Key Investment Opportunities in Iraq

(according to sectors and provinces 2019)

Republic of Iraq
Presidency of Council of Ministers
National Investment Commission
Indicators of the Government's Economic Plan

The development of a clear economic policy with regards to its vision and objectives in the process of economic construction through the identification and distribution of roles between the private sector and the public sector in order to ensure the gradual transition to market economy.

Re-structuring the state-owned industries and the gradual transition to private sector.

An investment policy that puts the infrastructure and essential services as its first strategic priorities which supports the effectiveness of private investment and enhances the entry of foreign investments into Iraq.
Indicators of the Government's Economic Plan

- To support investment the legislative, regulatory and financial environment which would create a sufficient stimulation to investment activity.
- To estimate the required investments either it is based on a governmental investment plan or through private sector, in order to achieve the targeted growth rate of 7%.
- To expand the holding of industrial zones and industrial cities which has an infrastructure, as well as to provide incentives and guarantees for investors.
- To develop the agricultural sector and to supply all the requirements needed, and to emphasize the encouragement of investments and reform of legislations.
- To encourage investments through developing a financial and banking system and to provide soft loans through specialized banks and the private sector banks.
- To activate the role of private sector and to develop the business and investment environment as well as to increase the percentage of private sector contribution and to develop the performance of small and medium enterprise.

• The national development plan 2018-2022 targets achieving a significant development growth that is suitable and compatible with the rates made by the Iraqi economy during the past years based on its financial and human resources, noting that the economy growth was noticeable through sustaining the oil production and the ability to achieve oil exports guaranteeing the sustainability of financial revenues that can be employed in productive sectors and services sectors.

• A targeted rate of growth is implemented in the national development plan 2018-2022 of 7%, which equals approximately (186) billion dollars (as a national plan), and around (75) billion dollars (as special investments in different economic sectors). The Iraqi Economy can achieve higher growth rates but taking into consideration the instability of oil prices globally which effects the development process within the upcoming years.
NIC role in activating the private sector

The private sector has a basic and significant role in building the economies of other countries through its effective contribution to human and economic development which in return reflects on providing job opportunities from one hand and helping the public sector on the other, in addition to its role in increasing the national income, decreasing the imports and increasing the exports, this would lead to a strong country with steady economical state and bold structure.

- Strengthening the role of the private sector by relying on comprehensive economic reforms such as the modified investment law, Article (13) of year 2006 and article (50) of year 2015, which aims to encourage the foreign investment and transferring the modern methods to participate in building and developing Iraq and increase the different production and service foundations, as well as providing the necessary requirements to establish plans of the investment projects and build up a competitive atmosphere between investors for different projects under the provisions of this law.

- Working on activating the investment law is considered to be one of the most important foundations to create an investing environment, this has been worked on by establishing the different investment commissions of all provinces which specializes in non strategically projects within the concerned province. In addition to issuing a number of regulations that supports investment in Iraq.
- the main role of NIC is to implement a policy that ensures the transparency and fair treatment and flexible procedures for local and foreign investors.
- To promote key economic sectors that has the highest attraction form investors and to connect local investors with global market.
- To provide an investment environment according the most ideal international approaches.
- To facilitate investment in terms of (access, establishment, license issuance, privileges, maintenance and expansion of project).
- To simplify work procedures and to coordinate with the concerned authorities for the facilitation of investment in terms of (land allocation, granting investment license and tax-levy exemption).
Economic Zones – 7 Strategic Investment Opportunities

Economic zones

- Investment zone in middle Euphrates (between holy Najaf and Holly Kerbala), specialized in Agriculture Industries production such as (diaries, fruits, vegetables and meat cannoning and food stuff).
  - investment zone in Nineveh, specialized in Micro-Engineering industries and manufacturing integrated engineering instruments and systems for small and medium enterprises.

- Investment zone in Diyala (multi-purpose).
- Investment zone in Anbar (for construction materials and glass production).
- Investment zone in Basra/ Fao Grand port.
- Investment zone in Baghdad / near Baghdad International Airport, specialized in new technology (smart city) for technology activities and information technology.
- Huteen zone/ Babylon Province for medium & heavy engineering manufacturing.
Oil and Gas Sector

Investment Enabled by Prospects of Greater Stability and Security

GAS Flaring

• Investment needs and opportunities in gas infrastructure and in expanding gas-to-power generation to reduce environmentally damaging and costly gas flaring.

• Need to increase processing capacity around the Basra petroleum hub. The additional gas captured and processed needs to be effectively commercialized and allocated to serve its power generation needs.

