OG-IDN: Previous and New Simulations

Jason DeBacker ¹ Richard W. Evans ²

¹University of South Carolina, Department of Economics ²Abundance Institute, Open Research Group, Inc.

> March 19, 2025 United Nations. Indonesia

Previous Simulations

Simulations we did in August 2024:

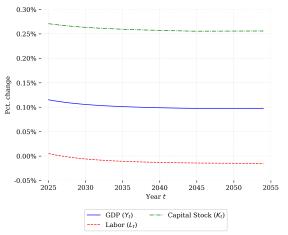
- Corporate tax rate cut
- Energy tax
- Education reform
- Digitization leading to smaller informal sector

CIT Rate Cut: Scenario

 Hypothetical: Permanent decrease in the CIT rate from 22% to 20%

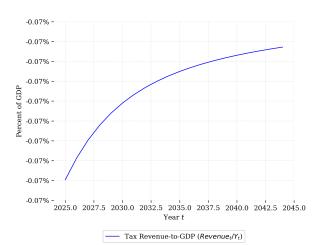
CIT Rate Cut: Parameterization

Pct Changes in GDP, Capital Demand, and Labor Demand



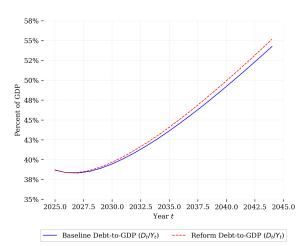


Tax Revenue



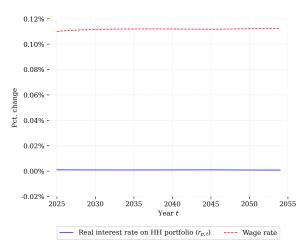


Debt to GDP Ratio

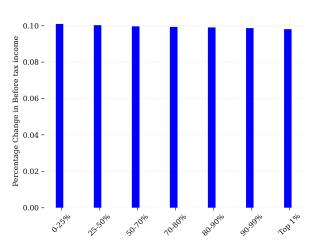




Interest Rates and Wages



Pct Change in Income by Skill Group



Energy Tax: Scenario

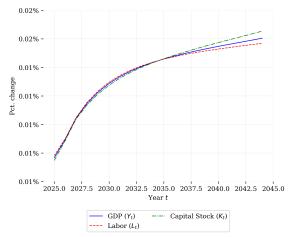
- Hypothetical: Phase in a tax on energy goods, as an increase in VAT rate
- Specifically: Tax begins at 15%, then 17%, then to 20% permanently

Energy Tax: Parameterization

```
1 # Increase VAT rate on energy goods, which are second in
       the list of consumption goods
 updated_params_ref = {
      "tau c": [
3
          [0.10, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10],
4
          [0.10, 0.12, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10],
5
          [0.10, 0.14, 0.10, 0.10, 0.10],
6
7
      "baseline_spending": True,
8
9
10 p2.update_specifications(updated_params_ref)
```

Energy Tax: Results

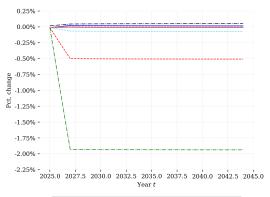
Pct Change in GDP, Capital Demand, and Labor Demand





Energy Tax: Results

Pct Changes in GDP by Sector

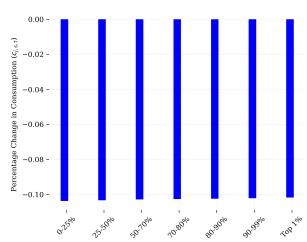






Energy Tax: Results

Pct Changes in Consumption by Skill Group





Education Reform: Scenario

- Hypothetical: Increase public spending to improve test scores in public schools in Indonesia
 - Based on Jasmina (2016), "Public Spending and Learning Outcomes of Basic Education at Public Spending and Learning Outcomes of Basic Education at the District Level in Indonesia"
- Increased education \rightarrow increase labor productivity
 - Specifically, productivity of bottom 70% increases by 16
 - This takes time to phase in as school age children now as in progress, don't find full benefit (assume 20 years)
 - Affects only bottom 70% since studies suggest those from higher income groups already attending high quality schools
- The spending affects the gov't budget: this education reform costs and additional 1.0% of GDP permanently

