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POWER POINT PRESENTATION

at the

Heritage and Stabilization Fund Forum

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Rationale for the Forum

- To create understanding and to ensure transparency of the process
- To foster compliance with new laws, procedures and policy
- To create social ownership
- To avoid misinformation and create realistic expectations

Objectives of the HSF

- To insulate fiscal policy from swings in international oil and gas prices
- To accumulate savings for future generations from the country's exhaustible assets of oil and gas

The Stabilization Rationale

Economic Contribution of the Energy Sector /per cent/				
	1986	2006		
Oil and Gas GDP/Total GDP	22.7	45.1		
Oil and Gas Revenue/Total Revenue	32.3	61.7		
Oil and Gas Exports/Total Exports	86.1	91.0		
Oil and Gas Employment /Total Employment	4.2	3.5		

The Savings Rationale

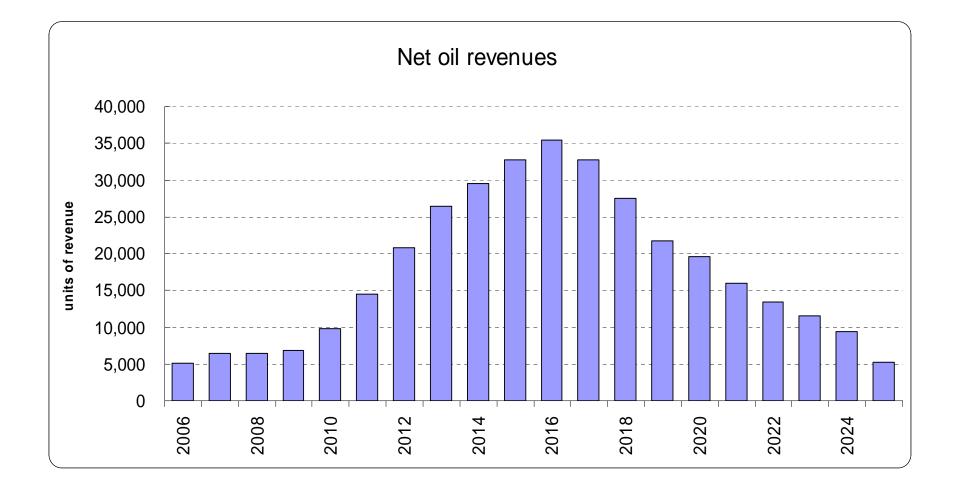
- the exploitation of non-renewable resources partly represents a depletion of wealth
- the HSF converts depleting resources into a permanent source of income

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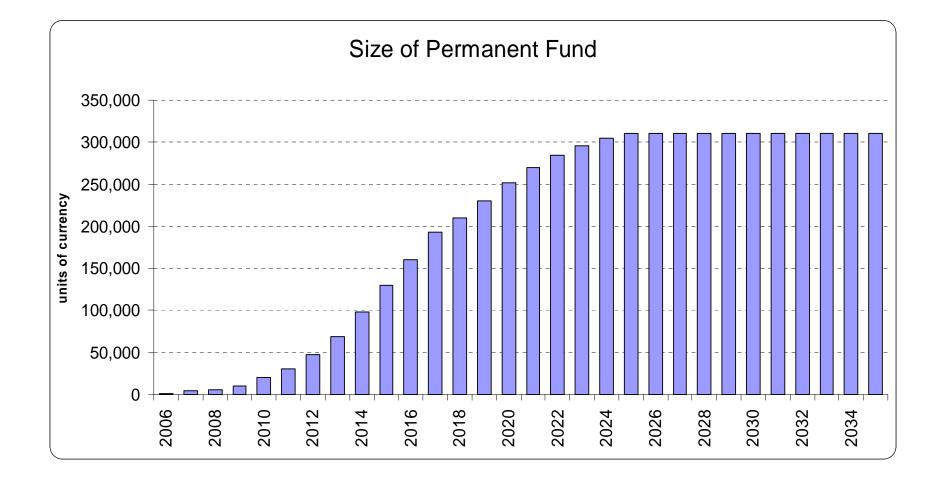
Investing the fund wisely will allow is to:

