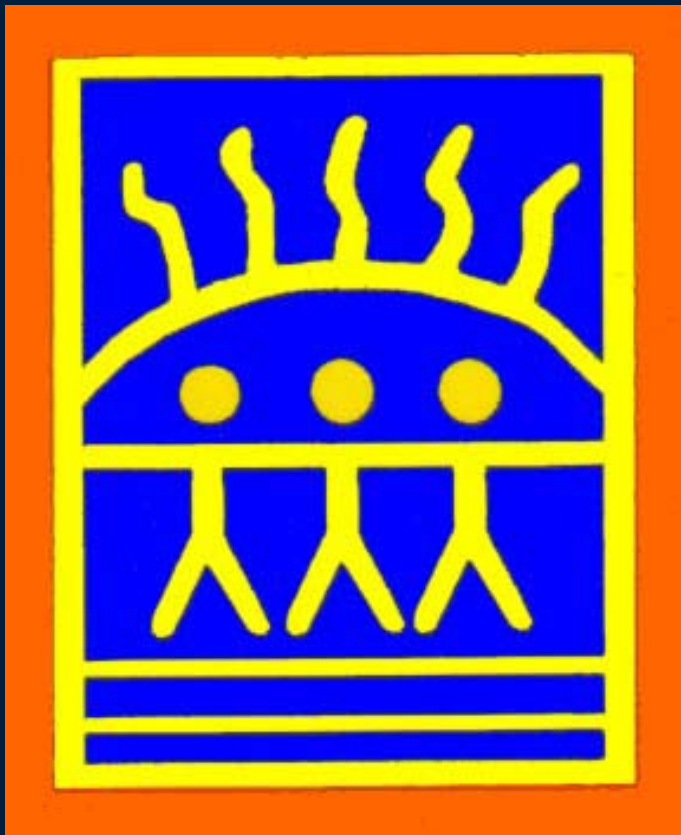


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Working Group on Governance and Anti- Corruption

Status Report and
Plans for the Rest of 2005

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Fighting Corruption is part of the larger Good Governance Agenda

- **Anti-Corruption efforts directly address the negative perception of government due to corruption**
- **Effective anti-corruption work paves the way for longer term systemic reforms such as rationalization of the bureaucracy, government procurement reforms, judicial reforms and political reforms.**

Background

- **Pre-PDF Meeting (15 Feb 2005)**
- **PDF Davao Break-out Session (8 Mar 2005)**
- **Post-PDF Follow up meeting (1 Apr 2005)**
- **South East Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption (SEAPAC) Meeting (3-8 Apr 2005)**
- **Consultations among Domestic Stakeholders (Apr-Jun 2005)**
- **PDF Working Group conveners meeting (June 2005)**
- **Various other meetings with domestic stakeholders over April to June 2005.**

Preliminary Focal Areas Identified in Davao PDF Good Governance and Anti-Corruption Workshop

- **Mechanisms for Government accountability**
- **Tax collection efficiency and resource management**
- **Prosecution of tax evasion and graft cases**
- **Strengthening of anti-corruption agencies**
- **Continued judicial and justice system reform**
- **Streamline the civil service**
- **Electoral reform**
- **Elimination of pork barrel**
- **Building a culture of intolerance to corruption**

Main Agreements in various PDF meetings on Anti-Corruption and Good Governance

1. The large number initiatives require prioritization and good coordination
2. Difficult to recognize and quantify progress in many areas without measurements and benchmarks
3. Wider and more extensive consultations must be conducted among stakeholders to reach meaningful agreements on priorities and measures.
4. Build on current Government efforts in identifying priorities and measures.

Governance and Anti-Corruption Tasks along Five Tracks

Track 1: Agency-level Anti-Corruption Action Program

Track 2: System-wide Good Governance Program

Track 3: Inter-Agency & Stakeholder Prioritization & Coordination

Track 4: Performance Monitoring, Measurement, & Management

Track 5: Communications Program & Perception Management

Track 1: Agency-level Anti-Corruption Action Program

- Integrity Development Action Plan for 2005 presented to President GMA
 - 22 “Doables” by Executive Department
 - Four Areas – Prevention, Education, Deterrence, Strategic Partnerships
 - Planning Workshop convened by PAGC in Dec 2005 with Tony Kwok
 - Coordination and monitoring meeting every other month

Track 1: Agency-level Anti-Corruption Action Program

Specific Doables:

