

Tunisia²⁵

Tunisia's Reform Commitments and Initiatives	Progress in Meeting Commitments and Initiatives	Partner Support
MACROECONOMIC FRAMEWORK²⁶		
Budget Sustainability		
New Reform Commitments and Initiatives		
Civil service reform. Regulation of remote work for public servants, local authorities, institutions, establishments and public bodies.	Presidential Decree No. 2022-310 of April 5, 2022	
Civil service reform. Encourage the mobility of State employees, local authorities and public administrative establishments.	Decree-law promulgated	
Reform public enterprises and establishments. Implement the principles of selection and evaluation of the performance of directors, representatives of public shareholders, and independents.	The new law passed at the Council of Ministers on February 9, 2023.	
Commodity subsidy reform.	Impact Studies: a second version of the impact study has just been finalized and communicated to the government considering the request of the PG.	
Tax reform. Make the tax audit more flexible (spot check).	LF 2022	
Tax reform. Interoperability between tax administration and other administrative structures. Establish agreements between the different administrations between the MoF and other administrative departments and establish interoperability between the different IS.	Completed	
Public Investment Management (procurement, PPPs, SOEs, utilities)		
New Reform Commitments and Initiatives		
Energy subsidy reform. Adoption of the mechanism for automatic adjustment of fuel prices.	The adjustment mechanism is operational, and the adjustment range was increased from 5-7 percent in the OGRT of November 23, 2022, No. 127.	
Energy Subsidy Reform. Adopt a registration platform for targeted grant recipients.	Platform operational at the beginning of January 2023 with a continuous improvement in the coverage rate. It will be used for commodities and for liquefied petroleum gas.	

²⁵ Previous versions of the Tunisia matrix include updates on the 2018 commitments, whereas this focuses on recently acquired reform commitments.

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Improve the energy transition. Presidential Order extending the period of validity of initial agreements for renewable electricity generation projects under the permit regime granted before December 31, 2020.	Presidential Decree No. 2022-299 of March 28, 2022	
Improve the energy transition. Conclusion of special agreements with a total capacity of 500 MGW.		
Regulate the powers of the IGPP. Publish a decree-law regulating and specifying the powers and prerogatives of the IGPP.	Presidential Decree No. 2022-451 of May 6, 2022, setting the organization and attributions of the General Authority for PPP.	
BUSINESS FRAMEWORK		
Investment Legal Framework		
New Reform Commitments and Initiatives		
Adopt a decree-law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and boost private investment. Accelerate the implementation of public projects and bring projects in difficulty to fruition	Decree law n°2022-68 of October 19, 2022.	
Adopt a decree law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and boost private investment. Encourage Tunisian companies and startups and national preference	Decree law n ° 2022-68 of October 19, 2022, Chapter II Article 9. The implementing texts are to be drawn up.	
Adopt a decree-law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and boost private investment. Make public procurement effective and efficient	Decree-Law No. 2022-68 of October 19, 2022, Chapter II Article 14.	
Adopt a decree-law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and boost private investment. Revive private investment in the agricultural sector	Decree-law n°2022-68 of October 19, 2022.	
Adopt a decree-law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and boost private investment. Revive private investment in the industrial sector	Decree-law n°2022-68 of October 19, 2022, Article 2 quaterdecies, Article 2 q	
Adopt a decree-law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and boost private investment. Boost investment in the renewable energy sector	Decree-law n°2022-68 of 19 October 2022, chapter III	

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Adopt a decree-law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and boost private investment. Boost private investment in PPPs	Decree-law n°2022-68 of 19 October 2022	
Adopt a decree-law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and boost private investment. Cross-cutting measures to boost private investment.	Decree-law n ° 2022-68 of October 19, 2022, chapter IV	
Adopt a decree-law on exceptional measures to accelerate public investment projects and boost private investment. Regularize the situation of industrial projects affected by the forfeiture provisions.	Decree-law n ° 2022-68 of October 19, 2022, chapter IV article 26.	
Review the composition and scope of the TIA Licensing and Licensing Commission.	Drafting of texts is necessary (decree and manual of procedures for granting authorizations - manual already ready for publication)	
Publish the amendment to Decree 389 and the Manual of Procedures (TIA).	An elaborate procedures manual to be published (publication expected in mid-March) + drafting of the decree and its approval by the CM.	
Accompany bills with their implementing texts by strengthening the participatory approach Bill 2.0.	Inventory of unpublished implementing texts made plus circular to the various ministries to accompany the laws with their texts (in progress).	
Revise the list of Priority Sectors and targeting niches for the granting of incentives.	Presidential Decree containing the revised list of priority sectors	
Standardize and implement NAT 2009 by the different structures.	A codification committee was created (by decree) at the level of the TIA + establishment of correspondence tables at the level of the DGI	
Revise the regulatory framework for startups: Startup Act 2.0.	Draft law ready to be submitted to the Council of Ministers	
Design a post-creation support program for new promoters.	Looking for funding	
Develop a legal and regulatory framework for logistics.	Draft law ready for submission to the Council of Ministers	
Adopt the new sectoral competitiveness pacts and operationalize the signed pacts. Loan pacts: Automotive, pharmacy, leather, and footwear, poultry	The pact for the automotive sector was signed on July 6, 2022.	
Adopt the new sectoral competitiveness pacts and operationalize the signed pacts. Current pacts: Aeronautics, pleasure boats, electronics, olive oil	In progress	
Adopt the new sectoral competitiveness pacts and operationalize the signed pacts. Pacts to be operationalized: milk, textile clothing	Finalization of the elaboration of the pacts: milk, textiles, clothing, before validation by the PG.	

