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RE: UNIDO-UNHCR Private Sector Mission to Kenya, second half of 2020 (dates tbc)

The UNIDO Investment and Technology and Promotion Office (ITPO) Germany and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Kenya are cordially inviting you to join a **Private Sector Mission to Kenya** in the **second half of 2020**. The originally envisaged date for the mission in June 2020 has to be postponed due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis. **As soon as the situation stabilizes, we will inform interested companies and partners of the precise date for the mission.**

Kenya is currently hosting almost **half a million refugees and asylum seekers**, approximately **90% of whom reside in the Dadaab camps in Garissa County and the Kakuma camps and the Kalobeyei settlement in Turkana County**. UNHCR, in line with the principles of the [Global Compact on Refugees \(GCR\)](#) and in collaboration with the Government of Kenya and other partners, is implementing innovation-oriented projects that benefit both the refugees and the communities that host them, improving their living standards and offering them livelihoods opportunities. The UNIDO ITPO Germany aims to support these efforts by enabling private sector actors to explore opportunities in the refugee-hosting areas.

The visit will therefore include meetings at three levels:

- 1) **Nairobi:** Meetings with potential business partners in Kenya, national policymakers and relevant international organisations and UN entities (UNHCR, WFP, UNIDO, UN-HABITAT, GIZ, World Bank / IFC etc.)
- 2) **Turkana and Garissa Counties:** Meetings in Lodwar and Garissa with representatives of the County Government, private sector operators and potential partners for projects at the county level
- 3) **Refugee camps:** Field visits to the Kakuma camps and Kalobeyei settlement in Kakuma, and the Dadaab camps in Garissa

The mission will focus on five priority sectors, based on the needs and opportunities in the areas of interest:

1. **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY** for refugees, host communities, UNHCR and other organisations operating in the refugee-hosting areas
2. **AGRIBUSINESS**, agricultural value chains, including cool chain solutions
3. **WATER / SANITATION**, water supply, irrigation, WASH

4. **INFRASTRUCTURE**, with a focus on shelter, construction, construction materials and waste management
5. **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT & (LIGHT) MANUFACTURING**, innovative ways of combining training and skills development with value chain development

Please find attached a **draft agenda** for the mission. The precise sequence and contents of the agenda will be further refined, based on the needs and interests of the participants.

To register, kindly fill out the **registration form**, also attached. Please note that the participation is **flexible** and **modular**, i.e. mission members can decide which parts of the trip they want to attend.

UNIDO ITPO Germany will support qualified companies and participants by **fully covering the costs and logistical arrangements for local flights, transport and accommodation in the Turkana and Garissa Counties, including in the UNHCR compounds**. The selection of participants will be based on the relevance and applicability of their technologies, their investment and business models and their capacity to promote inclusive and sustainable industrial development in Kenya, particularly in the challenging environment of Turkana and Garissa Counties. Corporates, SMEs, social entrepreneurs, innovators, impact investors and consultants with relevant project portfolios and contacts, especially from Germany and other European countries, are encouraged to apply.

Participants will be provided with targeted information on their sector and travel itineraries, as well as practical advice closer to the date of the mission. In the meantime, those interested are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the recent UNHCR report on the [Kenya Comprehensive Refugee Program \(KCRP\) 2019-2020](#) in order to understand better the needs of the areas that the mission will visit and the opportunities available.

This strategic project is the first step towards setting up **a platform connecting multiple UN agencies, financing institutions and private sector players in the context of a more inclusive and integrative approach to fostering economic and social development and improving the prospects of millions of refugees and their host communities**. We appreciate your support and encourage you to share this invitation with other interested parties.

Kindly address any questions or suggestions to Mr. Michael Schmidt, Expert for Investment and Technology Promotion at the UNIDO ITPO Germany (m.schmidt@unido.org) and contact person for this mission.

Enclosed:

- Draft Agenda
- Registration Form