



Infrastructure Governance

From Aspiration to Action

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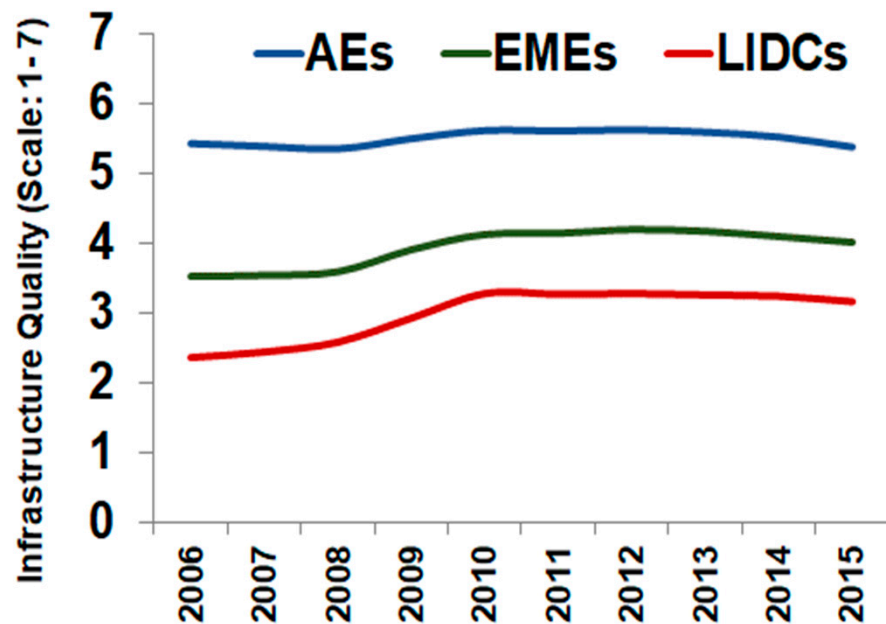
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Huge needs and disparities in quality and access to infrastructure

Infrastructure Quality

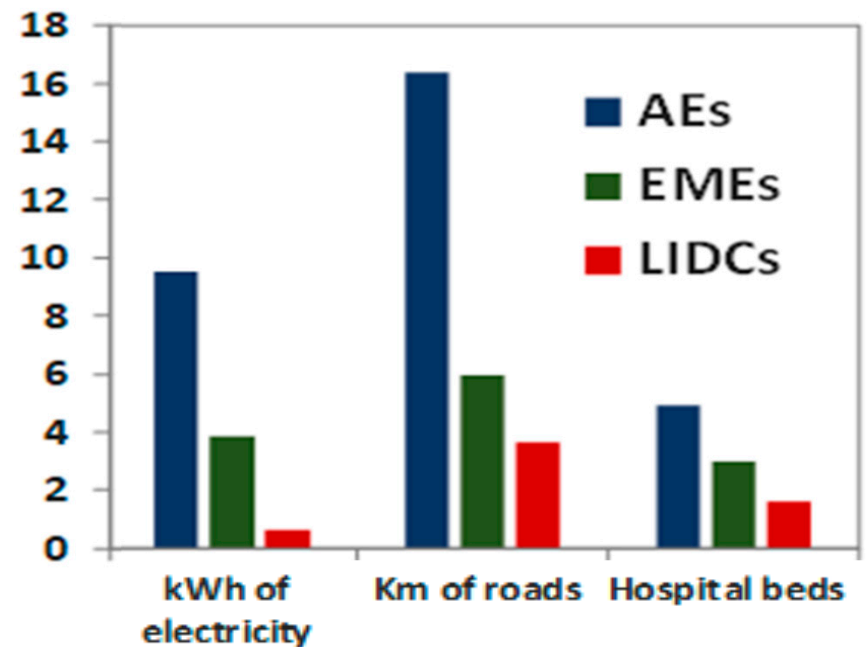
(Perception Indicators)



Source: World Economic Forum (2017)

