Key messages of the report “CIS cities: Towards Sustainable Future”

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Regional conclusions are based on:

- National reports of CIS countries for Habitat III;
- Discussions at three meetings of national coordinators of CIS countries;
- Expert advice provided by the Belarus Institute of Urban Development and its Methodology Centre; and other experts;
- Statistical data of the CIS Committee on Statistics.
CIS countries

22.1 mln km²

282 mln people (as of 01.01.2014)

% world land surface
16.4%

% world population
4.4%

Urbanization level, %

Городское население: 66%
Сельское население: 34%

Gender balance, %

Мужчины: 53%
Женщины: 47%
# Natural resources potential (world context)

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The level of urbanization in CIS countries 2014, %

- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Georgia
- Belarus
- Republic of Moldova
- Ukraine
- Russian Federation

Urban (Городское) Rural (Сельское)
Urbanization level of CIS countries, over the period 1995-2014

Источник: Национальные статистические комитеты и агентства стран СНГ
Common positive trends and challenges

- Rethinking public space concept,
- New mobility solutions;
- Application of smart city technologies

- Challenges related to transition from planned to market economy;
- Stagnation of small and medium human settlements (incl. monocities);
- Resource and energy intensive urban engineering and technical systems;
- Unclear and overlapping functions and competences of central, regional and local governments;
- Disproportions of spatial development
- Specific planning organization of cities inherited from the past
- High concentration of population and industrial production in the largest and capital cities
Population of capitals in CIS countries

Chare of urban population living in capitals of CIS countries in 2013

Permanent population of CIS countries capitals, as of 2013

*Последняя официальная оценка (на 2001 год) численности населения города составляла 712 тыс. человек*

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Population residing in capitals in CIS countries

- High share of urban population in capitals
- Growing pressure on infrastructure of capitals
Challenges related to lack of efficient urban and spatial planning

• Urban sprawl, which poses a threat to neighboring agricultural land and landscape areas

• Risk of urban environment degradation

• The degradation of public transport systems, which poses a threat to the spatial connectivity in urban areas.
Activities aimed at promoting new approaches to urban planning

Presentations and training seminars for mayors and chief architects of cities:
- April 2016, Minsk
- November 2016, Moscow
- 2017, Biskek (tbc)

Benchmarking the planning system against the International Guidelines.
Thank you.