WORLD BANK RECOGNIZES PERMITTING AS A PRIORITY:

- Starting a business
- Construction permit
- Getting electricity
- Registering property
- Getting credit
- Protecting investors
- Paying taxes
- Cross-border trade
- Enforcing contracts
- Insolvency rules
- Labor regulation

PRIORITIZE PERMITTING TO PULL IN POLICYMAKERS

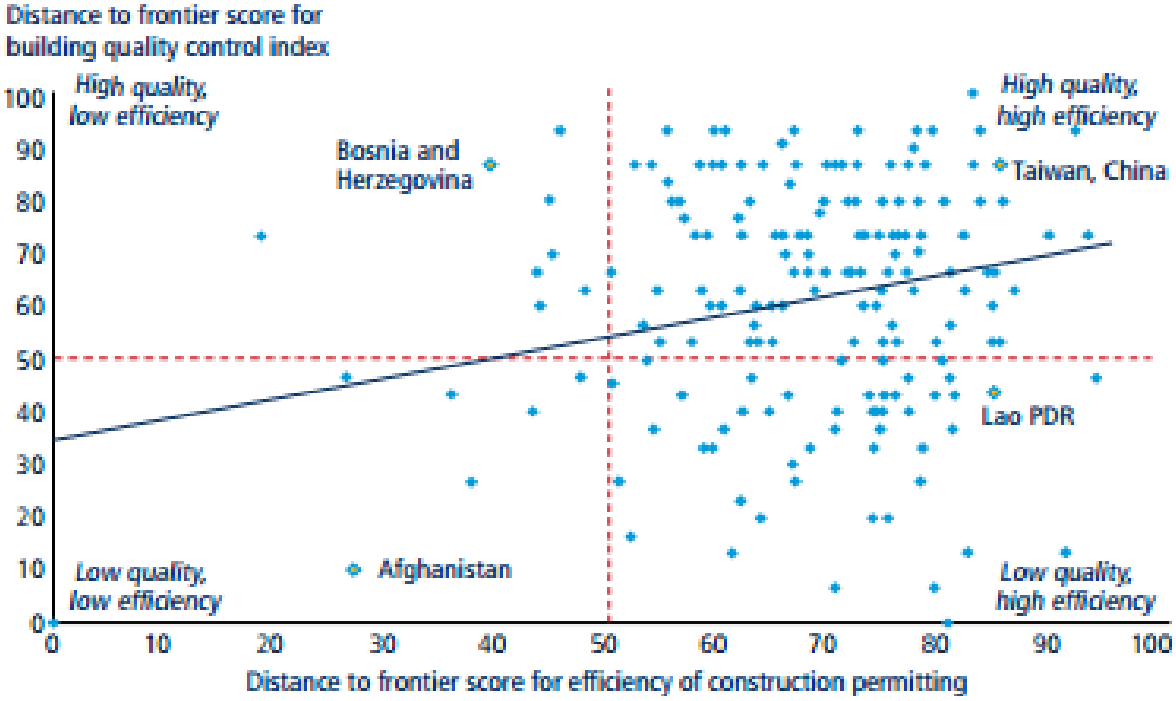
1. Efficient permitting = efficiency job creation

2. Job creation = policymaker buy-in (especially at the municipal level)

3. Municipal buy-in = solution to heads of states' concern about subnational impact on national competitiveness

BETTER PERMITTING: NO SAFETY TRADE-OFF

"Economies with more efficient construction permitting systems also tend to have better quality control and safety mechanisms"



Source: Doing Business database.

ABD RECOMMENDATIONS ON PERMITTING

#1

Create certification for public servants & governments in best practices for issuing permits

WHY:

Proven tool to increase professionalism and reward/incentivize best practices

STEPS AND DIVISION OF LABOR:

A. *Summit:* Ask for certification creation
B. *ABD*:* Provide private sector input
C. *OAS & IDB:* Develop the certification

* Americas Business Dialogue (ABD) is the private sector mechanism for providing advice to the heads of the state in the Summit of the Americas process.

RECOMMENDATIONS ON PERMITTING

#2

Give EVERYONE access to training on best practices in permitting competitiveness

WHY:

There is broad government & popular interest, and ALL deserve fair access

STEPS:

A. Private sector, IDB & OAS partner to create a certification “MOOC”
B. Seminars where interest is deepest

OUR INPUT ON PERMITTING BEST PRACTICES

1. Rules are ***Online*** & Consistently Applied

2. Can ***Pay, Track & Renew*** Permits Online

3. ***Single Window*** for All Agencies & Stages

4. Option of Licensed, ***Independent*** Inspectors

5. ***No Duplication***, e.g., unified process and mutual recognition if multiple levels of government have a common requirement

6. Requirements are Classified by Activity ***Risk***

7. ***Transparent*** & ***Germane*** Mitigation Request

8. ***Training*** & Certification for Public Servants

9. ***Advocate*** Available to Address Bottlenecks

10. Response ***Deadline*** with positive presumption, interim feedback, and chance to correct errors