Physical Access to Infrastructure

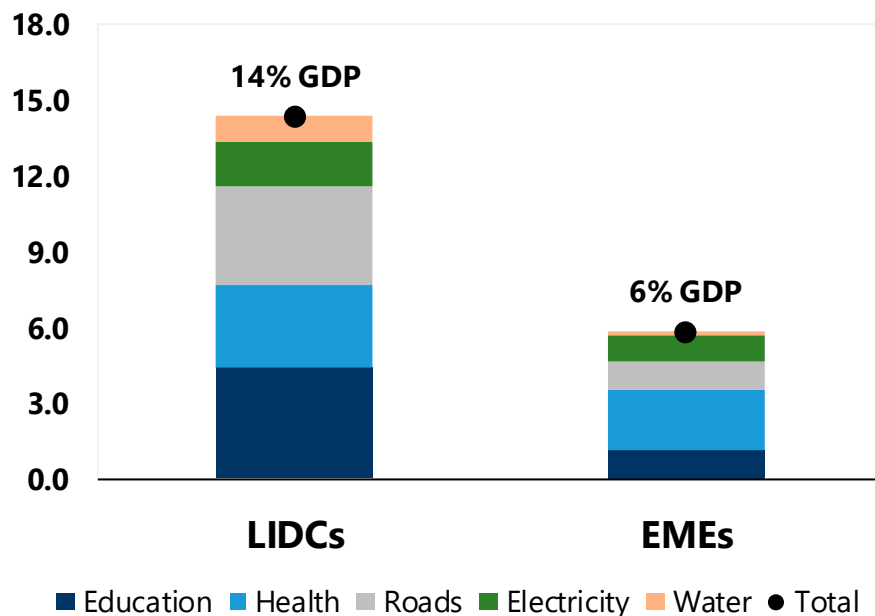
(per 1000 people, most recent year available)



Source: Making Public Investment More Efficient, 2015, IMF. Database updated 2017

Spending more: needs in physical infrastructure assets are massive, but human capital needs are also large

Marginal annual increase in physical assets and human capital



Additional Spending in 2030 to Reach High Outcomes in Selected SDGs ^{1/}

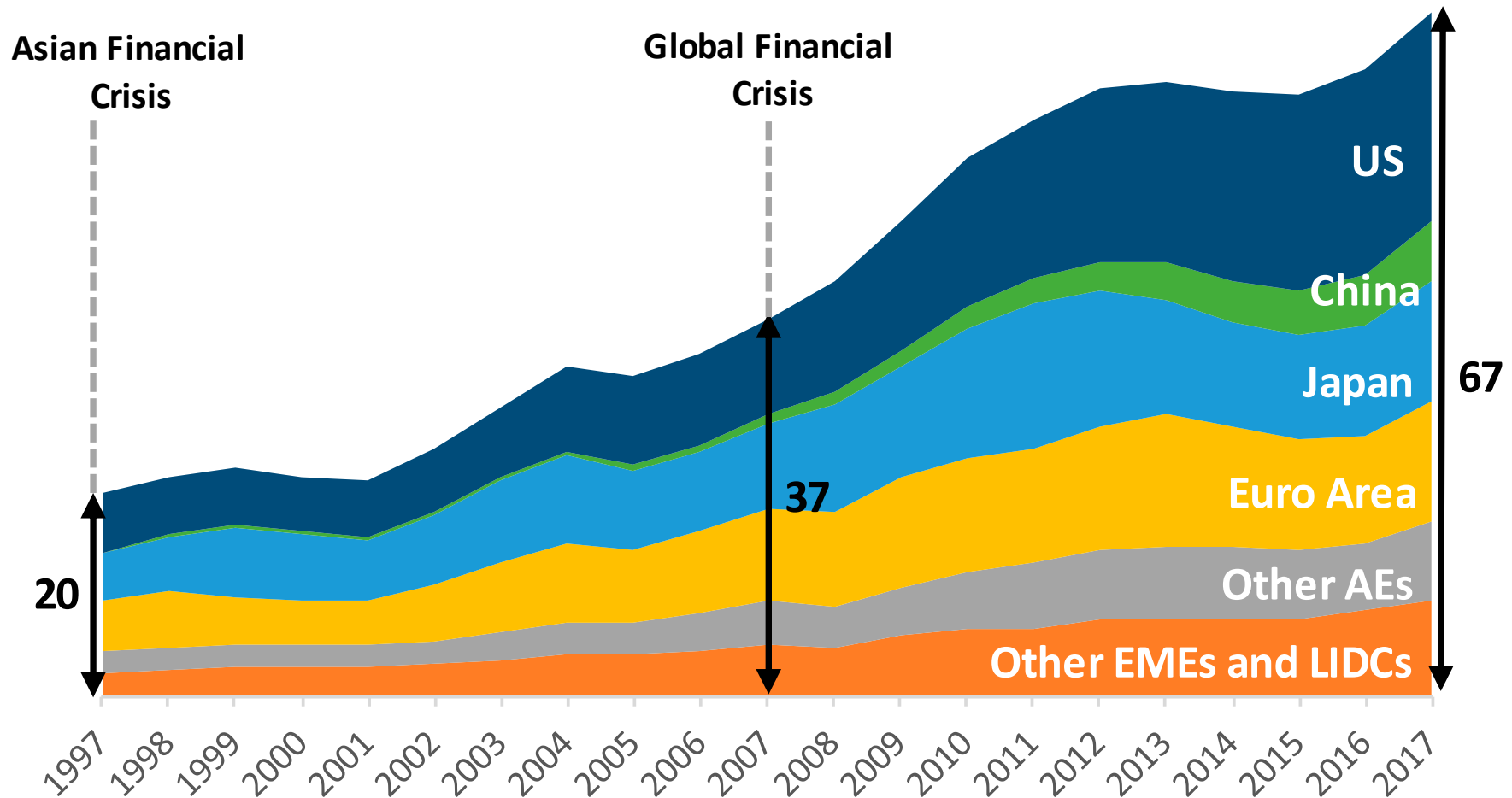
- 6 % of GDP in EMEs
- 14% of GDP in LIDC

