

IFSD ASSESSMENT OF FISCAL CREDIBILITY OF PARTY PLATFORMS

SCORING FRAMEWORK

Principle and Criteria	Assessment Score (Full Marks)	Assessment Score (Partial Marks)
1. Realistic and Credible Economic and Fiscal Assumptions		
1.1 Platform uses latest PBO baseline economic and fiscal forecast	Uses PBO baseline economic and fiscal forecast for next five years	Uses less credible (1-3) or no baseline forecast (0)
1.2 Platform articulates economic challenges and corresponding measures	Articulates challenges/risks and provides plan with priorities and timelines	Articulates challenges/risks with limited plan (1-3) or ignores challenges (0)
1.3 Platform articulates fiscal challenges and corresponding measures	Articulates challenges/risks and provides plan with priorities and timelines	Articulates challenges/risks with limited plan (1-3) or ignores challenges (0)
1.4 Platform accounts for global uncertainty and threats from the US	Incorporates global uncertainty and US threats into planning outlook	Acknowledges global uncertainty and US threats with limited (1-3) or no adjustment to planning outlook (0)
2. Responsible Fiscal Management		
2.1 Platform's commitments are consistent with a defensible medium-term fiscal strategy and framework	Fiscal objectives include full list of indicators to inform implementation and accountability	Fiscal objectives include partial list of indicators to inform implementation and accountability (1-3) or not established (0)
2.2 Platform's commitments maintain long-term fiscal sustainability	Commits to long term fiscal sustainability with annual analysis of federal, provincial, CPP/QPP	Commits to long term fiscal sustainability with limited release of analysis (1-3) or no commitment (0)

2.3 The fiscal planning framework includes adequate provisions (prudence) for fiscal risks, economic risks, and unforeseen events	Prudence adjustments in line with risks and guidance on use of unused adjustments	Prudence adjustments with limited alignment with risks and transparency on use (1-3) or no prudence adjustments (0)
2.4 The fiscal planning framework contains fiscal room to address challenges to Canadian sovereignty	Fiscal strategy and plan to address current and ongoing risks to Canadian sovereignty	Limited fiscal strategy and plan to manage sovereignty risks (1-3) or no strategy (0)
3. Transparency		
3.1 Platform provides economic and fiscal outlook for five years (2025-29) with details on key indicators, which incorporate the proposed policy measures	Planning outlook includes policy measures	Policy proposals not fully integrated into planning outlook (1-3) or not integrated (0)
3.2 Platform provides sufficient detail on the proposed measures	Objectives, priorities, timelines and measures to achieve	Limited performance information to assess efficacy (0-3)
3.3 Platform provides a clear implementation plan for key policy measures	Detailed implementation plan with timelines and contingencies	General implementation plan (1-3) or no implementation plan (0)

IFSD GRADING SYSTEM			
	GOOD (80% PLUS)	PASS (50 TO 79%)	FAIL (<50%)
PRINCIPLE 1			
Realistic and Credible Economic and Fiscal Assumptions	13 / 16 plus	(8-13) / 16	<8 / 16
PRINCIPLE 2			
Responsible Fiscal Management	13 / 16 plus	(8-13) / 16	<8 / 16
PRINCIPLE 3			
Transparency	10 / 12 plus	(6-10)/ 12	<6 / 12
Total Score	36 / 44 plus	(22 -36) / 44	<22/ 44