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Puerto Rico Fiscal Reconstruction Progress Report

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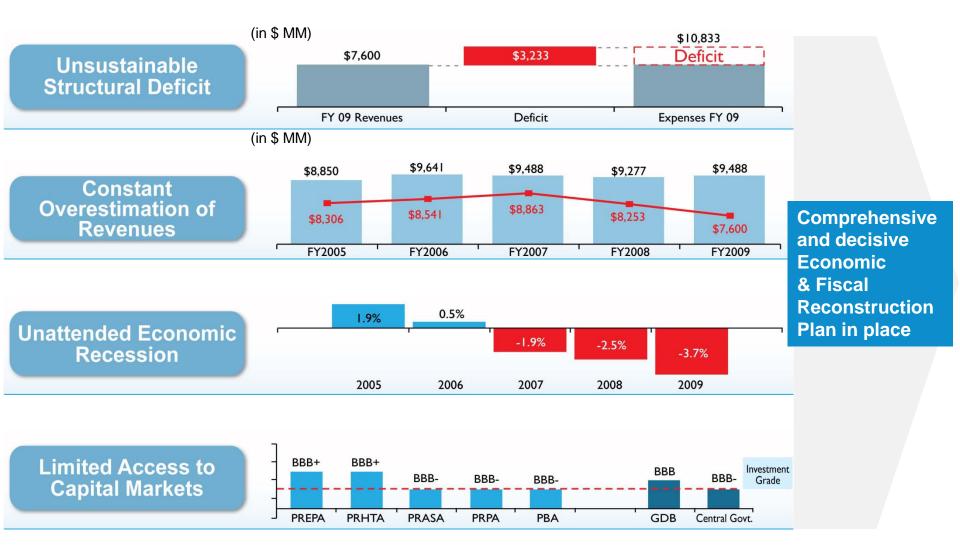


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Challenges we encountered a year ago as a New Administration





Puerto Rico has taken the right and decisive steps to address these challenges and reposition itself in the global economy

- **Fiscal Reconstruction Plan**
 - Expense reduction measures based on operational and payroll expenses
 - Increase in revenue measures
 - Fiscal Stabilization Fund to balance multi-year budget

- **Strong Fiscal Oversight Role at GDB**
 - Fiscal Oversight Agreements signed with major public corporations
- MOU signed with Dept. of Education and Dept. of Health

- Robust Economic **Development Plan**
- Comprehensive Plan to restore economic development and competitiveness
- Strategic use of ARRA Funds and Local Stimulus Package
- Transition to knowledge economy





Additional 1% allocation to COFINA Act # 1: Act # 9: Local Stimulus Plan (amended)

Act # 2: Temporary use of deficit financing Act # 29: Public-Private Partnerships Act

Act # 3: PRIFA Corpus Account restructuring Act # 143: Operation of Commercial Establishments (amendment)

Act # 4: Temporary increase on GDB loans Act # 161: Permits Reform Bill

Fiscal Emergency Act Act # 182: Government Reform

Act # 7:

Act # 8: PRIFA as Federal Stimulus manager



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The Government acted swiftly by implementing a multi-phase reduction program

Payroll Expenses Reduction Plan

COMPLETED

PHASE 1

Voluntary Phase Ended on June-30-09

- 1. Permanent Reduction of **Working Days**
- Voluntary Resignations with **Incentives**

INPROCESS **PHASE 2**

Transition Phase

Since July-03-09

- Transitory non-permanent positions
- Employees with permanent or career posts, according to seniority

PHASE 3

Freeze Benefits and **Collective Bargaining**

Since March-09-09

Temporary

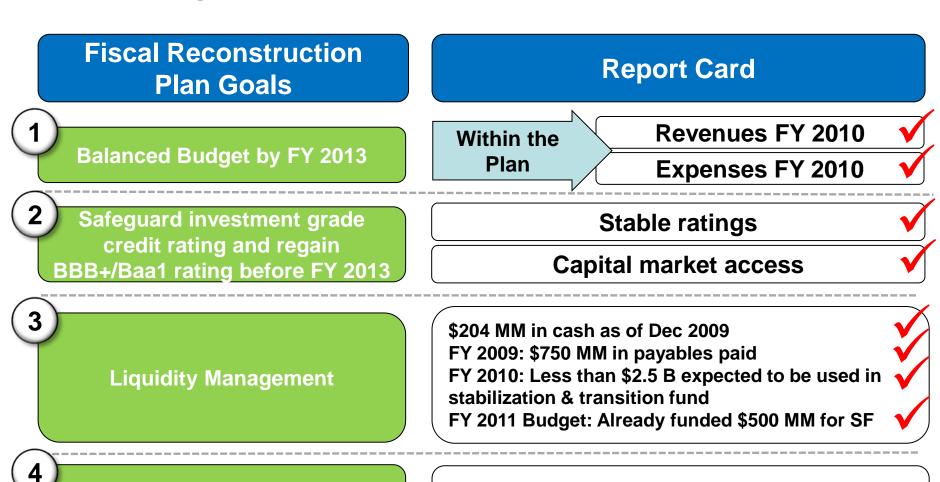
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IMPLEMENTED **Economic Provisions**



