



HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETINGS WITH OTHER PDF WORKING GROUPS

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

OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION

- Working Group on Sustainable Agriculture – January 29, 2007
- Working Group on MDGs and Social Progress - February 2
- Working Group on Anti-Corruption and Governance – February 5, 2007
- Working Group on Investment Climate and Growth – February 12, 2007



WG on Sustainable Rural Development

- Changes in Leadership resulted in uncertain position or “redefinition” of decentralization policies and direction of rationalization of the agency
- Proposals:
 - Develop protocols (manual of operations) for engagement LGUs using Region 10 as model
 - Inventory of legal statutes on the regulatory framework of the agriculture sector, esp. those that hinder private sector investments



WG on MDGs and Social Progress

- The WG on MDGs would like to collaborate with the WG on Decentralization in the areas of population management, hunger mitigation, gender, localizing the MDGs and scaling-up of CBMS
- Proposals:
 - Set performance standards or benchmarks (inputs and outputs) for service delivery at different LGU levels
 - Improving the integrity and quality of social sector data, e.g. linking the CBMS and the LGPMS
 - Collaborate on capacity building for LGUs/LCEs



WG on Anti-Corruption and Governance

- On Procurement:
 - Development of procurement manuals for LGUs (ADB TA on Paris Declaration)
 - Development of simplified guidelines on procurement for *barangays*
 - *Collaborate on delivery mechanisms for the roll-out of these manuals*

- Financial Planning:
 - Involve the COA in the reform programs; assist in the roll-out of e-NGAs
 - Adopt a holistic approach in automating financial transactions at the LGU level which should be closely coordinated with the planned integrated financial management information system being developed at the national level



WG on Anti-Corruption and Governance

- **On Rationalization:**
 - Support the showcasing of good examples of engagement between Ng agencies and LGUs in devolved areas in agriculture, natural resources and health
 - DBM to require the submission of a roadmap for decentralization that will include proposal for capacitating LGUs to undertake devolved functions
 - Encourage development partners with projects for DA, DENR and DOIH to include further decentralization as a component.

- **On Coordination:**
 - Need for an oversight committee on Decentralization that will resolve issues on financial matters, etc; membership to include the LGU Leagues
 - Need to involve the Working Group in the monitoring of the ADB TAs to ensure harmonization of donor efforts



WG on Anti-Corruption and Governance

- On Anti-Corruption:
 - Enjoin/encourage LGUs to secure ISO certification to improve processes for granting permits
 - Involve the WG on Decentralization in the *barangay* roadshow being organized by the Office of the Ombudsman
 - Enlist the support of the WG in the setting up of Foreign Investment Assistance Desks by the Office of the Ombudsman

Agreement: The WG on Decentralization to take the lead in the advocacy stages of reforms programs affecting LGUs.

