



Scaling Innovation Through Demonstration Projects: A2D Facility Workshop

Date: Friday 5 June 2026

Location: TBC, Manila, Philippines

Background

As highlighted in the recent United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)'s *Industrial Development Report 2026*, if current practices continue, nearly one-third of the world's population will live below the poverty line by 2050, exacerbated by the impacts of global temperature rises that will lead to more frequent and severe climate-related disasters and loss of life. Reversing this trajectory requires placing sustainable and inclusive industrialization at the core of development strategies with climate innovation a core part of driving growth, job creation and socio-economic resilience through decarbonized industrial systems, such as manufacturing, transport, power, buildings and bio-economies.

This is particularly needed in developing countries where most of the industrial growth is projected to happen and facilitating innovative and transformational projects in low- and middle-income countries are key enablers of system-wide changes. The International Energy Agency (IEA) estimates that 35% of the necessary emissions reductions need to come from technologies that are still at the demonstration stage (IEA, 2023), which underscores the critical need to accelerate the commercialization of innovative and “lighthouse” climate solutions that showcase the commercial and technical feasibility of solutions to catalyze scalability and replication.

About UNIDO and the A2D Facility

This workshop is organized by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), which is a specialized agency of the United Nations with a unique mandate to promote, dynamize and accelerate sustainable economic and industrial development. UNIDO's vision is a world without poverty and hunger, where industry drives low-emission economies, improves living standards, and preserves the environment for present and future generations, leaving no one behind.

UNIDO's mandate is reflected in Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9: “Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation”, but UNIDO's activities contribute to all the SDGs.

The Accelerate-to-Demonstrate (A2D) Facility, managed by UNIDO with funding from the UK Government, aims to accelerate the commercialization of innovative, “lighthouse” climate solutions in developing countries (as defined by countries that are eligible to receive Official Development Assistance (ODA)) through providing grant financing for the implementation of demonstration projects in critical minerals, clean hydrogen, smart energy/digitalization, and industrial and manufacturing decarbonization.



Workshop

The A2D Facility is organizing a one-day global workshop in the Philippines focused on enhancing the development of catalytic demonstration projects in ODA-eligible countries. This workshop aims to build capacity, strengthen stakeholder engagement, and raise the visibility of the A2D Facility and its opportunities.

The workshop will be of interest to a range of stakeholders in the Philippines and the wider region, such as project developers, manufacturers, utilities, industry associations, solution adopters, financiers, multilaterals, government officials and other stakeholders essential to fostering ecosystems that support project implementation and scalability in these countries.

The workshop will provide key benefits to attendees by:

- **Expanding Networks:** Connecting stakeholders with potential collaborators, project developers and financiers to create lasting partnerships on developing, implementing and scaling demonstration projects.
- **Building Knowledge and Skills:** Sharing insights, evidence and case studies on what makes a good quality demonstration project, how to facilitate catalytic impacts, and how to overcome key challenges in project implementation, commercial readiness and scalability.
- **UNIDO and the A2D Facility:** Learn more about the work of UNIDO and potential opportunities through the A2D Facility.

Tentative Programme

The current agenda is provided below:

Time	Activity
08:30 – 09:30	Breakfast Networking and Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome Remarks: - Peter Warren, A2D Facility Manager, UNIDO (Chair) - Teddy Monroy, UNIDO Country Representative, Philippines - Speaker TBC UK Government - Speaker TBC Philippines Government
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction to the Accelerate-to-Demonstrate (A2D) Facility • Focus and aims of the Accelerate-to-Demonstrate (A2D) Facility • Case studies of currently supported projects
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11:00 – 11:45	Status of key thematic areas for sustainable and inclusive industrial development:



	• Critical minerals • Industrial and manufacturing decarbonization • Clean hydrogen • Smart energy and digitalization
11:45 – 12:45	What makes good quality demonstration projects: • How to achieve “lighthouse” effects, scalability and commercial viability • How to ensure effective project management
12:45 – 14:15	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:15 – 15:15	What makes good quality demonstration projects: • How to ensure robust monitoring, reporting and dissemination • How to facilitate gender equality, social inclusion, and environmental and social safeguards
15:15 – 15:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
15:45 – 16:30	TBC
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Remarks: - Closing Remarks: Teddy Monroy, UNIDO Country Representative, Philippines - Workshop Wrap-Up, Participant Feedback Form, and Questions and Answers: Peter Warren, A2D Facility Manager, UNIDO
17:00 – 19:00	Networking Reception

Language

The working language will be English. Please note that interpretation and translation services will not be provided.

Participation

To apply for the event, please submit the online application form ([link](#)).