



# PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2007 PDF MEETING

Presentation during the Core Group Meeting  
February 7, 2007, World Bank

# OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- Tentative Agenda and Program for the 2007 PDF Meeting
- Proposed Organization of the Working Group
- Proposed Preparatory Activities
- Logistical Arrangements



# ARRANGEMENTS

- Date: March 8-9, 2007 (1 and ½ days)
- Venue – Cebu
- Discussions to focus on “broad “ issues related to the theme
- Four break-out sessions covering cross-cutting topics
- No individual session for each WG



# FORUM SESSIONS

- **Session 1: Overall Developments (Mar 8; am)**
  - Fiscal Prospects (Gov't)
  - Phil's Competitiveness and Investment Climate (Gov't)
  - Priority Investment Projects (Gov't)
  - Statements (Invited Guests)
  - General Discussion



# FORUM SESSIONS

- **Session 2: Parallel Break-out Sessions  
(Mar 8; pm)**
  - A. Achieving Broad-Based Growth  
(DSWD, DepEd, DOH)**
    - Meeting the Millennium Dev't Goals
    - Investing in Human Resources



# FORUM SESSIONS

- **Session 2: Parallel Break-out Sessions (Mar 8; pm)**
  - B. Sustaining Fiscal Progress (DOF, DBM)**
    - Strengthening revenue collections
    - Implementing the 2007 expenditure program
    - Developing the capital market



# FORUM SESSIONS

- **Session 2: Parallel Break-out Sessions  
(Mar 8; pm)**
  - C. Enhancing Competitiveness (DTI, NEDA)**
    - Reducing the cost of doing business
    - Implementing the infrastructure program
    - Intensifying governance reforms



# FORUM SESSIONS

- **Session 2: Parallel Break-out Sessions  
(Mar 8; pm)**
  - D. Nurturing regional and local growth  
(DA, DILG, MEDCO)**
    - Sustaining rural development
    - Focusing on Mindanao



# FORUM SESSIONS

- **Session 3: Plenary Session (Mar 9; am)**
  - **Summary/Integration of action plans**
  - **Brief Report on ODA Harmonization**
  - **Plenary Discussions**
  - **Statements**
  - **General Discussion**



# REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

- List of Other stakeholders to be invited  
– February 2
- List of 2-3 issues – Feb 23
- Working Group Report – March 5



# PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS

- WG to identify relevant key issues for each breakout sessions
- WG representatives to be designated as “spokespersons” in the first three breakout session



# ADDITIONAL TOPIC FOR SESSION 4

Choice of:

- Promoting Effective Public-Private Partnerships
- Harnessing ODA to Support for “Super-Region” Development



# POSSIBLE KEY MESSAGES

- **Session 1: Achieving Broad-Based Growth**
  - Achievement of MDG Goals would depend largely on the implementation of key social sector programs at the local level; hence the need to focus capacity building, especially for service delivery, at the LGU levels.
  - Operationally: (a) improve planning and budgeting linkages through implementation or roll-out of core manuals; (b) setting of benchmarks for service delivery for different LGU levels; (c) promoting the use of existing performance benchmarks (e.g. LGPMS) ; and (4) improving the quality and integrity of data generated at the local level.



# POSSIBLE KEY MESSAGES

- **Session 2: Sustaining Fiscal Progress**
  - The potential of LGUs to contribute to national development is partly stymied by the poor fiscal position of many LGUs, partly due to inadequate policy support at the national level and limited access of LGUs to financing for its development projects.
  - Some of the policy reforms needed: (a) expansion in the number of government depository banks; (b) improved information sharing between BIR and LGUs; (c); addressing the constraints to increased LGU participation in capital market development
  - Policy changes should be accompanied by capacity building for planning, budgeting, revenue mobilization and financial management
  - Assistance in automation of the financial transactions at the LGU level consistent with the Integrated Financial Management Information Systems being developed at the national level



# POSSIBLE KEY MESSAGES

- **Session 3: Enhancing Competitiveness**
  - Support to the following priority projects identified by the NCC (a) **LGUs: Achieve world class performance of cities in 2008, 20% of the municipalities in 2010;** (b) **E-governance in all government offices;** © **Improve the procedures for the entry and exit of business persons and goods;** (d) **Improve the processes in starting and closing a business.**
  - However, specific programs are needed at the local level to maximize the LGU contribution to improving the competitiveness of the country: (a) capacity building for LGUs including assistance in setting up project development support to enable LGUs to improve its infrastructure; (b) scaling of best practices in making LGUs business friendly; © improve the capacity of LGUs to promote private sector development and at the same time maximize their powers to undertake catalytic activities that will improve service delivery



# POSSIBLE KEY MESSAGES

- **Session 4: Nurturing Regional and Local Growth**
  - ***Accelerate revenue mobilization and access to financing by LGUs for better service delivery and growth promotion***
  - ***Promote more effective capacity building programs for LGUs including harnessing support for project development activities of LGUs***
  - ***Maximize the utilization of LGU assets to promote growth and investments***
  - ***Improve the coordinative mechanisms at the local and national level to settle issues on decentralization***



# DESIGNATE SPOKESPERSONS

- **Session 1: Achieving Broad-Based Growth**
- **Session 2: Sustaining Fiscal Progress**
- **Session 3: Enhancing Competitiveness**
- **Session 4: Nurturing Regional and Local Growth**



# PROPOSED PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES

- **Consultation Workshop: Scoping of Building Activities for LGUs**
- **Date: February 21, 2007**

