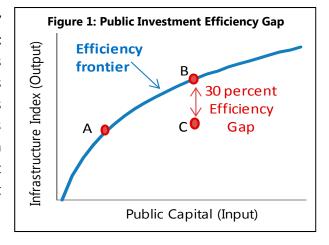
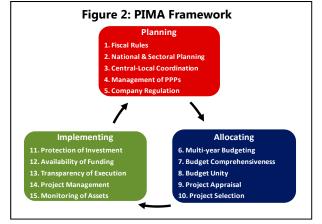
THE IMF'S NEW PUBLIC INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT (PIMA)

Public investment can be an important catalyst for economic growth, but the benefit of additional investment depends crucially on its efficiency. The average country loses about 30 percent of the value of its investment to inefficiencies in their public investment processes (Figure 1). Improvements in public investment management (PIM) can help countries close up to two-thirds of that "efficiency gap." The growth dividend from doing so is substantial – the most efficient investors get twice the growth "bang" for their investment "buck" than the least efficient investors.



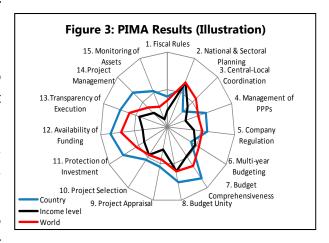
The IMF's new Public Investment Management Assessment (PIMA) framework helps countries evaluate the strength of their PIM practices. The PIMA evaluates 15 institutions that shape decision-making at the three key stages of the public investment cycle (Figure 2):

- **Planning** sustainable investment across the public sector;
- Allocating investment to the right sectors and projects;
 and
- **Implementing** projects on time and on budget.



The PIMA provides the most comprehensive diagnostic of a country's PIM system. Compared with other PIM diagnostics, the PIMA is:

- **More comprehensive**, bringing in elements related to macro-fiscal frameworks, integration of investment planning in medium-term budgeting;
- **More relevant** to the full range of income groups, reflecting advanced practices in the areas of fiscal rules, PPP oversight, and project appraisal and selection; and
- More accessible, with country results presented in the form of summary charts with also include comparator countries (Figure 3).



The findings of the assessment are set out in a concise report. The report estimates the efficiency of the country's public investment, outlines the relative institutional strengths and weaknesses, and provides practical recommendations to enhance the efficiency and impact of public investment.

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