Data source:

1/ IMF estimates for LIDC and EMEs countries in five sectors: human capital in education and health, and physical capital in roads, electricity and water.

Spending more in a fiscally sustainable way will not be easy

Public debt breaking record: \$67 trillion



Source: IMF Global Debt Database (2018).

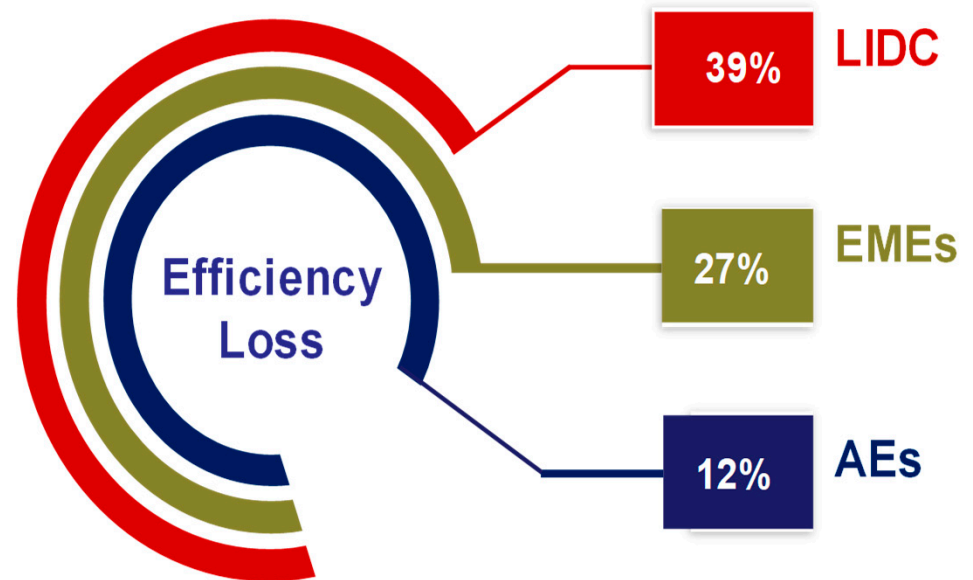
Gross public debt aims to cover all debt instruments owed by the nonfinancial public sector, general or central government, based on data availability. In some cases, coverage may be incomplete. SOE debt is included in cases where nonfinancial public sector debt data are available.

