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Key planned activities for 2016 related to housing and urban issues

Link:

- The rise of the knowledge economy has been identified as a key trend in the regional report for HABITAT III, with opportunities and challenges for cities
- CICPPP assists MS in promoting the knowledge economy

Activities:

- UN publication on innovation in the public sector
- UN publication on policies to overcome innovation adoption gaps
- Innovation for Sustainable Development – Review of Belarus
- UN High-level Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development, convened by ECOSOC, 6-7 June 2016

Proposals for cooperation

Include smart cities on the agenda of the High-level Forum on STI 4 SD?

- stimulate STI for the SDGs for the benefits of all and in particular the most vulnerable and marginalized
- connect those that have innovative solutions for the SDGs with those that need them
- optimal enabling environment for STI for SD
- incentivize users to deploy the most efficient, including new technologies

Regional monitoring and review of SDG implementation?

“Operating at the national, regional and global levels, it [the follow-up and review process] will promote accountability to our citizens, support effective international cooperation in achieving this Agenda and foster exchanges of best practices and mutual learning.”

UN General Assembly. (2015). Transforming our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

- National Innovation for SD Reviews
- HLM country profiles

