulle opportunità di investimenti nei settori energetico ed ambientale in Iran, con particolare attenzione alla gestione dei finanziamenti per la produzione di energia dai rifiuti.

La giornata è stata organizzata da AISE (Italian Association for International cooperation and Development) e l’Ambasciata dell’Iran a Roma e si è tenuta per la prima volta a Roma. Al termine del seminario, il presidente dell’Iran ha confermato l’apertura del Banco Mondiale a Roma per promuovere l’energia e l’ambiente in Iran.

La giornata ha visto il lancio di un nuovo progetto di investimenti in Iran, con l’obiettivo di promuovere l’energia pulita e l’ambiente. Il progetto, che prevede la costruzione di una centrale termoelettrica a gas in Iran, è stato presentato durante il seminario.

La giornata ha visto anche la partecipazione di diversi esperti, tra cui il presidente dell’Iran e il ministro dell’energia e dell’ambiente iraniano.

La giornata è stata organizzata con l’intento di promuovere l’energia pulita e l’ambiente in Iran, e di promuovere l’investimento in questo settore.
La Gazzetta del Sudfrica
Quotidiano indipendente d’informazione degli italiani del Sud Africa

Reti e sinergie del sistema italia per lo sviluppo agro-industriale dell’Etiopia

A.G.M. AIEEA. - Nell’ambito del secondo “International Agro Industry Investment Forum” organizzato dall’Etiopia per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo, il Istituto di Commercio Estero nella capitale etiopica hanno organizzato il convegno: “The Ethio - Italy private public partnership for the sustainable development of agro-industry”. Il convegno si è tenuto con il Ministro etiopico dell’Industria e con UNIDO.

IL PICCOLO
Belt and Road: Cina punta su Fvg e porto di Trieste

Trieste, 26 marzo - “Accogliamo calorosamente le aziende del Friuli Venezia Giulia per espandere il mercato cinese”. Xiu ha tracciato uno scenario improntato dalla volontà della Cina di costruire, con la Via della Setta, “una nuova fascia di collaborazione globale” all’interno dell’obiettivo generale di preservare il libero scambio e una comunità mondiale aperta. Cooperatora, economia e tolleranza tenendo conto degli interessi di entrambe le parti, queste le parole chiave di Xiu. Impegno rafforzato dalla strategia South South e dalla cooperazione triangolare UNIDO ITPO Italia, di cui il coordinatore Gong Wei Li. Lo scorso settembre a Vienna, proprio

IL GAZZETTINO.it
Innovazione: Bini, cresce Pmi Fvg passa da mercati globali

Trieste, 15 nov - “Trieste e il Friuli Venezia Giulia si stanno dimensionando realtà con una alta vocazione industriale e l’organizzazione, da parte dell’UNIDO ITPO Italy, di un panel

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Sostenibilità e qualità di vita nei paesi in via di sviluppo: Reggio Emilia, Italia e Mozambico lavorano

Il progetto Biennale “Partecipazione” fra Italia e Mozambico, in cui il Comune di Reggio Emilia è coinvolto, ha partecipato alla conferenza “Sostenibilità e qualità di vita nei paesi in via di sviluppo: Reggio Emilia, Italia e Mozambico lavorano” nell’ambito del progetto di cooperazione tra le due regioni, organizzato dall’UNIDO ITPO Italia, con la partecipazione di rappresentanti delle autorità locali e nazionali.

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Francesca Liberatore collezione autunno inverno 2018 2019: ricami e musica

Sulle passerelle di Milano Moda Donna, la stilista romana presenta una collezione autunno inverno 2018 2019 segnata anche dall’impegno di promuovere la cultura italiana e la collaborazione tra le due regioni, organizzando presso la propria sede, un incontro

Convocan a II Congreso Internacional de Mujeres Empresarias

Roma, 17 de Febrero de 2018. En la sala de conferencias de la Embajada de Cuba en Italia se hizo público esta semana la convocatoria del II Congreso Internacional de Mujeres Empresarias que se realizará los días 20 y 21 de abril de 2018, en el Palacio de Convenciones de La Habana. El II Congreso Internacional de Mujeres Empresarias fue auspiciado por instituciones como la Asociación de Mujeres Empresarias y Delictentes de Emergencia (LADEMA), por sus siglas en francés, la Oficina de la Mujer de las Naciones Unidas (UNIDO/ITPO), entre otras, acreditados
L’Orient Le Jour

ECONOMIE

Zones industrielles : rencontre entre Hajj Hassan et l’Oumadi à Rome

23/10/2018

Le ministre de l’Industrie sortant, Husseini Hajj Hassan, a rencontré hier à Rome plusieurs responsables italiens de l’Organisation des Nations unies pour le Développement industriel (Ondu) et du gouvernement italien afin de discuter du développement de trois zones industrielles au Liban (Talbeik, Terbol-Tourayra (Zahle) et Joun (Chouf)), a rapporté l’Agence nationale d’information (Ahi).

