



“UNIDO’s role is to advocate and promote the quality policy dialogue and involve government practitioners with moving the Agenda 2030 forward.”

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Good governance in developing modern quality infrastructure systems

Setting up a Quality Infrastructure (QI) system is one of the most positive and practical steps that a developing nation can take on the path forward to developing a thriving economy as a basis for prosperity, health and well-being. A fundamental component of the QI system is that of governance. The leading role in setting up a QI system is played by the country’s government, which gives the initial impetus and is ultimately responsible for ensuring that the QI system fulfils policy objectives, meets the country’s needs, conforms to international standards and best practice, and complies with world trade rules.

UNIDO’S APPROACH

One of UNIDO’s mandates is to help countries achieve good governance and sustainability of quality infrastructures. The project’s main goal is help build an effective, efficient quality infrastructure and technical regulations framework. This goal will be achieved through building capacity and increasing awareness among developing country policy makers and the private sector on the importance of the design and implementation of an effective and efficient National and Regional Quality Policies. Building on UNIDO’s expertise, the Organization decided to standardize its knowledge to help them improve their quality Infrastructure and technical regulation frameworks.

IMPACT

UNIDO, in collaboration with its technical partners, developed a set of three guiding documents, consisting of a Quality Policy Guiding Principles, Quality Policy Technical Guide and Quality Policy Practical Tool.

Achievements of this project are: International Quality Infrastructure Forum on the “Contribution of Quality Infrastructure to Sustainable Development” organized in cooperation with the African Union Commission (AUC); Three QP publications and one on the contribution of QI to SDGs; Series of case studies from National and Regional level identified and reflected in the Quality Policy Guiding Principles Document; Expert Group Meetings and side events; Production of a video on “Good Governance in developing modern quality infrastructure systems.”

In particular, the International QI Forum was a high level dialogue on the linkages between QI and SDGs as well as the Africa Agenda 2063; to sustainable and inclusive industrial development, and the Third Industrial Development Decade for Africa (IDDA III). The Forum brought together around 140 participants from across Europe and Africa, including representatives of international quality

infrastructure governance bodies and practitioners as well as stakeholders representing international, national and regional authorities, industry, civil society and academia to illustrate the multiple enabling roles, which QI assumes in ongoing national and international efforts to promote SDGs and sustainability.

WAY FORWARD

UNIDO’s Quality Policy Programme completes the whole cycle of policy development: from inception and strategic planning to design, awareness raising, implementation and monitoring. This work will provide policymakers and QI practitioners with a set of experience-based quality policy guiding principles to design and develop robust, holistic, and demand-driven QI systems; it will also allow countries to adapt and tailor their policy to their specific needs and to help them find holistic and need-driven solutions to facilitate integration into global markets.

AT A GLANCE

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