Spending more needs to go hand in hand with spending better

Given the limited room for “more spending,” meeting infrastructure needs will require:

- **More revenue**
- **More (and more sustainable) private financing**
- **Better governance**

Public Investment Efficiency Losses



Source: Making Public Investment More Efficient, 2015, IMF.

Need for stronger infrastructure governance recognized in global principles

2012 OECD

Principles for Private Sector Participation in Infrastructure

2014 WB “The Power of Public Investment Management”

Transforming Resources into Assets for Growth

2015 UN Sustainable Development Goals (Infrastructure)

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

2016 Japan G7 Presidency Ise-Shima Principles

Promoting Quality Infrastructure Investment

2017 OECD “Getting Infrastructure Right”

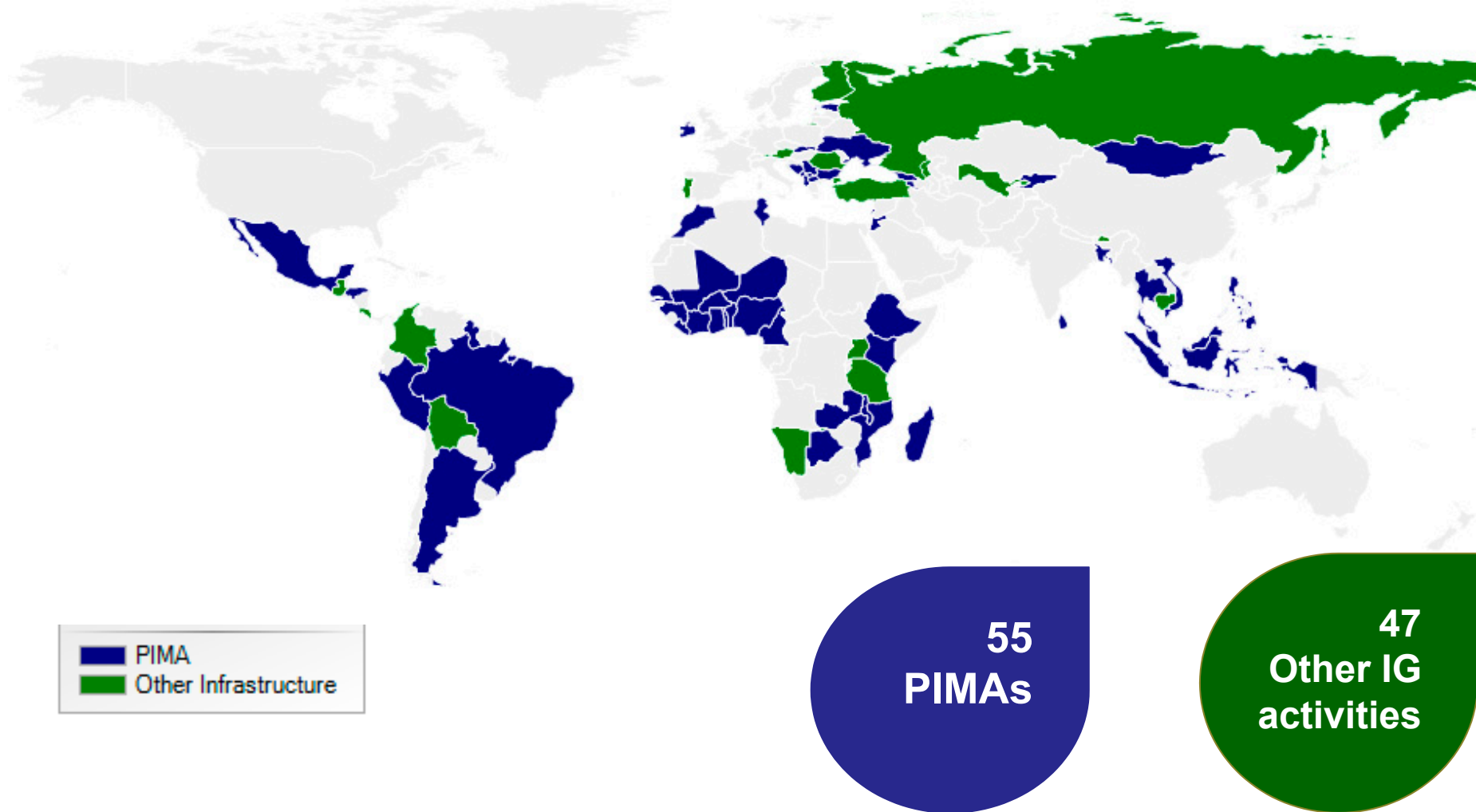
Framework for Governance of Infrastructure