REFINERIES

• Iraq plans to triple refining capacity to reduce reliance on refined-product imports.

Pipelines

• Iraq projects expanding its crude production from a capacity of about 4.5 billion barrels per day today to 6 billion barrels in 2020.

• An Iraq-Jordan pipeline is envisaged to eventually connect Basra with Jordan’s Red Sea port of Aqaba, with plans for another Northern pipeline project.
Oil sector – 7 Projects

- Mosul field for petrochemical products (Basra)
- Toba field for petrochemical products (Basra)
- Al Aziziya field for petrochemical products (Wasit)
- Samara field for petrochemical products (Saladin)

Products pipe East Badha 650km (16 Basra- Maysan products-
16 Maysan- Baghdad Gasoline-18 Maysan-
Baghdad Kerosene Gasoil)
Liquid Gas pipe (LPG) 16*650 km (Basra –
Maysan- Wasit- Baghdad)
Second National Dry Gas pipe 48* 700 km
(Basra –Nasriya- Dewaniya- Semawa- Hilla-
Baghdad- Beji )
Industrial sector – 34 Investment Opportunities (Rehabilitation & Development)

**Cement Factories**
- Rehabilitation of a cement factory in Fallujah
- Rehabilitation of a cement factory in Anbar
- Rehabilitation of a cement factory in Mosul
  - Rehabilitation of a cement factory in Holly Najaf
  - Paper bags production factory in Mosul

**Hydraulic production factories**
- Irrigation system manufacturing.
- Water treatment stations.
- Manufacturing of fixed and mobile warehouses.
- Recycling and treating wastes.

**Petrochemical Plants**
- Petrochemical Plant in Al Faw
- Petrochemical Plant in Basra
- Paper production factory in Basra (Rehabilitation and Development)

**Glass Factory**
- Rehabilitation and development of Glass factory in Ramadi
- Float Glass factories in Karbala and Muthana provinces (2 projects)
  - Rehabilitation and operation of medical bottles factory.
  - Rehabilitation of Health tools and ceramic tiles factory.

**Fertilizers Factories**
- Rehabilitation of existing fertilizer plant in Baiji/ Saladin
- Reconstruction and development of fertilizer plant in Abu Al Khaseeb/ Basra
- New production lines for fertilizer plant in Khor Al Zubair/ Basra
- Rehabilitation and development of phosphate plant in Qaim./ Anbar
Industrial sector – 34 Investment Opportunities (Rehabilitation & Development)

**Food processing**
- Fruit juice factory in Halabja city
- Tomato paste factory in Duhok
- Grape juice factory in Duhok
- Vegetable oil factory in Erbil
- Vegetable oil factory in Sulaymaniyah
- Vegetable oil factory in Duhok
- Sugar production factory in Maysan
- Food stuff production factory in Saladin
- Al-Amin factory for food stuff production in Baghdad.

**Tires**
- Rehabilitation and development of Rubber Tires Factory in (Diwaniya-Holly Najaf-Babylon).

**Medical Supplements:**
- Rehabilitation and development of Samara Factory.
- Rehabilitation and development of Baghdad Factory.
- Rehabilitation and development of Nineveh Factory.
Power sector – 8 Solar Projects

Solar PV Stations
- Solar PV: Al – hay/ Wasit
- Solar PV: Diyala University
- Solar PV: Abu GharibBaghdad
- Solar PV: Haditha/ Anbar
- Solar PV: Heet/ Anbar
- Solar PV: Fallujah/ Anbar
- Solar PV: Jissan/ wasit
  - Solar PV; Sulaimniya
Transport sector – 17 Investment Opportunities

**Airports**
- Rehabilitation and development of Mosul International Airport
- Rehabilitation and development of Nasiriya International Airport

**Railways**
- New railway line (Basra-Fao)
- Rehabilitation of the existing line (Baghdad-Basra)
- Construction of railway line (Musaib – Semawa)
  - New railway line (Mosul-Dukok-Zacko-Turkey).
  - New railway line (Baghdad-kut-imarah-basra) and branch line (kut-Nasiriya-um qasr).
- Construction of Basra— Iran line
- Construction of railway line (Baghdad--Mosul) and branch line (Baquba-Khanaqeen-Munthiriya-Iran)

**Highways**
- Rehabilitation and development of the 580km Baghdad–Basra highway
- Rehabilitation and development of the 570km Baghdad-Mosul- Rabeea-Feshkhaboor highway
- Rehabilitation and development of the 180km Baghdad-Baqba- Iranian border (Al Munthiriya) highway
- Construction of the 250km Baghdad-Kirkuk highway
- Rehabilitation of Bismaya- Baghdad-Muhamed Al Qasim highway, 25km