« Nous sommes réunis aujourd’hui pour rencontrer des responsables italiens, explorer le modèle italien de zones industrielles et étudier une possible future coopération dans ce domaine », a déclaré M. Hajj Hassan, qui a rappelé la contribution de l’Italie à la conférence d’Almaty, ainsi que la participation du groupe pétrolier italien ENI aux côtés du français Total et du russe Novatek à un consortium ayant signé des contrats d’exploration et de production de gaz offshore avec le gouvernement libanais en février dernier.

« Le milieu des affaires italiens s’intéresse fortement au développement des zones industrielles libanaises », a souligné Jilani Mounir, président de l’Ondu. T’IPRO, s’occupe pour « investment and technology promotion offices » en anglais, ou bureaux de promotion de l’investissement et de la technologie en italien.

Fresh Plaza

Renzo Pracchit ha partecipato a un forum internazionale

Macfruit sprunge per una collaborazione con l’Africa

Per Macfruit, Africa non è una parola con cui riempire la bocca ai convegni, ma una realtà da conoscere e contribuire a crescere. Nel concreto, sono in programma nuove missioni: la prima in Ghana (30 ottobre-2 novembre), a cui seguiranno Mozambico e Zambia (11 novembre-dicembre) in collaborazione con UNIDO ITPO Italy, l’agenzia delle Nazioni Unite per lo sviluppo industriale, mentre nel 2019, in collaborazione con Iice Agenzia, si svolgerà una missione in Angola.

Libano, l’Italia protagonista all’International Beirut Energy Forum

- 27 Agosto 2018

Ica Agenzia, in collaborazione con il Ministero dell’Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio e del Mare, UNIDO ITPO Italy e con l’associazione di collega Anima ControIndustria Meccanica Veris, promuove la partecipazione italiana alla IX edizione dell’International Beirut Energy Forum – IBEF 2018, in programma a.

L’evento è stato organizzato da Fondazione Pietro Nenni e Foundation for European Progressive Studies.

Sono intervenuti: Tiziano Treu (presidente del CNE), Charlotte Billingham (executive advisor ai FEPS), Davide Tabarreti (presidente di Nomisma Energia), Corrado Clini (professore), Said El Khadraoui (consigliere del Centro di Strategia Politica Europea della Commissione Europea), Luigi Michi (responsabile della Divisione Strategia e Sviluppo di Tema S.P.A), Jesse Scott (vice segretario generale di Europol), Paolo Cezzi (direttore generale di Info Camere), Andrea Villa (vice presidente di Eurelectric), Luigi Troiani (professore), Lorenzo Aldighieri (senatore di UNIDO ITPO Italia), Robert Andre (direttore generale del Ministero dell’Ambiente e dell’Energia).

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Le sfide dell’alimentazione e della tecnologia: torna Seeds&Chips

È il congresso dell’Internet of Food. Come si far? Bisogna cambiare approccio, ripensare la catena. Ovviamente grazie alla tecnologia. La conferma arriva dalle parole di Diana Battaglia, direttore UNIDO ITPO Italiani. “In un mondo dove l’agricoltura dovrà essere sempre più produttiva ed efficiente – ha
L’Ambasciatore Conticelli e il Ministro dell’Agricultura del Mozambico aprono a Maputo l’evento MacFrut 2019, con UNIDO ITPO Italia, Presidente Fiera Piraccini e Consorzio di circa 30 imprese italiane.

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Oportunidade per le imprese del territorio in Africa, Asia e Medio Oriente.

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Le unione alla costruzione di un futuro sostenibile attraverso la rete di partnership e la cooperazione interaziendale.