2018 Argentina G20 Presidency

Infrastructure as Asset Class



Infrastructure Governance: IMF is Helping Countries to Move from Principles to Practice



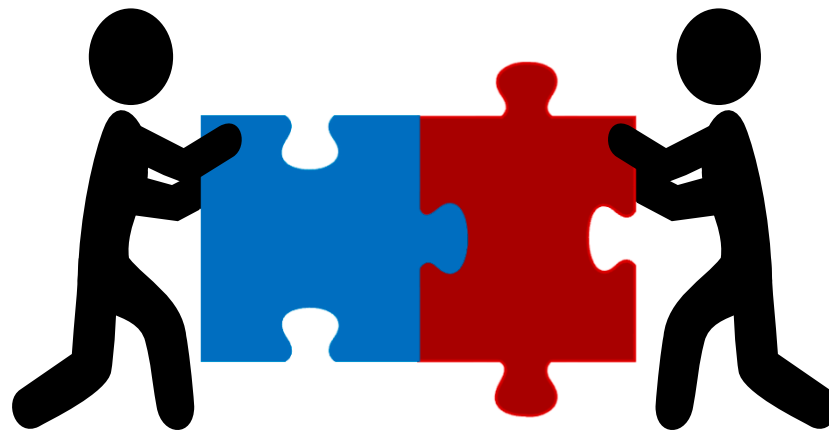
PIMAs refers to countries that have PIMA assessments (49) or are in the pipeline until April 2019 (6).

Other IG related activities include PIMAs follow-up missions, Fiscal Transparency Evaluations (FTE) and Public Private Partnerships Fiscal Risk Assessment Model (PFRAM) missions.

How exactly do we help countries move from principles to practice?

- **Assessing where countries stand relative to these principles**
- **Providing follow-up support and capacity building**
- **Improving coordination**

Need for a comprehensive, practical, accessible framework that facilitates coordination



PIMA could serve as an overarching global standard for infrastructure governance assessments

Comprehensive

- Macro-fiscal framework
- Investment planning
- Medium-term budgeting
- Project management



Practical

- Concrete recommendations
- Tailored to country context
- Sequenced prioritized action plan



PIMA



Accessible

- Effective summary charts
- Peer comparison
- Clear distinction among design, effectiveness and importance



Facilitates coordination

- Catalyst for follow-up support
- Improve coordination among development partners to achieve results

Comprehensive framework for assessing infrastructure governance



Comprehensive

PLANNING

1. Fiscal targets & rules
2. National & Sectoral Plans
3. Coordination between Entities
4. Project Appraisal
5. Alternative Infrastructure Financing

IMPLEMENTATION

11. Procurement
12. Availability of Funding
13. Portfolio Management & Oversight
14. Management of project implementation
15. Monitoring of public assets

ALLOCATION

6. Multi-year budgeting
7. Budget comprehensiveness & unity
8. Budgeting for investment
9. Maintenance funding
10. Project selection

