

Study Tours

DATE	LOCATION	PARTICIPANTS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
31-03/04-04/2008	Rome - Parma, Italy	Delegation of eight Algerian entrepreneurs and one representative of the Algerian Ministry of Industry and Investment Promotion.	The study tour was organized in the framework of the Cooperation and Technical Assistance Program of UNIDO HQ and the Algerian Ministry of Industry and Investment Promotion– “ <i>Renforcement des Capacités des Structures d’Appui et Assistance à la Mise à Niveau des PME de l’Industrie Agro-alimentaire en Algérie</i> ”, with the aim of facilitating business cooperation between Italian and Algerian companies in the agro-food sector (pasta, flour, biscuits, soft drinks). It consisted of institutional meetings in Rome, business-to-business meetings in Parma, and company visits.
28-30/04/2008	Biella - Bergamo - Prato, Italy	Competitiveness Pole of Monastir, Ministry of Industry	Meetings with representatives of the Italian textile districts of Biella, Bergamo and Prato.
28-30/05/2008	Rome - Bologna – Turin, Italy	8 officers from GAFI (Including the President)	The study tour, organized along with the IPU Cairo for the Egyptian General Authority for Investments (GAFI), had the specific intent of creating new linkages between Italian and the Egyptian Institution contributing to future joint activities as well as sharing of experiences and information with Italian selected institutions.
2-5/06/2008	India	1 Italian Bank and 1 Italian CONFIDI	MCGS Study Tour consisted in several conferences and seminars in 4 cities in India with the objective to promote the Italian MCGS – CONFIDI model and to the Indian Business Community institutions.
09-10/06/2008	Santa Croce, Italy	2 Representatives of IFLMEA	The ST has been an opportunity to IFLMEA to know the Santa Croce sull’Arno Industrial District on Leather Sector and to understand about the common services for the tanneries and the solution to reduce the environmental impact that the Italian District has adopted. An agreement was signed by IFLMEA and ASSOCONCIATORI in order to work together to improve best practices in the leather sector.

14-19/07/2008	Biella (textile), Florence and Montevarchi (footwear and clothing design and production) Santa Croce sull'Arno (leather) and Prato (textile).	Delegation of 3 Senior Officials of the Indian Government: Ministry of Commerce & industry, Ministry of Minority Affairs and Ministry of Micro Small & Medium Enterprises	The Study Tour has been organized to introduce the Italian industrial districts to the Indian policy makers; to share with them SMEs developing models and experiences based on a district approach; to establish direct contacts between them and many prominent Italian institutions and companies operating in the textile, fashion system, and in the leather sector as well as with Italian industrial associations.
5-6/09/2008	Vigevano/ Genoa, Italy	Secretary for the MSMEs from the Govt. of India, Mr. Dinesh Rai	To introduce the Italian industrial footwear cluster located in Vigevano and the port logistic model of Genoa and the role plays by ones of the ports country's leader in terms of cargo handling.
28 September – 7 October 2008	Rome – Rimini – Verona (Italy)	Armenia (2 Officers)	In 2008 ITPO Italy organized a study tour for two Armenian Institutions: the Institute of Stones and Silicates and; Ministry of Education and Science and National Assemble. As result of this activity, the participating trainees got acquainted with the world trends in the ceramic industry and, stone processing; presented and exchanged views with the world leading experts on new ceramic and stone based building materials; learned how to organize large international events to expand the outreach of promotional efforts of Armenian scientists and industrialists; and learned UNIDO's methodology on Investment and Technology transfer promotion.
20-25/10/2008	Ferrara, Ravenna, Parma, Turin - Italy	The presidents of 3 Senegalese agro-food export Consortia: Symbiose, Suñu and Terroir and Mr. Abdoulaye FAYE	In the framework of its project "Agro-industry Development Project – Senegal", UNIDO ITPO Italy organized a study tour, aiming to support the three Senegalese agro-food export consortia in improving their knowledge in consortia management, and in identifying channels of distribution and potential commercial/industrial partners.
24/10/2008	Santa Croce sull'Arno, Italy	Mr. Munusamy Viswanathan (Indian Delegate)	Visit to Consortium Aquarno as an innovative example of water treatment plant solution for leather clusters districts, supporting a clean environment sustainable growth.
26-27/10/2008	Padua, Fiesso d'Artico, Capriccio di Vigonza	Mr. Munusamy Viswanathan (Indian Delegate), Ms. Birkinsh Gonfa Yado (Ethiopian Delegate) and Mr. Daudi Stephano Riganda (Tanzanian Delegate)	With the scope to sustain the development of Indian, Ethiopian and Tanzanian small and medium enterprises operating in the shoe manufacturing sector, the delegates had the opportunity to visit the Politecnico Calzaturiero, A.C.Ri.B (Brenta Riviera Shoe Factory Association) and IRIS company.

30 October-9 November 2008	Bologna- Florence – Lucca, Sant’Elpidio Marche Region, Italy	14 Indian Production manager + 4 Indian trainers	The study tour was held in the different cities of Italy, mainly Marche Region that are specialized in the footwear production. The ST gave to the assistants the possibility of knowing new technologies available, possibilities for business partnerships, application of clean production technology and best practices on shoe production.
25-27/11/2008	San Romano, Santa Croce sull’Arno, Fucecchio, Firenze, Italy	Ms. Birkinesh Gonfa Yado (Ethiopian Delegate) and Mr. Daudi Stephano Riganda (Tanzanian Delegate)	With the scope to sustain the growth of Tanzanian and Ethiopian leather sector, UNIDO ITPO Italy carried out a promotional study tour in Toscana Region and met the following companies and associations: Italprogetti SpA, Centro Macchine per la Scarpa, Consorzio, Ellegi Pellami, Conceria Zabri, Biokimica LMF, Consorzio Cuoiodepur, Promotoscana. The mission aimed at establishing direct contacts with Italian companies and institutions operating in the leather and shoe sector in order promote economic relations and foreign direct investments in Tanzania and Ethiopia. Country presentations on Tanzania and Ethiopia took place at Toscana Promozione in order to highlight UNIDO ITPO project portfolios and investment climates as well.