Debt Management

The Government has been focused on achieving results and is strictly monitoring the progress of the plan

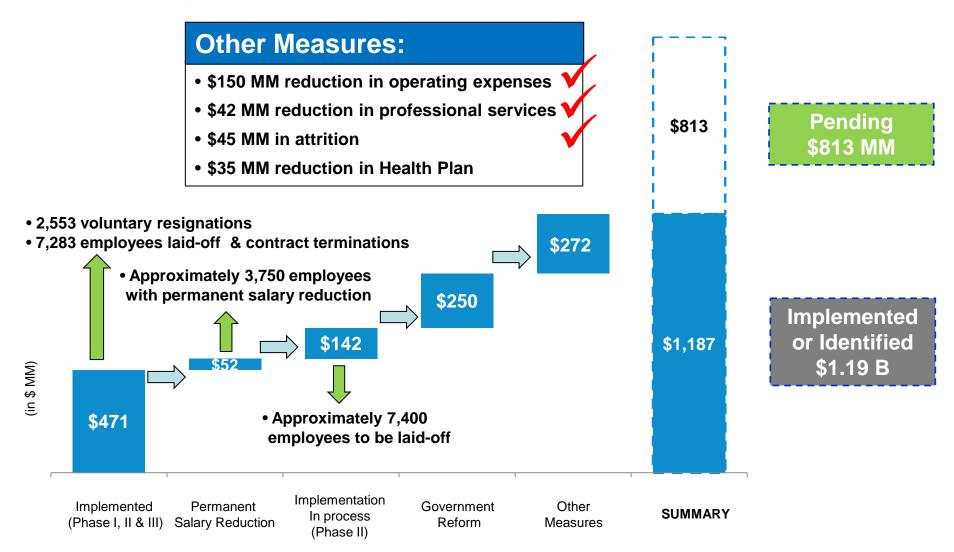


\$1.2 B in PRIFA bonds repaid

\$4.3 B in debt provided with a source of repayment



Notwithstanding challenges, approximately 60% of the \$2 billion goal has been implemented or identified



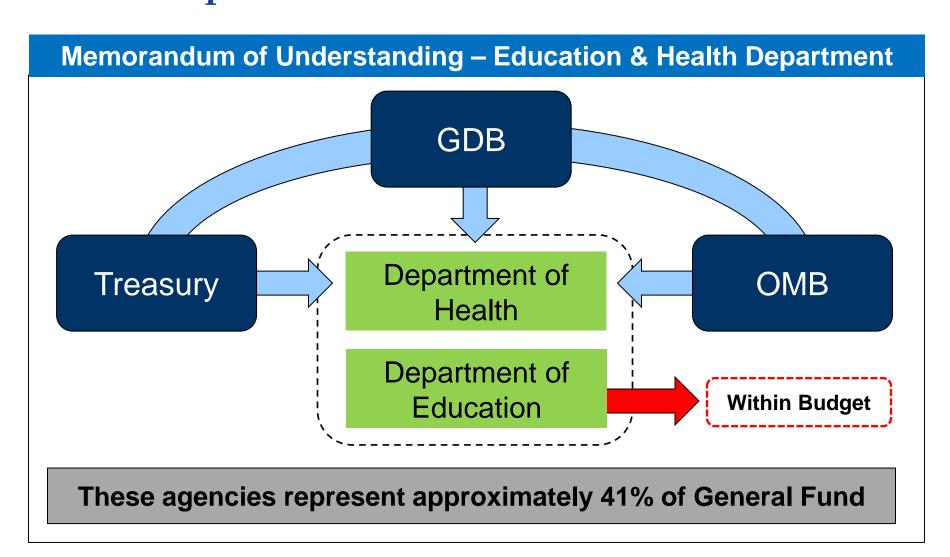


The remaining 40% in expense reduction will be addressed through various initiatives