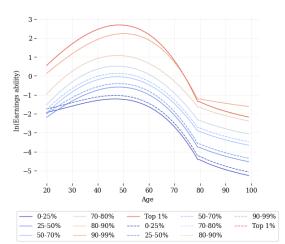


Education Reform: Parameterization

```
num_years = 20 # 20 years to phase in
2 total_benefit = 0.16 # total effect on productivity
      when fully phased in
3 benefits = np.linspace(0, total_benefit, num_years)
4 for t, benefit in enumerate (benefits):
      p2.e[t, :, :3] = p.e[t, :, :3] * (
5
        1 + benefit
6
      ) # just apply to bottom 70%
8 p2.e[num\_years:, :, :3] = p.e[num\_years:, :, :3] * (1 +
     total_benefit)
9 # Education spending currently about 2.6% of GDP
10 # Let's assume this increases to 3.6% of GDP
11 p2.alpha_G = (
p2.alpha_G + 0.01
13) # counterfactual 3.6% of GDP - current 2.6% of GDP
```

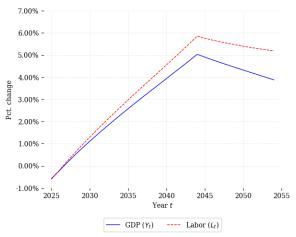
Education Reform: Parameterization

Labor Productivity Profiles



Education Reform: Results

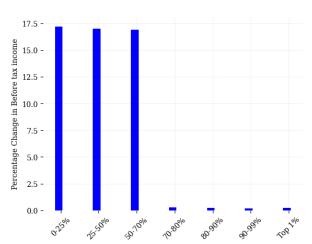
Pct Changes in GDP and Labor Demand





Education Reform: Results

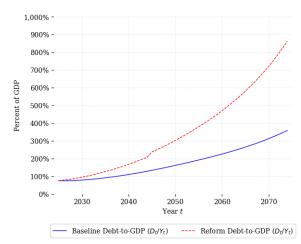
Pct Changes in Income by Skill Group





Education Reform: Results

Debt to GDP Ratio



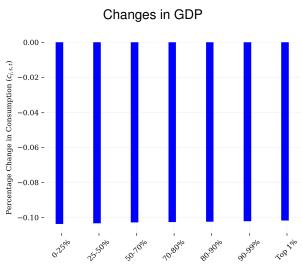
Digitization Reform: Scenario

- Hypothetical: Increase in digitization results in it being harder to operate in informal economy
- · As informat sector formalizes, it:
 - Pays taxes (corporate income and VAT)
 - It experiences capital deepening
 - There is a substitution among households away from the informal sector (because now more directly competing with the formal sector)

Digitization Reform: Parameterization

```
formalize_spec = {
      "gamma": [0.3, 0.41], # capital deepening in the
2
      informal sector
      "cit_rate": [[0.22], [0.22]], # informal sector now
3
      pavs CIT
      "tau_c": [[0.11], [0.11]], # informal now pays VAT
4
      "alpha_c": [
         0.25,
6
          0.75,
7
      1, # Consumption shifts away from informal since
8
      now compete with established formal sector
9
      "io_matrix": np.eye(2),
10
p2.update_specifications(formalize_spec)
```

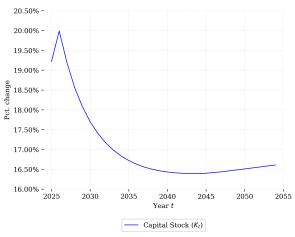
Digitization Reform: Results





Digitization Reform: Results

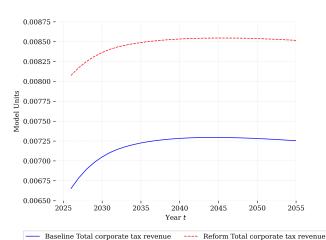
Pct Changes in Capital Stock





Digitization Reform: Results

Tax Revenue





Recent simulations in USA model

- · Regulatory reform
- Effect of anti-aging therapeutic breakthroughs
- Debt stability

Simulations we could work on this week

- · Changes to the social transfer system
- Tax reform
- Education funding
- Infrastructure investment