

## American industrialization

Industrial development is of critical importance for sustained and inclusive economic growth in African countries. Industry can enhance productivity, increase the capabilities of the workforce, and generate employment, by introducing new equipment and new techniques. Industrialization, with strong linkages to domestic economies, will help African countries achieve high growth rates, diversify their economies and reduce their exposure to external shocks. This will substantially contribute to poverty eradication through employment and wealth creation.

Within the framework of the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1991-2000), the United Nations General Assembly, in 1989, proclaimed 20 November "Africa Industrialization Day" ([A/RES/44/237](#)). Since then, the United Nations System has held events on that day throughout the world to raise awareness about the importance of Africa's industrialization and the challenges faced by the continent.

Compared to the second quarter of 2020, growth estimates - based on limited data availability for African countries - indicate a stable expansion of manufacturing output of 17.8 %. By contrast, a year ago, output dropped by 17.1 %, as COVID-19 forced many countries to impose containment measures.

In the current quarter, an expansion of manufacturing output was recorded in many African countries, such as South Africa (39.3 %), Rwanda (30.2 %), Senegal (22.6 %) and Nigeria (4.6 %).

Ethiopia is an example of how industrialization can create jobs and improve livelihoods without damaging the environment. According to Lelise Neme, Commissioner of the Ethiopian Investment Commission and former Chief Executive Officer of Ethiopia's Industrial Parks Development Corporation, the Government has invested around \$1.3 billion in the construction of around a dozen industrial parks. The parks have attracted anchor companies from China, India, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan Province of China and the United States, and have created more than 50,000 permanent jobs, of which more than 85 per cent are held by women.<sup>2</sup>

One of the first public industrial parks built is located in Hawassa, a city in southern Ethiopia with around 300,000 inhabitants. The Hawassa Industrial Park, which opened in July 2016, is the Ethiopian Government's flagship industrial park, one that is described as Africa's first zero-emission textile industrial park, with state-of-the-art infrastructure and equipment. An Indian sewage treatment company, Arvind Envisol, is providing industrial wastewater management solutions for the park, with the intention of replicating them in all such parks. At Hawassa, 85 per cent of industrial effluent is recycled

African countries should adopt a holistic approach to industrial policy, pursuing green and clean industrialization strategies that promote equitable economic opportunities and take into account the urgency of addressing the climate crisis.

## Write the correct answer

1. Industrial development is of \_\_\_\_\_ importance for \_\_\_\_\_ economic growth in African countries.
2. What can industry do?
3. By doing what?
4. In what can industrialization, with strong linkages to domestic economies help Africa?
5. When was the Africa Industrialization Day proclaimed?
6. When it is celebrated the Africa Industrialization Day?
7. What did United Nation System did on that day?
8. How is the expansion of manufacturing output contrast to last year?
9. how much did the output dropped?
10. why did the output dropped?

## Select the correct answer

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| When was the first public industrial park located?                         | Nigeria     |
|  | Hawassa     |
|  | Rwanda      |
| How many permanent jobs industrial parks created?                          | 70,000      |
|  | 30,874      |
|  | 50,000      |
| How many inhabitants were in Hawassa                                       | 300,000     |
|  | 40,000      |
|  | 10,000      |
| How many did the Government invested in the construction industrial parks? | 1.2 billion |
|  | 1.3 million |
|  | 1.3 billion |

65%

What per cent of the industrialization jobs are held by woman

85%

79%