



UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

Vision

UNIDO was established in 1966, became a specialized agency of the United Nations in 1985 and is responsible for promoting Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in developing countries and in economies in transition.

The “Lima Declaration”, adopted by UNIDO’s Member States on 2nd December 2013, charts UNIDO’s development priorities and places emphasis on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development. The Declaration is going to shape the future operations, spirit and direction of UNIDO for many years to come.



Improve energy efficiency in brick making.

The global community finds itself at a critical juncture. While poverty is still a central challenge, now we have effective means to eradicate poverty within the next generation.



Improve energy efficiency in cement production.

Poverty is a complex phenomenon with many dimensions that go far beyond low-income levels. Finding the right responses in each context thus requires concerted efforts across the spectrum of development cooperation, so as to achieve better livelihoods for the poor.

Work in Iran

The UNIDO Country Office in Iran was established in 1999. It supports the government to shape an Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development plan by assisting ministries, governmental bodies, the private sector and research institutes to design and implement their programme.

UNIDO’s programme in Iran is shaped to support Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development. It thus focuses on reducing the environmental impact of the industrial activities and on reducing poverty by creating employment opportunities.

The programme is built around three strategic areas:

1. Small and medium enterprises development.



Improve standard and packaging in the saffron sector.

2. Resource-efficient and low-carbon industrial production/Green Industry.
3. Environment and climate-change.

UNIDO works directly with the private sector, as well as governmental bodies, to address sustainable industrial development in small, medium and also in big enterprises. It provides a broad package of services ranging from resources and energy efficiency, to technology transfer, to value chain development, to marketing and trade capacity building.

UNIDO also assists Iran in building its capacity to implement multilateral environmental agreements, such as the Montreal Protocol, on the phasing-out of ozone-depleting substances, the



Phase-out Ozone Depleting Substances in insulating polyurethane foam production.

Stockholm Convention, on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), in an effort to address global environmental issues.

UNIDO's ability to create synergies between green industry and job creation, and the efforts to address environmental concerns has allowed UNIDO to secure a special position within the implementing agencies of the multilateral environmental agreements.

UNIDO also supports the Computer Model for Feasibility Analysis and Reporting (COMFAR). The latest version, COMFAR III, has proven to be a valuable tool for the analysis of investment projects. The COMFAR package is available in Iran through the UNIDO Field Office in Tehran.