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Validate and launch the implementation of investment roadmaps in promising sectors Identification of actions and measures with representatives of the private sector in the short, medium and long term for the growth sectors prioritized so far (automotive, ICT, aeronautics, pharmaceutical and renewable energies)	Action plans for the implementation of each measure identified to improve investment conditions in the prioritized strategic sectors (auto/aeronautical components/pharmaceutical industries/ICT/renewable energies) have been developed in partnership with the public and private sectors and will be submitted to the government for approval and implementation launch by each ministry at the end of 2022.	
Accelerate and expand renewable electricity projects. Granting of comfort checks (authorization system)	Decree-law n°2022-68 of October 19, 2022.	
Accelerate and expand renewable electricity projects. Announcement of a new, more ambitious program of electricity production from renewable energies by regime to give visibility to developers, with the objective of reaching 30 percent of the energy mix by 2030	Decree Law of October 19, 2022, No. 68/2022 Chapter III. Section 21	
Accelerate and expand renewable electricity projects. Establish the electricity authority	Act developed and published for public consultation	
Ensure a 100 percent digital journey for the benefit of investors. Digitalization of its priority services (declaration, constitution, authorization, request, incentive and support services)	*COPIL constituted for the digitization of the legal constitution of the company * Definition of the roles of each stakeholder: the CNI as a national interoperability platform: several APIs (web services) already developed will be integrated directly into the PNI, identity, civil status.	
Ensure a 100 percent digital journey for the benefit of investors. Interoperability of the investment platform with the information systems of the different investment ecosystem partners and stakeholders (legal constitution)	Development and integration of APIs at both platforms. Modification and simplification of the single set Update of the regulatory texts relating to the registration of contracts with electronic payment and the acceptance of scanned documents.	
Launch all e-gov projects already identified in the Digital Tunisia strategy. Implement interoperability exchanges between the information systems of the sectors involved in the investor/business process	In progress	
Launch all e-gov projects already identified in the Digital Tunisia strategy. Set up the payment tracking platform for public orders	In progress	
Digitize the process of obtaining building permits.	The platform is being developed during experimentation at the level of the municipality of Tunis, the generalization is planned for September 2023.	
Simplify and digitize requests for electricity connection (medium voltage).	Design of the data exchange platform. The launch of the service is planned for May.	

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Establish a ready-to-use industrial facility construction program. Launch a national program for the creation of 100,000 m ² of ready-to-use industrial premises	Administrative decision and depends on 23.2.	
Establish a ready-to-use industrial facility construction program. Create an investment fund for industrial infrastructure of 200 MD	The blockage lies in the non-launch of the work of setting up the investment fund (200 MD) for industrial and technological infrastructure in partnership with the CDC	
Establish a ready-to-use industrial facility construction program. Accelerate the creation of industrial zone development projects in inland regions	The implementation of this measure is part of the review of Decree 389 on financial incentives for investment	
Regularize the situation of industrial projects concerned by the forfeiture provisions and which have not entered the effective production phase within three years of the date of signature of the sales contract as stipulated by Law No. 34-2009 establishing the Agricultural Land Agency. Decision of the Council of Ministers	Decree-law n ° 2022-68 of October 19, 2022, Article 26.	
Seize and inventory the real assets of the state and its evaluation to benefit public and private projects. Identify and delineate public assets	Non-priority measure. A budget is needed and dedicated resources. Creation of a steering committee. Solicit technical and financial support from donors	
Seize and inventory the real assets of the state and its evaluation to benefit public and private projects. Draw up plans for their valorization.	Depends on 25.1	
Seize and inventory the real assets of the state and its evaluation to benefit public and private projects. Estimate the value of the assets and provide the appropriate legal mechanisms (partnership, transfer to investors, and so on)	Depends on 25.1 and 25.2	
Seize and inventory the real assets of the state and its evaluation to benefit public and private projects. Create a unified national information system that links all land information.	Current project	
Seize and inventory the real assets of the state and its evaluation to benefit public and private projects. Simplify and reduce time limits and number of documents relating to transfers of ownership	Current project, revision of the Decree (N°2020-605 of August 27, 2020)	