**Metro**
- Baghdad Metro
- Baghdad Mono Rail
- Mono Rail in Holly Karbala Province
- Basra Metro
Real Estate sector – Multiple Investment Opportunities in different Provinces

Strategic Housing Projects
- The New Karbala City Project
- Dhifaf Karbala Project

Housing Projects:
- Investment housing projects in different provinces (Baghdad-Basra-Nineveh-Maysan-Saladin-Anbar), announced by the Ministry of Housing and Construction and Public Municipalities.
- Investment housing projects in different provinces (Kirkuk-Wasit-Thiqar-Muthana-Diwaniya), announced by the Ministry of Youth and Sport.
- Investment housing projects in different provinces by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
# Health and Education sector – 17 Investment Opportunities

## University Hospitals
- Karbala University Hospital
- Mosul University Hospital
- University Hospital in Anbar province
- Build a 400-bed teaching center in (Kirkuk, Wasit al-Muthanna)
- Build a cyclotron for cancer therapy
- Build a University Teaching Hospital in Babylon Province
- Build a University Teaching Hospital in Baghdad

## Private Hospitals
- Build Hospital with 100 bed capacity - Wasit
- Build Hospital with 100 bed capacity - Anbar
- Build General Hospital with 100 bed capacity in Baghdad
- Build 100 beds hospital in Diwany
  - Build 100 beds hospital in Basra
  - Build 100 beds hospital in Nineveh.

## Public Hospital
- Public Hospital in (Baghdad-Wasit-Anbar-Kerbala-Kirkuk-Saladin) of (100-400) bed capacity (mutual execution and management).

## Pharmaceutical and Medical Supplies Production:
- Medical supplies production factories in different provinces.
- An integrated medical city in (Baghdad-Holly Kerbala-Basra).

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[Map of Iraq showing various hospitals and provinces]
Tourism sector – 18 Investment Opportunities

**Hotels & resorts**
- Recreational zone in Diyala (the old camp near Al Kholis and Udaim lakes).
- Rehabilitation of Baylon Hotel.
- Rehabilitation of Mosul Hotel.
- Rehabilitation of Novotel Basra Hotel.
- Rehabilitation of Holly Njaf Hotel.
- Development and investment of Al-Udaim Dam site at Diyala.
- Development of Ayn-Tammur complex in Holly Kerbala.
- Rehabilitation and investment of Habaniya resort/ Anbar.
- Constructing of a new tourism resort in Razaza Lake.

Modern Tourism Complex according to general master plan of Board of Tourism in Erbil
- Modern Tourism Complex according to general master plan of Board of Tourism in Sulaimaniyah
- Modern Tourism Complex according to general master plan of Board of Tourism in Duhok
- Airport 5 star hotel in Erbil
- Airport 5 star hotel in Sulaimaniyah
Commercial sector – Multiple Investment Opportunities distributed throughout Provinces

**Commercial projects**

- Construction of (12) Silos (grain storage) with flour mills in different provinces with a storage capacity of 60 thousands ton to 100 thousand ton each noting that there are special areas allocated for this purpose.

- Construction of multi-purpose commercial complexes throughout provinces.
Water and Waste Water sector – 14 Projects

Waste Water
- Al-Khansa Sewage Treatment Plant
- Basra Sewage project
- Heet Water Treatment Plant
- Al-Khadir Water Treatment Plant
- Al Abasoya and Al Huria Water Treatment Plant
- Zanboor Water Treatment
- Baladrooz Water Treatment
- Hausaiyniye Water Treatment
- Suwira Water Treatment Plant
- Shaikh Saad Water Treatment
- Al-Hayali and Al Bashyr Water Treatment
- Hamza Sewage Project - Diwaneeyeh Governorate
Agriculture projects

Countrywide investment Projects (214 Sub-Projects) in agriculture in all provinces. Total area is around 3.224.265 donum.
Education Sector – Multiple Investment Opportunities distributed throughout Provinces

Higher Education

- Establishing integrated scientific universities in (Baghdad-Thiqar-Basra-Nineveh-Anbar-Holly Najaf-Babylon).

- Establishing integrated education complexes in all provinces and allocating lands for these complexes (the lands belongs to the Ministry of Education and he Ministry of Housing and Construction and Public Municipalities).
Youth and Sports Sector- 191 Investment Opportunities distributed throughout Provinces

Sport Projects:

- Establishing sport cities in all provinces and providing the lands for these projects by the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
- Establishing sport fields of different areas for multiple activities.
- Establishing sport swimming pools.
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