- Preserve the capital (somewhat like having the oil and gas remains in the ground)
- Live off the interest

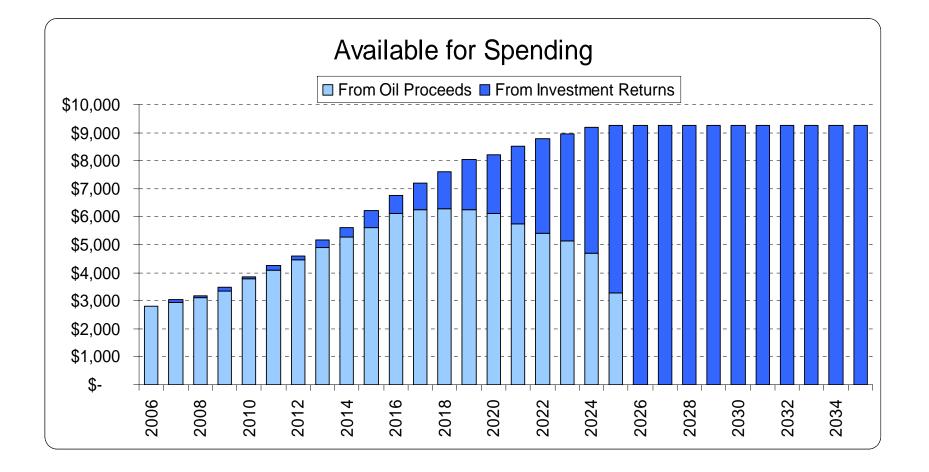
Oil and Gas Revenue Projections



Projection of Permanent Fund Size



Projections of Oil and Gas Revenue and Investment Returns



Operating Procedures of the HSF

Savings Rules:

 60% of (actual revenue less budgeted revenue)

Prices used for oil and gas estimates based on defined international benchmarks

Operating Procedures of the HSF

Withdrawal Rules:

Permitted if annual tax revenue from oil and gas are at least 10% below budget projection for the year as a whole

Withdrawal could be up to 60% of shortfall but not exceeding 25% of the Fund

The Four Main Actors

- Parliament
- The Minister of Finance
- The Board of the HSF
- The Central Bank

Parliament

Passed the enabling legislation

 Oversight of the Fund exercised through review of annual reports and audited financial statements