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Seize and inventory the real assets of the state and its evaluation to benefit public and private projects. Digitize mapping of land available for investment in Tunisia.	Current project	
Accelerate the creation of industrial development projects in inland regions. Revision of Decree 2017-389 of March 9, 2017, on financial incentives for investments made under the Investment Law.	The implementation of this measure is part of the review of Decree 389 on financial incentives for investment.	
Strengthen programs and mechanisms for women's economic empowerment. Implementation of the National Programme for Women's Entrepreneurship and Gender-Responsive Investment. Program "رائدات".	Operational program and Décret-loi promulgated.	
Promote technological innovation and research, especially support for developing technopoles and clusters. Create strategic and scientific orientation councils for technopoles.	Decision of the PG, Decree Law (revision of texts governing technopoles, Law No. 50-2001, Decree governing the operation of FODEC, Revision of the legal framework related to the encouragement of technological entrepreneurship among researchers.	
Promote technological innovation and research, in particular support for the development of technopoles and clusters. Extend ITP's eligibility to action to animate technopoles and clusters.	Revise the legal framework governing the exploitation of research results and patents produced at the level of public research centers.	
Facilitate business regulations		
New Reform Commitments and Initiatives		
Revise Article 96 of the Criminal Code. Adoption Decree Law.	Request for economic arguments by the Ministry of Justice.	
Order a forex a millionesty. Adoption Decree Law.	Expected with the new exchange code. Order submitted for consultation by at the PG.	
Adopt a new exchange code. Adoption Decree Law. Allow local banks to finance capital and operating expenses in foreign currency. Review the the concept of residence.	A draft of the law is being discussed with the departments. Amendment of BCT Circular 87/43. Amendment of the exchange notice n°3 relating to the notion of residence and recasting of the exchange code.	
Adopt a decree law on the code of private equity investment undertakings. Adoption Decree Law	In the consultation phase – for consultation at the PG.	
Adopt a decree law on support for financial inclusion. Adoption Decree Law.	For validation at the PG.	
Publish the implementing texts of the SSE law. Publication of a presidential decree	A working meeting was held on August 1, 2022, between the Minister of Employment and the Minister of Economy to discuss this project. Only one point of divergence remains; it is the labeling of all SSE companies, whether old or new.	

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Publish the implementing texts of the decree-law on the status of the auto entrepreneur. Publish a presidential decree.	*Order in Council sent to PG and ministries for review. Unfavorable opinion of the Ministry of Finance because of duplication with the tax system and the orientations of the tax reform. *Alignment with the Ministry of Finance on the tax modalities that will consider the finance law.	
Develop a negative list for the exercise of economic activities. Publish a presidential decree.	A draft decree was prepared and a list of 42 authorizations that went through the CM of January 6, 2023, and were approved and became 45 authorizations. Decree 417 has been amended. Annex 1 is the list of authorizations to carry out the economic activities considered as the negative list.	
Adopt the Public Property Code. Adopt a Decree Law.	Consultation at the PG.	
Publish a presidential decree setting the conditions and procedures for leasing non-agricultural land for the benefit of investors according to Article 19 of Law No. 2019-45 of May 2019.	Presidential Decree No. 2022-114 of October 21, 2022.	
Publish a presidential decree setting the conditions and procedures for the sale to the symbolic dinar for the benefit of the Industrial Land Agency according to Article 20 of Law No. 45 of May 29, 2019.	Presidential Decree No. 2022-114 of October 21, 2022.	
Publish a decree-law revising Law No. 2016-53 of July 11, 2016, on expropriation in the public interest. Publish a decree-law.	Decree-Law No. 2022-65 of October 19, 2022, amending and supplementing Law No. 2016-53 of 11 July 2016 on expropriation in the public interest.	
Provide recipients of agricultural crown lots with title deeds enabling them to fully dispose of their property.	In progress	
Regularize the situation of former residential groupings built on the private domain of the State. Identify and delimitate property and verify the conditions of the right of access to regularize and estimate the value of the property. Process files in a regional commission and then another national commission. The work is sanctioned by an approval in council.	Approval by the CM on September 3, 2022, of a presidential decree establishing a management unit by objective for project management monitoring	
Improve Trade Facilitation		
New Reform Commitments and Initiatives		
Support by the state, through the Export Risk Guarantee Fund, 50 percent of export insurance premiums to the Sub-Saharan African Market Adoption Decree. Law and management agreement.	Decree-Law No. 2022-66 of October 19, 2022, relating to the assumption by the state of a percentage of export insurance premiums to Sub-Saharan Africa countries.	