- Government Reorganization process
- Expense management at the larger agencies and further opportunities for reduction of operational expenses
- Health Reform Savings
- Reduction of rent expense by maximizing government owned RE
- 5 Technology savings

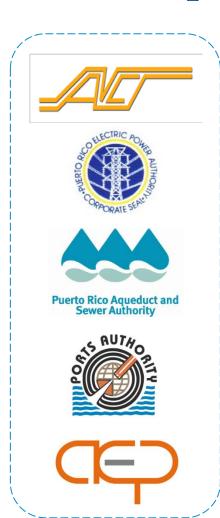


MOU's with high impact budget agencies have been executed to reduce operational expenses and promote more efficient use of resources





Fiscal Oversight Agreements in place at public corporations to foster budgetary discipline



3 Main Objectives of Fiscal Oversight Agreements

1 Enhancing Role as Fiscal Agent

- Absence of fiscal role resulted in lack of operational controls
- Fiscal stability is key for corporations to invest in future of Puerto Rico

2 Enforcing Fiscal Controls

 Public corporations are required to submit monthly operational reports, short- and medium-term expense reduction programs, and evidence of compliance with applicable environmental requirements

Re-establishing Fiscal Discipline

- Adoption of yearly operating budget and capital expenditure budget
- Setting clear financial and fiscal goals



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Reforms to Foster Competitiveness

Government

- Reduce by 30% number of agencies (of 134 agencies)
- Improve service delivery to the people

Energy

- Reduce by 25-30% cost of energy
- Promote renewable energy sources
- Cleaner environment

Tax

- Reduce overall tax rates with a revenue neutral approach
- Promote job growth and investment

Timeline

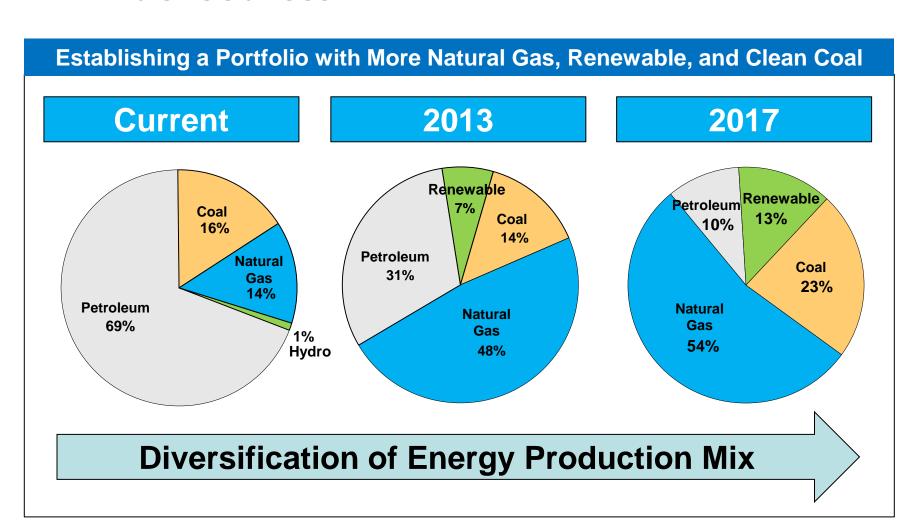
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Energy Reform will address the high cost of energy in Puerto Rico by diversifying our fuel sources





Tax Reform Committee in place and moving ahead with a set schedule

Committee Members

Executive Director

Governor's Chief of Staff

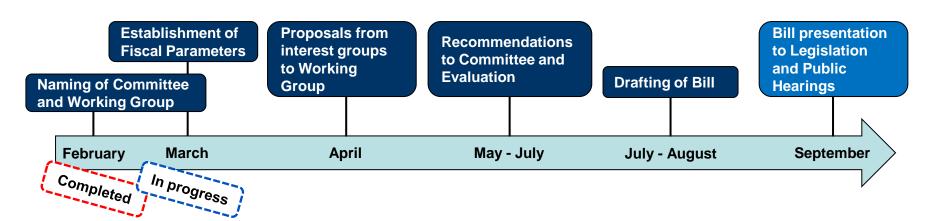
Secretary of Treasury

Chairman House Treasury Committee

Chairwoman Senate Treasury Committee

President GDB

Secretary of Economic Development



Tax Reform has to be framed within the actual fiscal situation and comply with the requirement of a balanced budget of recurrent revenues and expenses on or before FY 2013



