

**Consultation on the World Bank's Disclosure Policy**  
**Questions for Discussion**

1. Do you support the proposal to depart from the existing “positive list” approach to a more open policy under which the public can obtain all information in the Bank’s possession other than what is on a list of exceptions?
2. Do the proposed exceptions adequately reflect the areas in which there is a compelling reason for confidentiality?
3. Do the proposed exceptions strike the right balance between the need for transparency and the need to protect confidential information relating to member countries and third parties?
4. With respect to timelines for declassifying information:
  - i. Do you support a uniform 20-year timeline to declassify most historical documents as is the norm at many international organizations?
  - ii. Alternatively, should certain documents be declassified earlier than 20 years, for example, after 5 or 10 years?
  - iii. If so, what are the types of documents that could be declassified at those intervals?
5. Do you support the proposal to add project audits and annual audited project financial statements prepared by borrowers to the list of documents that borrowers are required to disclose?
6. Are there other documents prepared by member countries, related to World Bank-supported operations, that countries should be required to disclose?
7. Are there disclosure issues you feel this proposal does not address?