CROSS CUTTING ENABLING FACTORS

- Legal and institutional frameworks
- Capacity
- IT systems

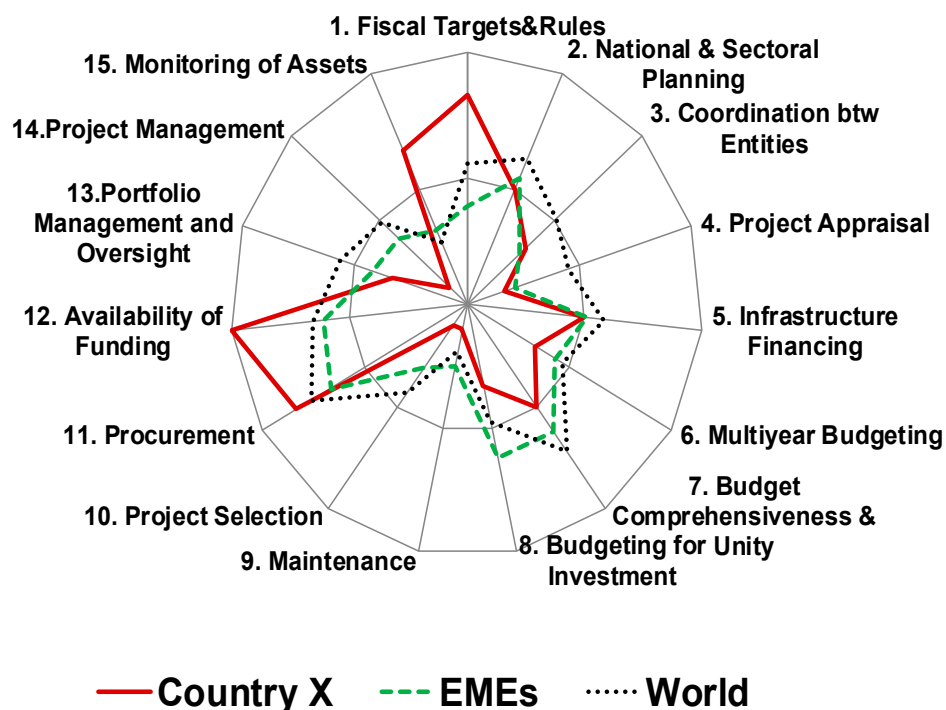
Accessible and effective communication of findings by stakeholders

Accessible



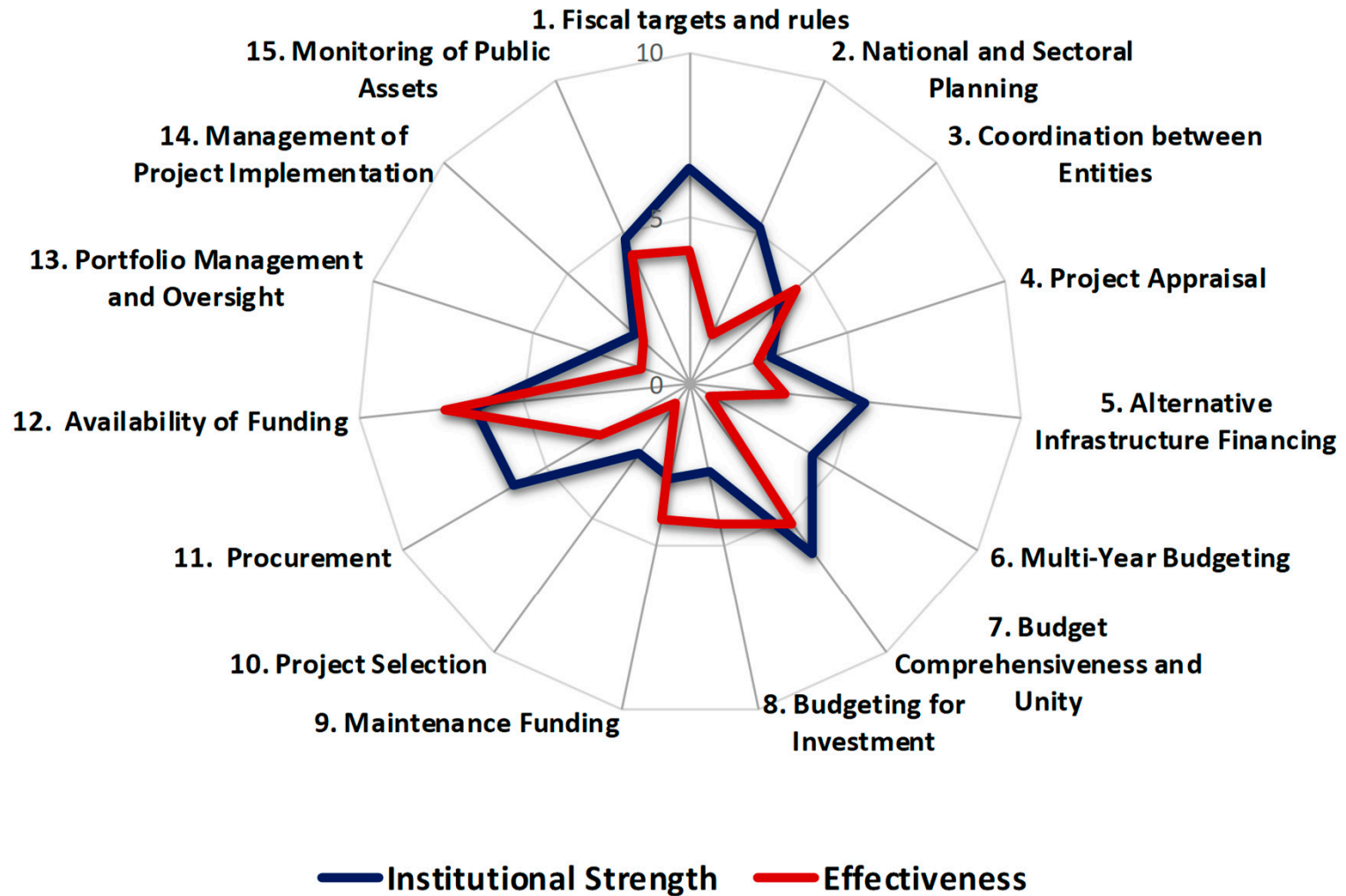
“Spider charts”:
benchmarking with peers

