

Indonesia Economic Quarterly December 2014

Delivering change

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MOVING TOWARDS **DELIVERING CHANGE**...

Increased focus on governance, accountability and implementation

NOW (Dec 2014) "Delivering change"

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THEN (July 2014) "Hard choices"



Ambitious plans for accelerating infrastructure development and social programs

Safeguarding the fiscal position and freeing up funds for development spending



...INCLUDING IN 3 KEY AREAS FOCUSED ON IN THIS *IEQ*

Collecting more

• Low revenues have emerged as a critical constraint to the increased spending needed to achieve Indonesia's development goals

Spending better

• Making the dream of **universal health coverage** by 2019 a reality will require major investments in health care

Facilitating business

• Supporting Indonesia's international competitiveness and growth, including by pushing ahead with and positioning the economy to benefit from deeper regional economic integration as part of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC)

All against a challenging international and domestic economic backdrop



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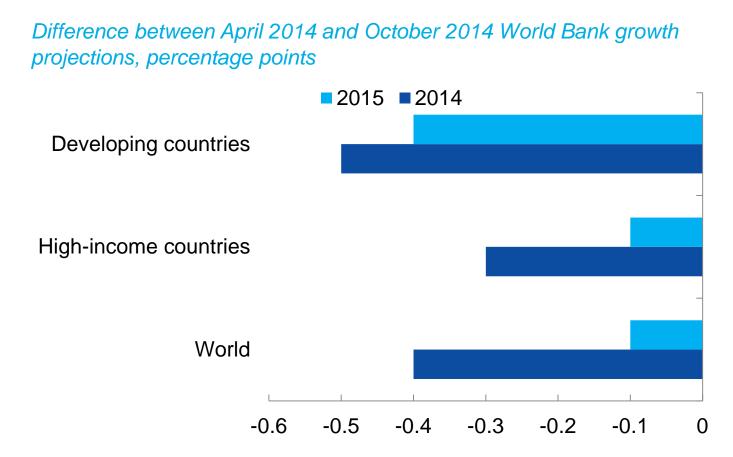
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Global economy still expected to pick-up, but at a slower pace than previously expected



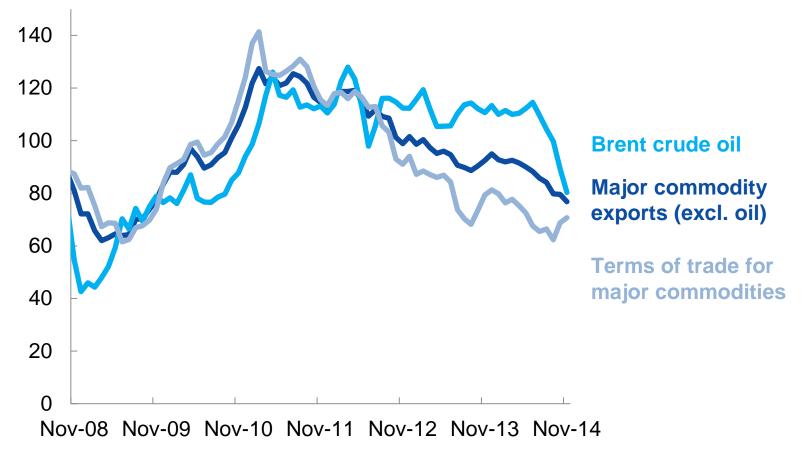
Source: World bank EAP Update, October 2014; World Bank staff calculations



Too soon to tell if recent oil price decline will provide decisive support to trade balance

(US Dollar price indices, 2008=100)

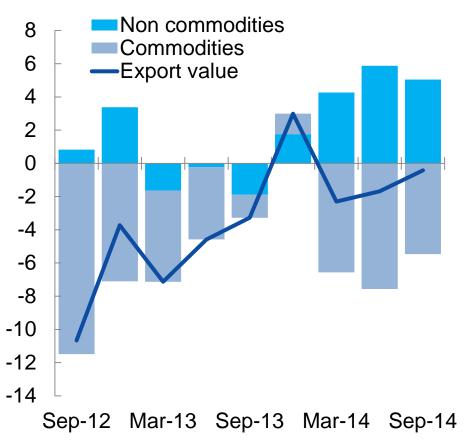
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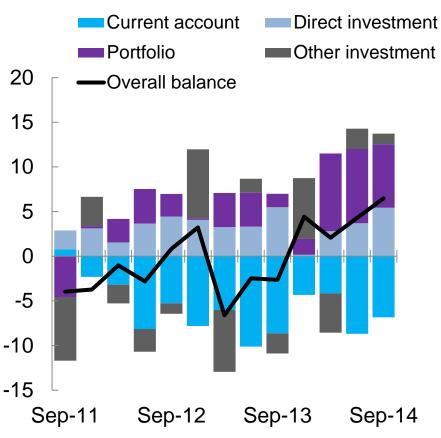
Note: Major commodities are coal, copper, LNG, palm oil, petroleum products (including crude oil) and rubber Source: World Bank Commodity Prices and staff calculations