Governor Fortuño recently announced the creation of a Special Commission to address the crisis at our Employees' Retirement Systems

ERS Unfunded Liability	90.2%	
TRS Unfunded Liability	75.3%	

Commission Members:

Executive Director

Secretary of Labor - President

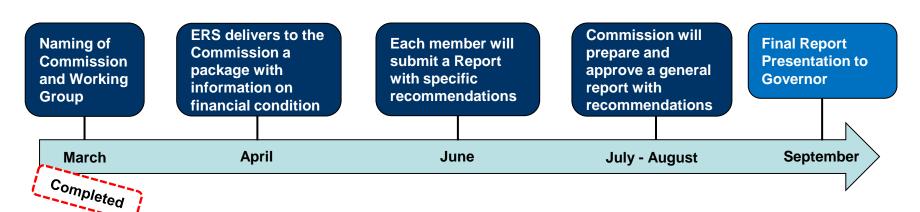
Representative of Retirees

Representative of Permanent Commission (2) Representatives of Govt. Agencies

(2) Representative of Public Labor Sector

Member of Senate

Member of House of Representatives





Focus on fostering economic development through Public-Private Partnerships to invest in our infrastructure

PPPs PRIORITY PROJECTS IN ALL INFRASTRUCTURE AREAS FOR PUERTO RICO





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As of January 2010, net revenues reflected a modest 0.8% decline below estimates mainly due to a delay in the SUT - IVU Lotto implementation

Revenue	Actual July - January		\$	Estimate	Actual vs.
Categories (\$ millions)	2009	2010	Change	2010	Estimate
Individuals	\$1,493	\$1,357	(\$136)	\$1,399	(\$42)
Corporations	\$745	\$801	\$57	\$775	\$27
Non-Resident Withholdings	\$508	\$481	(\$27)	\$455	\$25
Property Tax	\$0	\$126	\$126	\$115	\$11
Sales and Use Tax	\$454	\$92	(\$363) <	\$147	(\$55)
Motor Vehicles	\$200	\$199	(\$1)	\$210	(\$11)
Alcoholic Beverages	\$163	\$165	\$2	\$170	(\$5)
Off-Shore Shipments of Rum	\$250	\$216	(\$33)	\$223	(\$6)
Other	\$470	\$534	\$64	\$509	\$24
Total	\$4,282	\$3,970	(\$312)	\$4,003	(\$33)

Adjustments for comparison purposes:

Total (including adjustments)	\$3,828	\$3,753	(\$75)
Sales and Use Tax**	\$454	\$92	\$363
Property Tax*	\$0	\$126	(\$126)

^{*}Act 7-Temporary increase in property tax.

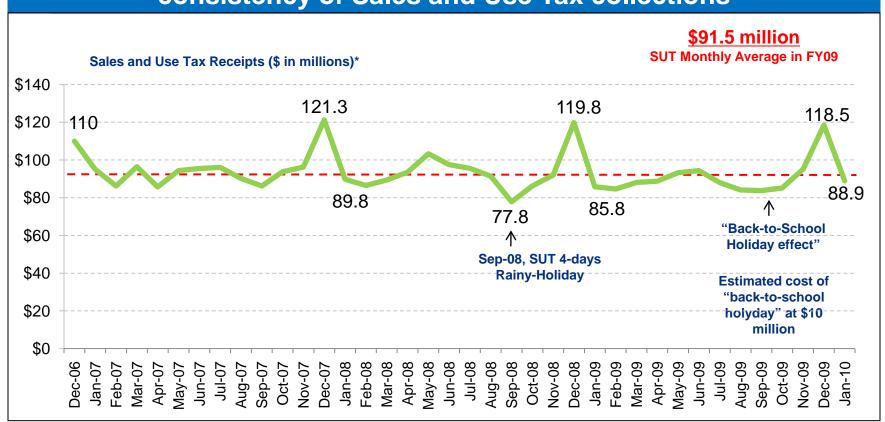
 SUT collections differential at the General Fund between last and current fiscal year is due to the additional 1.75% assignment of the SUT to COFINA

^{**}Act 1-1.75% increase in SUT allocation to COFINA Numbers may not add up due to rounding