Minister of Finance

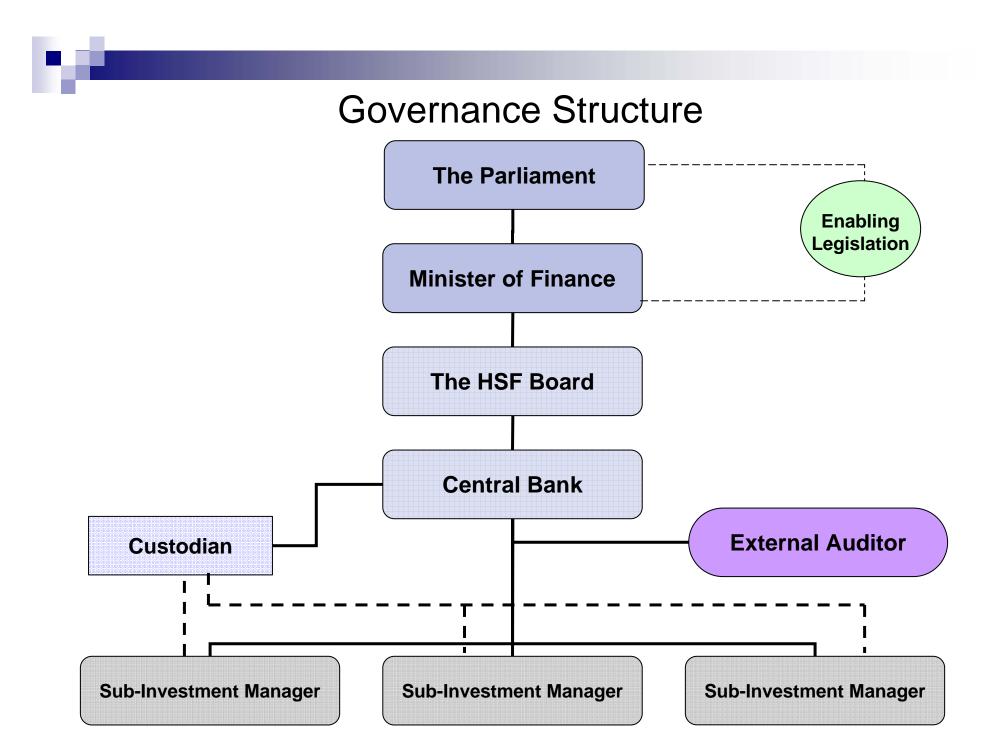
- Advises the President on the appointment of the Board in accordance with the legislation
- Makes deposits to HSF according to formula prescribed in the legislation
- Makes withdrawals from the HSF
- Annual reporting to the Parliament

The Board

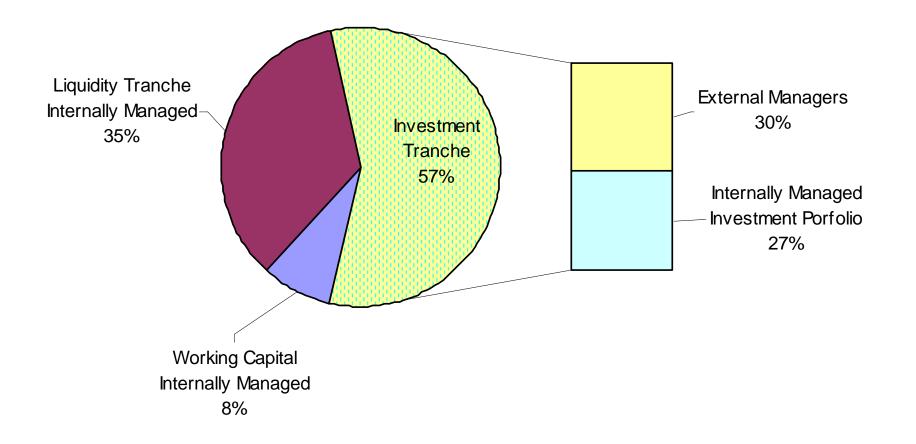
- Decides Investment objectives
- Strategic Asset Allocation
- Reviews Performance of the HSF
- Reports quarterly and annually to the Minister of Finance

Central Bank

- Responsible for day-to-day management of the Fund (to meet investment objectives of the Board)
- Reports quarterly and annually to the Board



Investment Management of Official reserves



Strategic Asset Allocation for Official Reserves

Tranche	Allocation to Bonds%/Money Market%	Currency Composition	Lowest Credit Quality
Working Capital	100% cash equivalent	Mainly USD less than 5% in non USD	Money Market P1/A1
Liquidity	70/30	87% -US\$ 3% - ¥ 3% - £ 7% - €	Fixed Income AA-/Aa3 Money market A1/P1
Investment	80/20	87% -US\$ 3% - ¥ 3% - £ 7% - €	Fixed Income AA-/Aa3 Money market A1/P1

The next steps

- Appointment of the HSF Board which has the responsibility for defining the objectives of the Fund
- Preparation of the delegation agreement between the Board and the Central Bank
- With the technical assistance from the World Bank, work will begin soon on the Strategic Asset Allocation for the HSF
- Selection of External Managers and Custodian
- A public information and disclosure strategy will need to be developed

