

World Bank Group
Country Assistance Strategy for the Philippines
 Program for Consultation Meeting
 September 26, 2008, 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM

**Educational Media Center Conference Room, Central Philippine University
 Jaro, Iloilo City**

Objectives of the Consultations:

- 1) To increase the WBG's understanding of Government's and various stakeholders' views on the critical development challenges that the Philippines faces
- 2) To share and discuss ideas for possible policy options and programs that could address these challenges, as well as how the WBG could contribute
- 3) To increase Government's and stakeholders' understanding of the WBG's work in the Philippines

Morning

10:30	<i>Arrival and Registration</i>	<i>Meeting Secretariat</i>
10:45	National Anthem	Ms. Joyce Somosierra
10:50	Prayer	Rev. Joniel Howard Gico
11:00	Welcome Remarks	Dr. Agustin Pulido CPU Mancom Chair Mr. Bert Hofman WB Country Director
11:10	Introduction of Participants	Mr. Oman Jiao Lead Facilitator
11:15	Introductory Remarks	Ms. Ro-Ann Bacal OIC, NEDA Director Region VI
11:30	Presentation: The World Bank Group and the Current CAS for the Philippines	WBG Representative
11:45	Open Forum	
12:30	<i>Lunch – Open Forum</i>	

Afternoon

1:15	Focused Group Discussions (FGD): Key Development Challenges and Possible Solutions	Mr. Oman Jiao (Participants in small groups with assigned facilitators)
3:00	Plenary: Reporting and Discussion of FGD Results	Mr. Oman Jiao and facilitators
4:00	<i>Afternoon Break</i>	
4:15	Presentation: Stakeholder Feedback, Emerging CAS Themes	WBG Representative
4:30	Open Forum	
5:20	Closing Remarks	Mr. Bert Hofman WB Country Director
5:30	<i>End of Consultation</i>	