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#### Overview

- Macroeconomic Objectives
- Global and Domestic Overview
- Immediate and Medium Term Challenges
- 2013 Fiscal Strategy and Framework
- Fiscal Policy Measures



### Macroeconomic Objective

• 2013 Budget Strategy:

Ø aligned to macroeconomic targets in the *People's Charter for Change, Peace and Progress* and the Roadmap for Democracy and Sustainable Socio Economic Development; and

Ø focuses on fostering sustainable growth and achieving fiscal sustainability over the medium term.



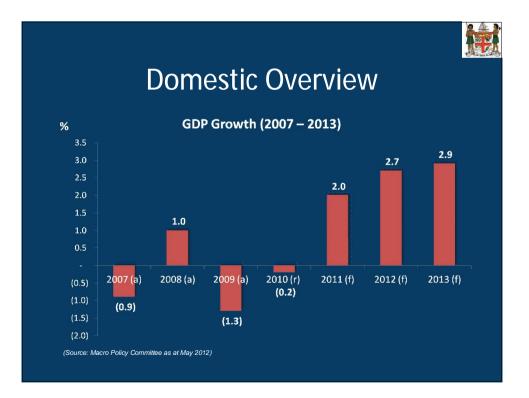
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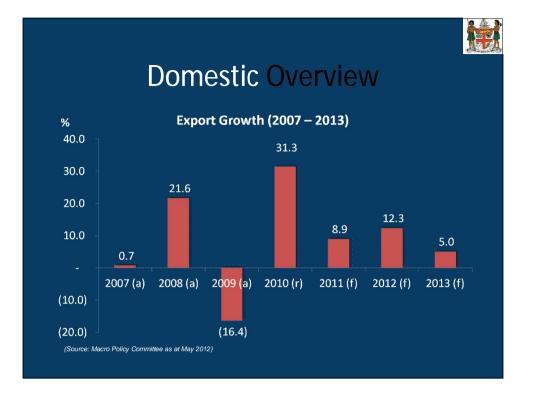
- Government medium term policy targets : ØInflation to be kept at around 3 percent; ØMaintaining adequate level of foreign reserves; ØInvestment to increase to 25 percent; ØGovernment debt stock to reduce to less than 45 percent of GDP;
  - ØGovernment deficit to be lower than 3 percent of GDP; and
  - ØCapital to operating expenditures to target 30:70.

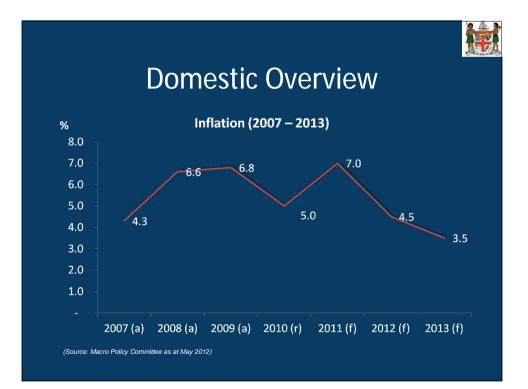
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### **Global Overview**

- IMF global growth forecast revised from 3.3 to 3.5 percent for 2012 and 4.0 to 4.1 percent in 2013
- Fiji's major trading partners are expected to grow moderately
- Accelerated growth for Australia (natural resource sector )and NZ (Christchurch rehab expenditure )
- Euro Zone growth muted due to sovereign debt crisis
- Japan growth reflects post-earthquake reconstruction









#### Immediate and Medium Term Challenges

- Potential external shocks :Euro debt crisis spillover;
- World commodity price shocks (food and oil prices):
- Identifying new sources of revenue without

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