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Milano Fashion Week: Francesca Liberatore, in passaporto esperienza con UNIDO in Pakistan

Claudia Luredtia added 2 new photos — with Sara Zucchi.
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20 October 2018.

An exceptional experience for the Libanese Delegation at the tourism district of Santa Catarina, with guided tours and professional staff.

GMIS
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The discussion on innovation, competitiveness and Industry 4.0 under the aegis of the GMIS. The event was organised by @UNIDO and the @GMISummit, in cooperation with @regioneVVG, @AreaSciencePark, World Trade Centre Trieste, and the @ITPO_Italy.
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<td>Addis Ababa, Ethiopia</td>
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<td>Presentation of fishery projects</td>
<td>Reggio Calabria, Italy</td>
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<td>CSW Side Event “Economic empowerment for rural women in the MENA region”</td>
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<td>Mission in Mozambique to meet private and institutional stakeholders</td>
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<td>Agro-industry</td>
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<td>Presentation of Seeds&amp;Chips 2018</td>
<td>Rome, Italy</td>
<td>Agtech/foodtech</td>
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<td>Apr 14-16, 2018</td>
<td>Global Agripreneur Summit</td>
<td>Istanbul, Turkey</td>
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<td>Meeting between the Italian Red Cross and DMECO srl</td>
<td>Milano, Italy</td>
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<td>III International Workshop of Women Entrepreneurs</td>
<td>La Havana, Cuba</td>
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<td>May 7-10, 2018</td>
<td>Seeds &amp; Chips 2018</td>
<td>Milano, Italy</td>
<td>Agtech/foodtech</td>
<td>Conference/Fair</td>
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<td>May 8, 2018</td>
<td>Launch of the Project “Innovation Bridge 2020”</td>
<td>Trieste, Italy</td>
<td>Innovation</td>
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<td>ITPO intervention as speaker</td>
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<td>May 8-10, 2018</td>
<td>Institutional Mission of the Mozambican Vice Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</td>
<td>Milano, Rimini, Parma, Bologna, Italy</td>
<td>Agro-industry</td>
<td>Study tour</td>
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<td>May 9, 2018</td>
<td>Seminar on “Innovation in tradition for sustainable food systems - The agroecological approach”</td>
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<td>WaterFirst!</td>
<td>Milano, Italy</td>
<td>Agribusiness, Environment</td>
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<td>Macfrut</td>
<td>Rimini, Italy</td>
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<td>Trade Fair/Study Tour</td>
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<td>Future Food Institute Global Mission to Wageningen</td>
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<td>May 23, 2018</td>
<td>“Increasing the contribution of women to economic growth and prosperity: Creating an enabling environment”</td>
<td>St. Petersburg, Russia</td>
<td>Women empowerment</td>
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<td>May 28-Jun 1, 2018</td>
<td>IPACK-Ima</td>
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<td>Visit of Ghana Embassy to DMECO</td>
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<td>Jun 7, 2018</td>
<td>SMAU Bologna</td>
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<td>Event for the 60 years of ANGA - Conagricoltura</td>
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<td>Conference on New Sources of Energy</td>
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<td>Jun 12-13, 2018</td>
<td>UNIDO Hq delegation to Trieste</td>
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<td>Jun 18-22, 2018</td>
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<td>Visit of Iranian Delegation to Italy</td>
<td>Rome, Italy</td>
<td>Renewable energy, Environment</td>
<td>Round Table/Conference</td>
<td>7 participants</td>
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<td>Stati Generali della Piccola Impresa e delle Professioni</td>
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<td>Selection Days of StartupBootCamp FoodTech</td>
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<td>FACIM International Trade Fair of Maputo</td>
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<td>Beirut, Lebanon</td>
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<td>The Women4Mediterranean Conference</td>
<td>Lisbon, Portugal</td>
<td>Women empowerment</td>
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<td>3rd annual “BRIDGE for Cities” event</td>
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<td>&quot;II Italian Arab Business Forum Panel on Food&quot;</td>
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<td>&quot;Italia Africa Business Week Roundtable on energy&quot;</td>
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<td>Study tour with Botswana delegation on Biogas solutions</td>
<td>Rome, Lazio Region, Lodi, Padova, Italy</td>
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<td>7 participants</td>
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<td>Emilia Romagna, Lombardia, Veneto regions, Italy</td>
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<td>Innovation Leader Award - National Association of Young Innovators (ANGI)</td>
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