- institutionalization of Internal Audit Unit
- Conduct of Integrity Development Review
- Fast-track e-NGAS and e-bidding
- Incorporate integrity check in recruitment and promotion of government personnel
- Institutionalize multi-stakeholder personnel and organizational performance evaluation system
- Protect the meager income of government employees
- Adopt single ID system for government officials & employees

Track 1: Agency-level Anti-Corruption Action Program

- Disseminate compendium of anticorruption laws, rules & regulations
- Prepare agency-specific code of ethical standards/ agency guidelines for adoption
- Provide ethics training, spiritual formation, moral recovery program for agencies & stakeholders
- Mandate integration of anticorruption in elementary/secondary education modules
- Linking of existing databases of complementary agencies & sharing of information
- Enlist or enhance participation of private sector & civil society in various areas of governance
- Tap international development agencies & private sector for support
- Institutionalize the participation of stakeholders in agency activities

Track 1: Agency-level Anti-Corruption Action Program

- Develop agency internal complaint unit (including protection of internal whistleblowers)
- Set up/strengthen agency internal affairs unit (Cooperate with PAGC & OMB in the proactive conduct of lifestyle checks)
- Publish blacklisted offenders & maintain on-line central database for public access
- Hold superiors accountable for corrupt activities of subordinates
- Advocate for the submission of ITR as attachment to the SALN
- Use effectively existing agency administrative disciplinary machinery and publish results
- PAGC to carry out independent survey to check anti-graft and corruption program effectiveness

Track 1: Agency-level Anti-Corruption Action Program

- Continuing Agency-level anti-corruption action (external)
 - Lifestyle checks (AC-SWAT, DOF, OMB)
 - Unexplained wealth forfeitures (AC-SWAT, OMB)
 - Prosecution of high profile corruption cases (e.g., Gen. Garcia) (OMB, DOF)
 - Prosecution of smuggling, tax evasion, tax credit scam (DOJ, BIR, DOF, NBI)

Track 2: System-wide Good Governance Program

■ Current

- Strengthening of Anti-Corruption Agencies
- Rationalization of the bureaucracy
- Financial and economic reforms
- Judicial reforms (APJR)
- Electoral, judicial, and political reforms

■ Prospective

- Refocus of political leadership
- Constitutional reform

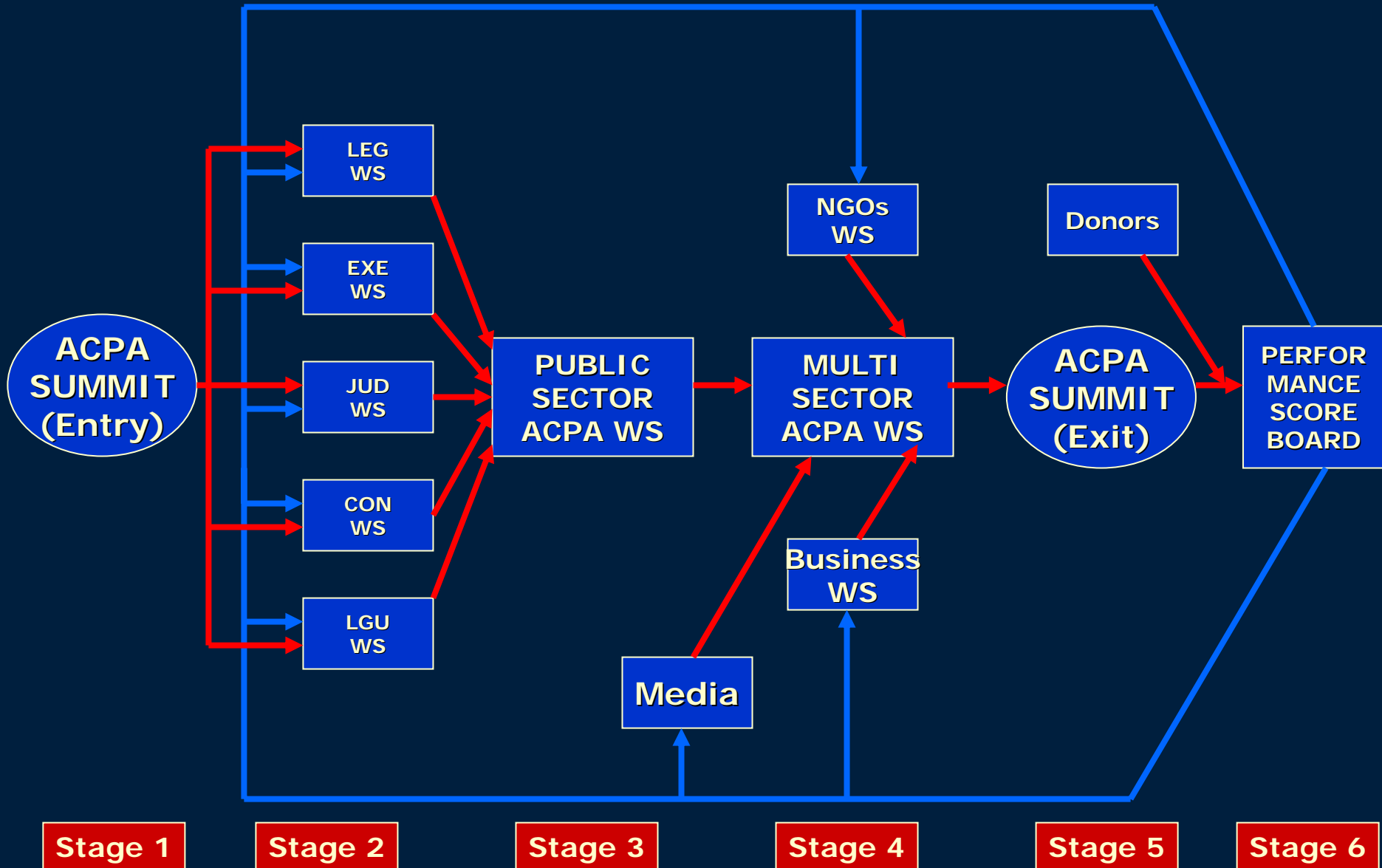
Track 3: Inter-Agency & Stakeholder Prioritization & Coordination

