UNIDO PUBLISHES GUIDE TO DEVELOP AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE LABORATORY POLICY

The United Nations Development Organization (UNIDO) and the International Network on Quality Infrastructure (INetQI) are soon to launch a new guiding document on **Laboratory Policy Development**, which is a spin off and further complements policy documents already published publications namely: Guiding Principles for Quality Policy Development, the Technical and Practical Guide.

This initiative fulfils UNIDO's key purposes by enabling its normative function on standards and quality, providing policy advisory services and convening partnerships. The guidance document is a result of the strengthened partnership between UNIDO and INetQI. The guide contributes to promoting and accelerating inclusive and sustainable industrial development (ISID) to enhance the ability of the UNIDO member countries to meet market, environmental and societal needs to accelerate the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Specifically, it aims at addressing the needs related to the development and strengthening of the Laboratory Infrastructure, a key component of any Quality Infrastructure.

Drawing from UNIDO's extensive experience in Quality Infrastructure, Quality Policy development and laboratory capacity building, and on the wealth of experience and knowledge of member countries, this guiding document was designed to assist countries to establish a sustainable, fit-for-purpose, efficient and effective laboratory capability that embodies international best practices. It will also offer policymakers the necessary guidance to create fundamental conditions to ensure good governance of their quality infrastructure systems.

UNIDO in collaboration with INetQI is planning to officially launch the full publication. A sneak peek of the publication and what to expect is available in the brochure <u>Inclusive and Sustainable Laboratory Policy.pdf</u> (unido.org).

For more information on UNIDO's work on quality and laboratory policy visit the UNIDO Knowledge Hub on Quality Policy | UNIDO Knowledge Hub or contact Juan Pablo Davila on J.Davilla@unido.org