

Working Group on Governance and Anti-Corruption Pre-PDF organizational meeting, 1 March 2006

ADB, as the co-chair of the Working Group on Governance and Anti-Corruption, hosted a meeting with ODA partners and a selected number of government representatives, to discuss organizational issues in preparation of the PDF meeting, 30-31 March 2006.

Context: 2005 update

- Ombudsman's Office (OMB) presented an overview of accomplishments during 2005 in the field of (i) investigation and prosecution, (ii) speedy trials, (iii) procurement and integrity reforms
- Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) provided a brief presentation on the history and the objectives of the National Anti-Corruption Plan of Action (NACPA)
- Both presentations will be finalized and posted on the PDF website

Technical meeting of sub-Working Group on Governance on 3 March

- This sub-Working Group was created in the course of 2005 to focus more on medium- and long-term programs. The sub-Working Group is co-chaired by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and AusAID.
- The focus in preparation of the PDF will be on public service reforms. During the meeting, the key challenges will be identified that the Government will be tackling in the area of public sector governance in 2006. Discussions will be held on ways the Working Group can assist in meeting these challenges.
- External stakeholders, who could contribute to the discussions on governance during the PDF, will be identified so they can be invited to the PDF.

Draft of key issues/messages to be submitted on 10 March

- The key issues/messages that the Working Group wants to convey to the PDF will come out of the Working Group meetings of 3 and 20 March. Preliminary messages will be sent out on 10 March.

NACPA Entry Summit on 15 March

- During the summit, the concept of the NACPA will be introduced to the domestic stakeholders.
- So far, 32 agencies have submitted anti-corruption action plans. These action plans are compiled in a sourcebook that will be disseminated during the summit. Monitoring indicators are being developed to monitor the results of the implementation of the action plans. OMB is set out to serve as the secretariat for the monitoring activities.

Technical meeting of Working Group on Anti-corruption on 20 March

- During the meeting the focus will be on the NACPA and its implementation in 2006. The Working Group will prepare key messages which it wants to convey to the policy makers during the PDF. Key initiatives will be identified and prioritized. Discussions will be held on ways the Working Group can support these initiatives in 2006.
- Preliminary remarks by ODA partners are:

- There was some concern on the loss of momentum in fighting corruption during the second half of 2005.
- Some players seem to be missing in the fight against corruption, like the Bureau of Internal Revenue (?)
- The implementation of the NACPA, once approved, is still unclear. There is need for a work plan and a prioritization of recommendations.
- The results achieved in fighting corruption should be better marketed. The NACPA program should become visible.
- It is important to offer confidentiality to those who want to submit complaints.
- The NACPA monitoring indicators are impressive. The information obtained through the monitoring should be published on a regular basis and in a transparent way. It could be a powerful tool to gain credibility for the program.
- DBM (?) will present last year's achievements in procurement reform. The Working Group will discuss the ways to further these initiatives in 2006.

Submission of Working Group papers by 24 March

- The deadline for submission of working group papers for circulation at the PDF is on 24 March

Breakout session during PDF on 30 March

- The Working Group will remain as one group during the 3-hour break out session and will cover both the anti-corruption and governance issues
- During the break-out session, the priority items for action during the coming year will be further refined. These priority items will be brought to the attention of the top policy makers during the plenary sessions.

List of Participants

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