



**FOREWORD to**  
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*Dear readers,*

We all have the same destiny to live in the era of accelerating technological changes. Those changes are present in either, developed and less developed world. Rapidly developing innovations not only allow enjoying life that is more prosperous. At the same time, we are forced to face new challenges, related to newly emerged threats. All spectrum of those multifaceted complex phenomena are observed on regional level, from which all processes spread globally. Therefore, earlier unknown regional development patterns have to be in in permanent focus of scientists, governments and societies. Observation, understanding new contemporary life trends in different regions is a key to prudent decision-making at any level of governance. Hence, all attempts to create a hub of knowledge and experience are valuable contributions leading to better our common future.

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*With my respectful greetings,*

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**Minister**

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, flowing 'R' followed by a series of loops and a final horizontal stroke.



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