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Foreword

‘I&M creates space’ is the title of this, the Ministry’s first Strategic Knowledge and Innovation Agenda or SKIA. Within our vision this involves space for growth and manoeuvre, now and looking ahead.

Policy at the I&M Ministry focuses on the sustainable deployment of space in this country. This means accessibility of economic hubs, liveability in urban and rural areas, and flood protection. All these tasks require consistent policy from government – which will stand the test of time – plus in-depth knowledge and robust powers of innovation.

‘I&M creates space’ also entails greater space for the public, corporates and governmentals to determine the quality of their own living environment with minimal encroachment by national or local authorities. The parties on the spot know best how to cope with local matters.

In the meantime the people at I&M are focusing on issues with a national impact, including main passenger and goods networks, flood protection and environmental standards.

The Ministry’s first SKIA outlines seven target themes around research and innovation over the next four years. We will be acting jointly on this agenda with corporates, social organizations and governmentals. This will ensure that I&M stays firmly with both feet on the ground while working effectively towards keeping this country competitive and attractive.



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