“Heatmap”:
Design vs Effectiveness
Key priority actions



Phase / Institution		Institutional Strength	Effectiveness
A. Planning	1 Fiscal rules	Strong: Debt rule since 2009, deficit rule in effect since 2014, with an investment clause and automatic adjustment mechanism.	Medium: In 2014, the deficit exceeded the ceiling by 0.4 percent of GDP within the margin, despite under execution of capital spending.
	2 National and sectoral planning	Good: National development under preparation; multiplicity of sectoral strategies with some performance measures.	Low: Around 80 sectoral strategies are in place, without clear coordination and incomplete costing.
	3 Central-local coordination	Medium: Debt limits constrain debt for municipalities; information for municipalities timely; no rule-based allocation of capital transfers.	Medium: In 2014, optimistic projections of own revenues of 6 million result in corresponding under execution of capital spending for municipalities.
	4 Public-private partnerships	Good: PPPs guided by strategy within strong institutional and legal framework, but not included in MTBF or budget documentation.	High: Existing PPPs capital stock account for 1.2 percent of GDP, but several projects planned. Fiscal risks currently low.
	5 Regulation of infrastructure companies	Good: Regulatory framework supports competition; prices set by independent regulators; weak financial oversight assessment of fiscal risks of POEs.	Medium: Challenges to regulators' independence. Public investment of POEs account for 0.1 percent of GDP, but fiscal risks not assessed.
B. Allocation	6 Multi-year budgeting	Good: Multi-year ceilings of capital spending are published based on not published projections of full cost of capital projects, but not binding.	Low: There are large discrepancies between MTBF ceilings and budget allocations (22 percent for n+2).
	7 Budget comprehensiveness	Medium: Budget incorporates loans and co-financed donor funding, but not externally financed grants and PPPs.	High: Externally financed projects not in the budget less than 3% of total capital spending; extra-budgetary capital spending is insignificant.
	8 Budget unity	Good: Budgets disclose capital and current appropriations in a single document in line with GFS, but project specific information is not disclosed.	Low: Auditor General qualified the 2014 financial statements because of 5 percent misclassifications of current as capital spending.
	9 Project appraisal	Medium: The methodology is comprehensive; but results not published and limited risk analysis.	Medium: MoF and BOs lack resources to undertake the required analysis.
	10 Project selection	Medium: Most project selection carried out by BOs, broadly in line with criteria in PIP Manual; but role of MoF weak and no legal basis.	Low: Weak and fragmented decision making on project prioritization and selection contributes to the 45 percent efficiency gap.
C. Implementation	11 Protection of investment	Low: Projects appropriated on annual basis only, no restrictions on virements, and restricted carryovers.	Medium: Average under execution of the annual budget was 10 percent, in line with regional average.
	12 Availability of funding	Good: Cash flows planned quarterly and generally released in time, but some grants outside TSA.	Medium: 1.1 percent of capital spending is in arrears, but total arrears are 2 percent of GDP in 2014.
	13 Transparency of execution	Medium: Procurement law in line with internet standards; quarterly monitoring; limited ex post audit of projects.	Low: Court proceedings limit ex post audits of projects to donor-funded projects.
	14 Project management	Medium: Major projects have project managers; adjustment rules generally in place; no ex post reviews.	Medium: In 2012 and 2013, around one fourth of the projects had delays.
	15 Assets accounting	Good: Nonfinancial assets regularly surveyed, depreciated and reported annually.	Medium: Poor data quality, e.g. mismatch of between capital spending and stocks of 33 percent.