Sales and Use Tax revenues have remained strong in spite of recession

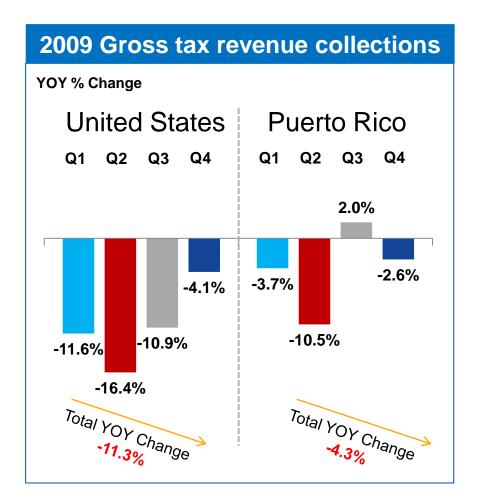
3.7% YOY increase in January 2010 further depicts consistency of Sales and Use Tax collections

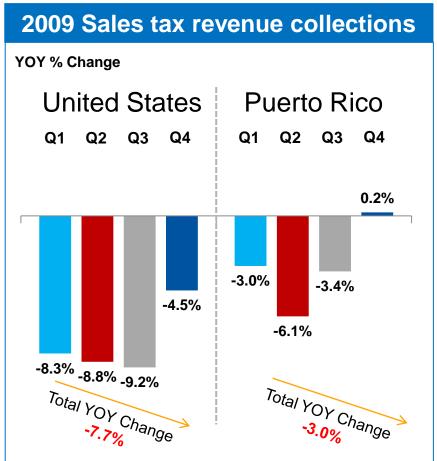


Source: PR Dept.of the Treasury



Puerto Rico's tax collections during CY 2009 showed considerable strength in comparison with the US







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Most States are facing considerable fiscal challenges...

Puerto Rico is ahead of the curve with a proven Fiscal & Economic Reconstruction Plan with results.



One year ago we faced a 42.1% budget gap, which required swift action...

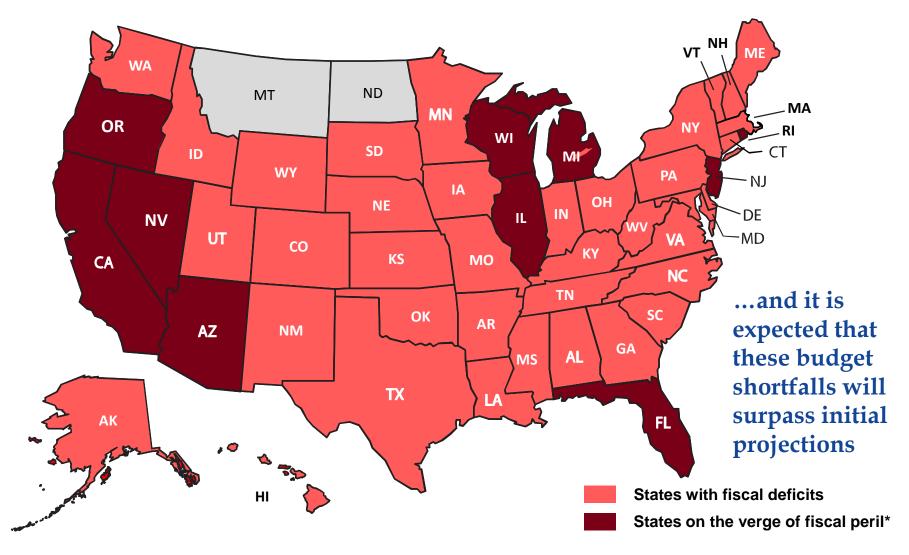
States on the verge of fiscal peril

	State	Credit Rating	Budget Gap %*
1	Michigan	Aa3/AA-	8.5%
2	Illinois	A2/A+	15.1%
3	New Jersey	Aa3/AA	18.8%
4	Nevada	Aa2/AA+	19.9%
5	Florida	Aa1/AAA	22.2%
6	California	Baa1/A-	36.7%
7	Arizona	A1-AA	36.8%
8	Puerto Rico	BBB-/Baa3	42.1%

^{*} Center on Budget and Policy Priorities



Today, 48 States are facing deficits and 10 are on verge of fiscal peril...



Puerto Rico has recovered its credibility...