External balance still in focus

Contributions to export value growth yoy, percentage points)



Balance of payments main account balances, USD billion



Source: BI; World Bank staff calculations

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The economy has continued to slow, due mainly to weaker investment and exports

-EAP (excl. China) Indonesia -2 -4 **Fixed** investment Exports 2002 2004 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016

Source: World Bank

Annual growth, percent

Real annual growth rate, percent

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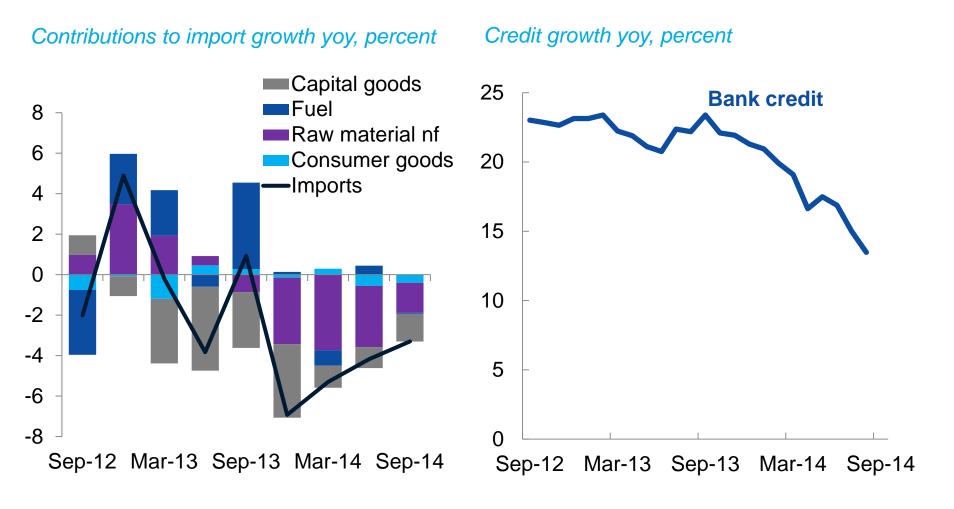
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Few signs of imminent turn in the investment cycle

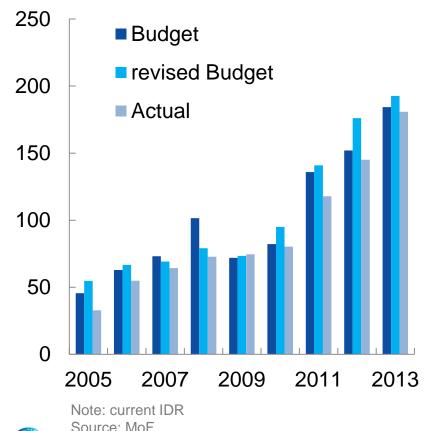


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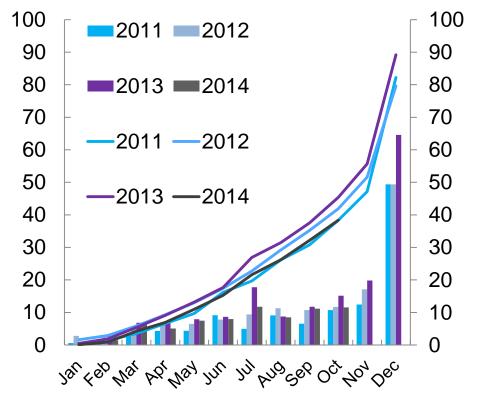
Ambitious infrastructure plans: crucial for longterm growth but implementation challenges