Average PIMA scores in JVI's region of operation*



* Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kosovo, Kyrgyz Republic, Serbia and Ukraine.

Practical recommendations and key priority actions



A sequenced action plan

Recommendations and Actions	FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19	Responsibility	Coordination
A. Sustainable Public Investment Planning					
Recommendation 2: Provide a more comprehensive statement of the government's development strategy for public investments in new and updated strategic documents					
Provide in Vision 2030 a consistent overview of the government's main strategies and investment priorities, with clear prioritization and linkages between sectors and projects.	→			Prime Minister Office	
Identify in the National Strategy for Land Use suitable sites for the different initiatives and projects, and provide a basis for the strategic acquisition of land.		→		Ministry of Lands	
Update sector strategies to provide a comprehensive description of priority projects with indicative estimates for costs and expected outputs.			→	Sector Ministries	WB

Recommendations and Actions	FY16/17	FY17/18	FY18/19	Responsibility	Technical Assistance
A. Sustainable Public Investment Planning					
Recommendation 1: In the near term, improve the quality of strategic planning by enhancing the current documents.					
Expand government long-term strategies and investment priorities.				MoFED/Sector Ministries	
Provide in the PSIP a clear description of major investment projects together with a reference to overarching policies and priorities.				MoFED/Sector Ministries	
For major projects, include in the PSIP a detailed reconciliation between investment estimates in the previous PSIP and the actual spending, and describe the impacts on project implementation.				MoFED	FAD/AFS or Development Partners
Means of Verification: Review of PSIP					

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Outcome 5: Oversight role of the Minister of Finance in assessing exempted PPP projects strengthened.					
Increase the role of the BOT Project Unit in checking if value for money, contractual risk sharing agreements, and budget affordability is retained during the operational stage of PPP projects.				MoFED	
Compile and report in an annex to the budget documents data on existing PPP contracts, including: investment by PPP companies (regardless of whether they take the form of BOT or other type of PPP, and whether they are classified as public or private); long-term cash-flow forecasts of gross costs and revenues of PPP companies and their associated present value; estimates of government's future payments to PPP companies and their associated present value; assessment of the risks associated with PPP contracts (e.g. explicit guarantees, traffic risks, force majeure, etc.)				MoFED	FAD/AFS
Means of Verification: HPC minutes documentation					

Catalyst for stronger coordination



Facilitates coordination



Sri Lanka

WB/IMF country programs

Maldives

WB's PFM Systems
Strengthening Project

Mozambique

WB/DFID 3-year program with the
government to strengthen PIM

Conclusion and issues for discussion

- **A macro-critical issue at the top of the global agenda**
 - Japan's 2019 G20 Presidency – quality infrastructure
 - Related to SDG and private sector mobilization workstreams
- **The IMF is well-positioned to support this agenda**
 - PIMA = the most comprehensive assessment framework for assessing infrastructure governance
 - Fiscal sustainability and fiscal management at the core of our diagnostics and recommendations
 - Analytical studies in the pipeline to deepen the global thinking on infrastructure governance
- **What are the main IG issues in participants' countries?**
 - Did your country undergo a PIMA? If so, can you share your experience?
 - Views on collaboration with multilateral development banks, both during and after the missions
 - Other ideas?

Thanks!

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