WORLD MANUFACTURING FORUM 2018: COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN WMF AND UNIDO SIGNED

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During the WMF annual meeting the World Manufacturing Foundation signed a cooperation agreement with UNIDO, the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation, which aims to promote sustainable industrial development, particularly in developing countries and in countries with economies in transition.

After the success of the first day, during which the WMF Report on manufacturing was presented, the second day was marked by a speech from Li Yong, Director General of UNIDO, as a testimony of the cooperation agreement signed between the World Manufacturing Foundation and UNIDO.

Mr. Yong, and the President of the World Manufacturing Foundation, Alberto Ribolla, announced the content of this strategic agreement which aims to:

1. Promote a common global agenda on technological innovation for inclusive and sustainable industrial development;

2. Collaborate in the following areas: the agenda for the annual or multi-annual WMF; the WMF Report; joint activities to foster ISID to advance the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

Mr. Yong noted that he was very pleased to speak at the World Manufacturing Forum given the strong cooperation and partnership that UNIDO has formed with WMF. "The World Manufacturing Forum has a similar mandate to UNIDO’s mission of promoting inclusive and sustainable industrial development, as it also convenes stakeholders involved in industrialisation on a global scale. [To this end] partnerships with multilateral organisations such as WMF will be beneficial to [UNIDO’s] efforts, given the necessity of leveraging knowledge networks and thought leadership for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals." said Mr. Yong.

The second day opened with the presentation of the winning video of the World Manufacturing Forum Video Contest: ‘Here and now’ by Simon Rivera, video artist from the USA. The winner has been awarded the five-thousand euro prize and a statuette bearing ADI design.

During the day’s plenary sessions, numerous speakers from national and international institutions took of the stage of the Villa Erba. Speakers included: Giulio Centemero, Pichet Durongkaveroj, Minister of Digital Economy and Society of Thailand, Carlos Magarinos, Ambassador to the Embassy of Argentina in Brazil, Vincenzo Boccia, President of Confindustria, Carlo Ferro, President of STMicroelectronics Italy, Flemming Besenbacher, Chairman, Carlsberg, Ilijana Vavan, GM Europe Kaspersky, Fabio Barsotti, Executive Vice President, Leonardo.
Several themes were discussed during the second day of the World Manufacturing Forum including: 'Manufacturing as a Powerhouse for Emerging Countries', 'Role of Financial Investments in Manufacturing Development', 'Resource Aware Manufacturing: A Circular Economy to Satisfy Sustainable Development Goals', 'Artificial Intelligence and Cyber Industrial Revolution: Shaping the Factory of the Future'.

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