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Create the International Land Company of Tunisia (SOFIT) and consider joint action with other public bodies providing services Adoption Decree-Law establishing SOFIT.	Awaiting a return compared to the assumption of incorporation costs by the AFI.	
Establish a unified label and slogan "Made in Tunisia" on all Tunisian products to develop a brand image abroad.	Seeking funding for TA	
Facilitate and expand the granting of Authorized Economic Operator status. Grant a quality label to any company established in Tunisia, carrying out an activity related to foreign trade, having the confidence of customs, and fulfilling minimum conditions set by Government Decree No. 612 of July 17, 2018, allowing them to benefit from simplified procedures.	AEO Certification Decision	
Renovate the SOS Export service creation of the virtual network on the Foreign Trade Portal (www.pce.tn)	T2 activities completed, and T3, T4 activities in progress. Development of the transformation plan, the tests will be started with the training plan of the focal points.	
Ensure sessions of permanence in all companies and structures concerned with export for weekends and holidays. Decision of the Presidency of the government and the BCT.	the Ministry of Trade and Export Development cannot commit to being responsible for this measure, since the decision to change working hours falls within the competence of the PG.	
Update the COMEX Portal.	Update of the portal containing all the laws relating to foreign trade.	
FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK		
Supporting cash flow and access to financing for businesses		
New Reform Commitments and Initiatives		
Clear part of the state's arrears vis-à-vis companies by prioritizing the construction sector. Hedge the arrears of the construction sector by issuing Treasury bills.	Need for the intervention of the MF to formalize the authorizations for generalization of the measure for other sectors and program it in the complementary finance law 2022.	
Set up an external credit line (World Bank) of \$120 million for SME refinancing. Prepare loan documents.	The restructuring of SOTUGAR continues in parallel, which also benefits from the support of KfW.	BEEMER
Extend the maturity extension of viable tourism units by 12 months. Repeal Decree-Law No. 22-2020 (COVID-19 conjunctural measures). BCT circular (post-ponement of the expiry of tourist units and relaxation of prudential rules)	An approval of the State guarantee for the financing of the tourist season under the CM on the resumption of the tourism sector dated July 12, 2022.	

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Create a financing line of 200 MTD to subscribe to investment funds dedicated to SMEs. Mobilize 120 MD from foreign donors in addition to the 80 MD to be mobilized by the CDC.	In the search phase for funding for the remaining 40 percent. The CDC is in the process of negotiating the contract with FADES for the 60 percent debt to the CDC which will be used to finance the CDC contribution.	FADES Funding
Create a "Recovery" mezzanine line of 50 MD post-restructuring recovery of SMEs. Sign a financing agreement between donors and the State/FTI. Solicit SMEs that benefited from restructuring financing during the last 24 months, via their FCPR/SICAR present in the capital, the FTI for financing in mezzanine debt (bonds convertible into shares – OCA).	After the monitoring committee meeting scheduled for March, the launch is scheduled for 2023.	
Create an incentive mechanism for SME financing. Sign a charter between stakeholders/circular/regulatory text on mutual commitment of stakeholders.	A letter was sent to the BCT, a second meeting will be held to align with the modalities of this measure, discussed at the workshop of June 30.	
Encourage small credit as a means of financing. Extend the deadline for small credit associations to comply with Decree No. 117 promulgated on November 5, 2011.		
Increase by 100 MD the staffing line to support the financial restructuring of SMEs. Negotiate a donation or line of credit with donors. Amend Government Decree No. 2018-324 of March 2018 setting the organizational and operational procedures for the SME restructuring support line.		FADES financial support
Create a funding line for innovation-digitalization-green and circular economy. Publish a government decree laying down the modalities of organization and operation of the line.		
Improve financial transparency and combat tax evasion and the integration of the informal economy into the formal and organized economy. Commit on automatic exchange of financial account information.	Approved and will be operational in 2024.	
Set up a Virtual Single Window for Innovation. Review the FTI intervention mechanism (equity participation).	Creation of an Open Innovation space and a digital platform are under development. The reform is ready with modification of the decree of application, which is ready.	