Team of Specialists on
Innovation and Competitiveness Policies

Inter-sessional implementation plan for 2016

Presentation by the secretariat

Geneva
17 December 2015
Plans for 2016 – Good Practices

Policy document for submission to the 2016 session of the Committee on Innovation, Competitiveness and PPPs based on the substantive segment of this session

Possible publication on Policies to Address Innovation Adoption Gaps

Policy conference as part of the 2016 annual meeting of TOS ICP; topic tbc
2nd Review of Belarus

- 5 years after the first review
- Preparatory mission took place in Nov 2015
- Significant progress made
- Strong commitment from the Government
Plans for 2016 – Innovation Performance Reviews

2nd Review of Belarus focus on

• measuring innovation performance
• reviewing changes since first review
• assessing role of innovation policy in promoting sustainable development
2\textsuperscript{nd} Review of Belarus

- Fact finding mission March 2016
- Draft findings & policy recommendations to be presented at CICPPP
- Final version end 2016
Plans for 2016 – Innovation Performance Reviews

- Demand for new reviews from Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan
- And for a 2nd review from Ukraine
- Expressions of interest from Montenegro, Turkmenistan
- One review to be initiated towards the end of the year
Plans for 2016 – Innovation Performance Reviews

• Given the commitments taken by all MS in the 2030 SD Agenda and
• Given the central role of innovation in achieving this agenda,
• Re-position new reviews as

“Innovation for Sustainable Development – Country Review of XXX”

With a dedicated section analyzing the country’s national SD strategy and the role of innovation policy in it
Specific considerations

- Innovation is a SDG in itself and a cross-cutting issue
- Even in current form, IPRs already relevant to SD
- Main rationale for innovation policy in general: coordination failures
- Particular challenge of innovation 4SD: steer innovation efforts to areas critical for SD => additional market failure considerations (public goods, externalities)
- Need to consider additional policy approaches
Plans for 2016 – Innovation Reviews

• Follow-up policy advisory missions to facilitate implementation of policy recommendations in:
  • Ukraine
  • Armenia
  • Tajikistan
  • Kazakhstan
Innovation for Sustainable Development

General Principles

- SDGs global but implementation 1st & foremost at national level (priorities, targets, policies)
- New emphasis on monitoring and review
- Scope for **regional** cooperation to facilitate achievement of global goals
  - Exchanges of experience, capacity building, policy advice on national strategies
  - Forum and mechanism for monitoring, review, policy learning
Innovation for Sustainable Development – Technology Facilitation Mechanism

Means of Implementation: Technology Facilitation Mechanism (Addis Ababa Action Agenda)

- Inter-Agency Task Team on Science, Technology and Innovation 4SD: to promote coherence & cooperation w/in UN (25 agencies)

- Annual Multi-Stakeholder Forum on STI: networking, discussions feeding into Global Forum on SD

- Online Platform: collecting & sharing information on existing activities on STI4SD

- UN High-Level Advisory Group on STI: to advise SG
International conference, seminar or workshop on the role of innovative entrepreneurship, jointly with the Government of Israel

Contribution to the substantive segment of the 2016 session of CICPPP, and to a joint conference with the SCTCS

Outcomes to provide an input to the 70th Anniversary Session of the ECE in 2017

Contribution to the SPECA Working Group on Knowledge-based Development and Economic Forum
THANK YOU!

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