- **Formation of Anti-Corruption Convergence Working Group (Meeting of 10 June 2005: 50 attendees representing 30 government offices/agencies)**
- **Planned series of workshops to widen consultations and to consolidate domestic stakeholder priorities**
- **Inclusion of Congress, local governments in addition to NGAs, ConComs, business sector, NGOs, media and academe in consultation process**
- **National Anti-Corruption Program of Action (NACPA) as mechanism for inter-agency working arrangements and coordination**

Track 3: Inter-Agency & Stakeholder Prioritization & Coordination

- **Prioritization Frameworks:**
 - **Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) as framework for good governance and anti-corruption work.**
 - **Adoption of UN Convention Against Corruption as framework and standard for Philippine anti-corruption campaign.**
 - **Agreement on Six "P" Focus: Policy Agenda, Prosecution, Prevention, Promotion of Integrity, Performance Management, and Perception Management**

Track Three: The Unified NACPA Process





Track 4: Performance Monitoring, Measurement, & Management

- **Integrity Development Action Plans have their own performance measures**
- **NEDA and NCSB developing anti-corruption indicators**
- **Performance Scoreboard for NACPA implementation will be developed in consultation process.**

Track 5: Communications Program & Perception Management

- **Communications program**
 - **Harnessing of government communications infrastructure and resources**
 - **Systematic release of information on prominent corruption cases**
- **Perception management**
 - **Monitoring of surveys**
 - **Fill information gap on positive trends**

Challenge of the Politically Charged Atmosphere

The challenge:

- Strong public clamor for integrity in the political leadership and for good governance
- Need a number of significant good governance and anti-corruption results to improve leadership and government image

The opportunity:

- Various sectors have proposals for meaningful reforms
- PGMA committed to swifter, more significant anti-corruption action and good governance reforms

Track 6: Transformative Political Leadership

- **More Teamwork in the Government's governance and anti-corruption action, and in total program of government**
- **PGMA to preside over the formulation and institution of long-term systemic reforms**
- **Better use of information and communication for mobilizing public awareness and support for government**
- **We expect further policy consolidation on governance and anti-corruption in the coming weeks.**

The Role of the PDF in Responding to the Challenge of Good Governance and Anti-Corruption in the Short Term

- **Continue support to governance and anti-corruption programs of key government agencies (Track 1 and 2)**
- **Support the NACPA consultative planning process (Track 3)**
- **Assist in the development of an objective performance measurement system (Track 4)**
- **Assist the government in focusing on laying the foundations and operationalizing systemic reforms, especially electoral, political, and constitutional reforms (Track 6).**

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