Swift and Concrete Actions We immediately identified the problem We developed a comprehensive Fiscal and Reconstruction Plan We have implemented and/or identified 60% of the expense reductions We have developed the Strategic Model for a New Economy We have adopted conservative budgeting strategies and expense controls We are on target with our revenues estimates We are working on a tax reform – it will be revenue neutral on the short term We have strengthen the GDB's role to assist the government and its instrumentalities We have proven to have access to the capital markets We appointed a special committee to tackle the problems at our pension system

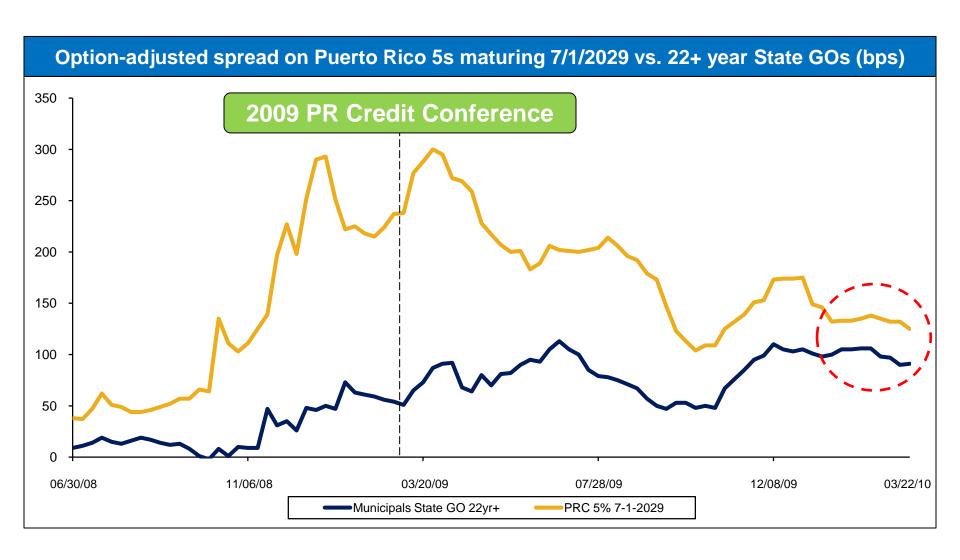
The economy is showing signs of stabilization

We are ahead of the curve when compared with other states

...Delivering Positive Results

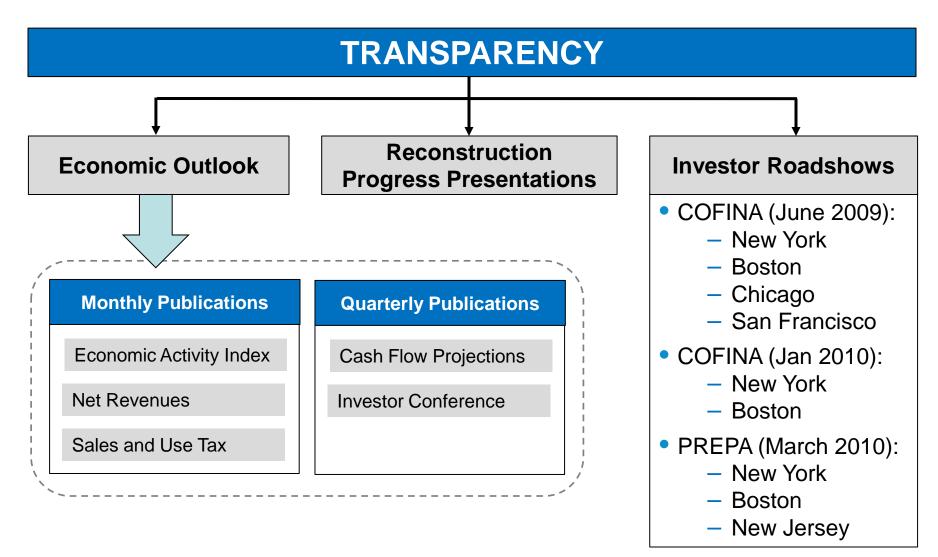


Puerto Rico's Reconstruction Plan has restored investor confidence...





We will continue our commitment of full transparency, providing constant flow of information





Concluding Remarks

- We have responded with swift action through the Reconstruction Plan to address fiscal and economic challenges
- We continue tackling the deficit by intervening with high impact budgetary agencies and also addressing deficits at main public corporations by providing better oversight
- The Fiscal Reconstruction Plan is entering a new phase with several governmental reforms already in progress that will provide much needed support for economic development
- Government revenues are stable and within budget, parting ways with past practices of overestimating revenues
- We are focused on direct channels with the investor community and general public, regaining confidence and credibility







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