Budget, revised budget and actual central government capex, IDR trillion



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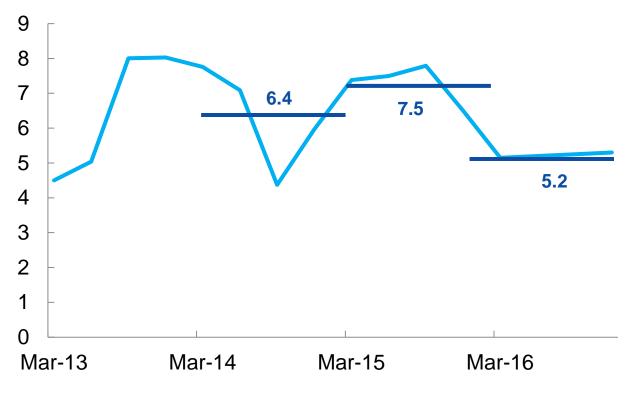
Monthly central government capex, IDR trillion (bars, LHS) and percent of total (lines, RHS)



Note: current IDR Source: MoF

Inflation to increase following the subsidized fuel price increase, but only temporarily

Quarterly and average annual inflation, percent yoy



Note: Dark bars indicate projected average annual inflation Source: BPS; World Bank staff calculations



The near-term economic outlook is expected to remain fairly subdued

		December IEQ			Revisions	
(percentage change, unless otherwise indicated)	2013	2014p	2015p	2016p	2014	2015
Real GDP	5.8	5.1	5.2	5.5	-0.1	-0.4
Consumer prices	6.4	6.4	7.5	5.2	0.6	2.6
Current account balance (% of GDP)	-3.3	-3.2	-2.8	-2.8	-0.3	-0.4
Fiscal balance (% of GDP)	-2.3	-2.3	-2.0	-	0.5	-

Source: MoF; BPS; BI; World Bank projections



Main risks to outlook: external environment and domestic policy agenda and execution

	External	Domestic		
Positive	- Lower than forecasted international oil prices	 Reform agenda delivers early success; investment and growth rise more quickly than expected 		
Negative	 Slower than currently projected global recovery Weaker than base case commodity price trajectory; 	Limited reform and implementation (capital expenditure execution), and impact on growth is slower to materialize		
	 Tighter than expected external financing conditions 			



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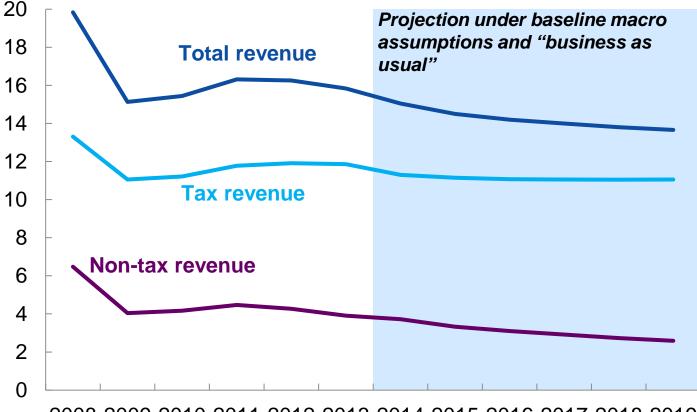
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An urgent need to "collect more"...

Percent of GDP



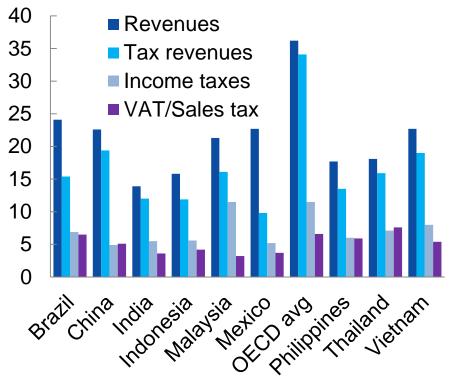
2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

Source: MoF; World Bank projections



...with potential to move revenues closer to peers, with policy and admin. reforms

Benchmarking against peers shows the scale and potential of revenues challenge (percent of GDP)

