



The Rebirth: Tunisia's potential development pathways to 2040

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In this section, we complement the Current Path forecast of Tunisia's likely future (presented in the sections above) by contrasting three additional scenarios, namely Going for Growth, Leapfrogging and Sustainability & Equality. These will demonstrate the alternative development pathways that Tunisia can pursue towards a more prosperous future.

The three scenarios illustrate the options within the reach of decision makers in Tunisia and thus set out the range of possibilities and trade-offs that need to be considered. Each presents a unique strategy for advancing development.

However, they share five reforms that are foundational to progress: improved governance, consisting of better business regulation, more economic freedom and less corruption; improved quality of primary and secondary education; and a reduction in subsidies to wealthier households. Tunisia will not progress without addressing all five of these fundamentals.

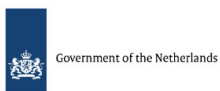
Chart 13 provides a schematic summary of the interventions. More detail of how these were modelled in IFs is given in Annex B. The yellow interventions at the bottom of Chart 13 are common to all three scenarios. The orange, blue and green cells represent the summary interventions included in Going for Growth, Leapfrogging and Sustainability & Equality.

Chart 13: Summary of sectoral interventions

Going for Growth	Leapfrogging	Sustainability
Promote export of manufactured goods and increase prices of imported manufactured goods	Ensure more graduates in science and engineering	Reduce smoking and obesity
Increase FDI and reduce investment outflows	Improve upper secondary vocational training	Improve lower and upper secondary transition and graduation rates, improve tertiary intake
Reduce firm tax	Increase research and development (R&D) spend	Equip more land for irrigation and reduce food loss and waste
Increase investment in economy	Ensure more and better fixed and mobile broadband, improved ICT penetration	Reduce capital cost of renewable energy and introduce a carbon tax
Ensure more effective government	Pave more roads	Increase social transfers to unskilled households
Pave more roads		Ensure more effective government
		Increase portion of wastewater treated
Improve business regulation		
Ensure more economic freedom		
Reduce corruption		
Improve primary and secondary education quality		
Reduce social transfers to wealthier households		

Based on the Current Path analysis and feedback from our workshops in Tunis, the governance interventions represent a successful five-year push; education represents a ten-year sustained push, given the slow-moving nature of education outcomes; and subsidy reform is gradually implemented to 2040. All interventions begin in 2020 and are benchmarked to improvements achieved in other countries and regions.

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