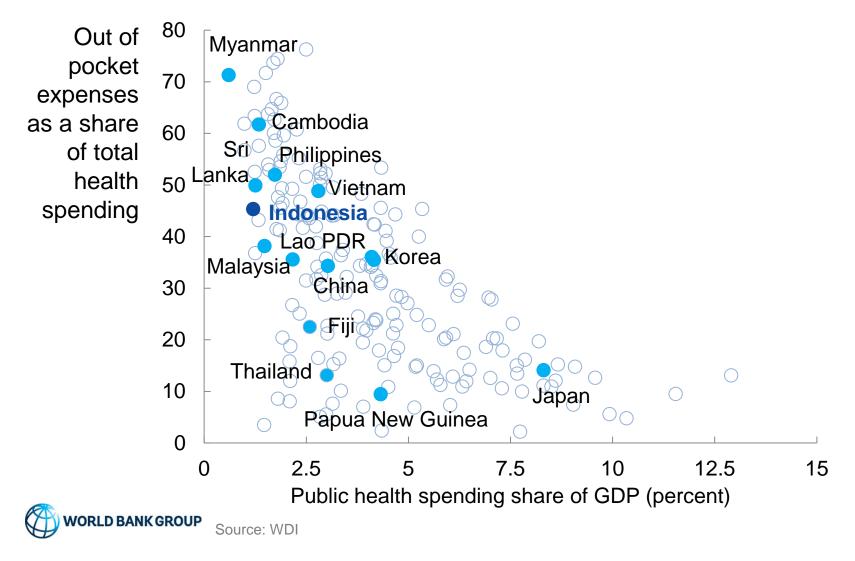


- Broadening the tax base
- Simplifying tax structures
- Rationalizing tax types
- Adopting a strategic, riskbased approach to compliance management
- Increasing voluntary compliance

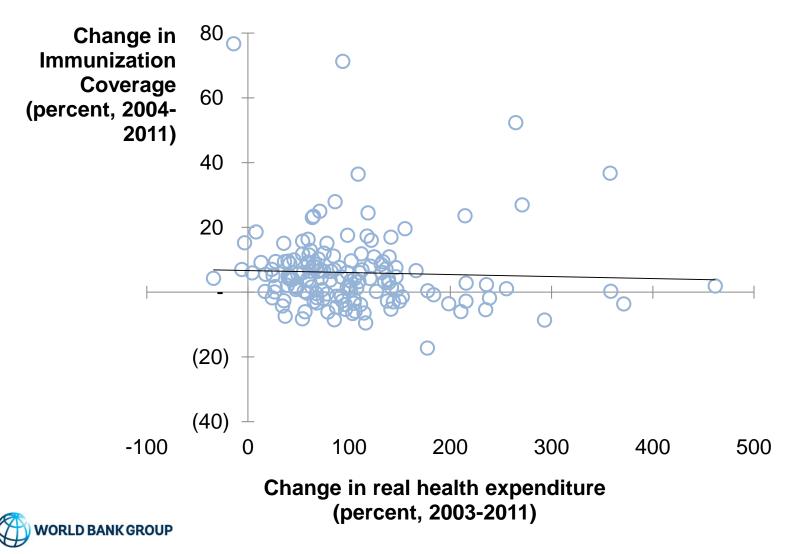
Source: IMF; CEIC



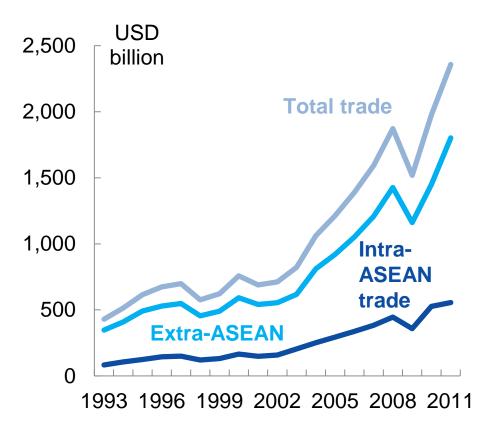
"Spending better" – gearing up for universal health care...



...including "spending better" at the district level



"Facilitate business" – opportunities from more regional economic integration



Rapid growth in intra-ASEAN trade but scope for much more, especially in services

- ASEAN Economic Community, scheduled for implementation in December 2015:
 - Large market opportunity for Indonesian firms
 - A potential anchor for the regulatory reforms needed to support growth and competitiveness

Source: ASEAN Secretariat and World Bank



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- Optimistic time for Indonesia
- But challenging economic realities:
 - Slower investment, weak exports
- The bold steps of the kind the government has signaled in its first few months are very needed, to support growth and poverty reduction
- It will take implementation, and potentially some time, for the benefits to flow through

