

Mechanics of Knowledge Café Consultation on WB Country Assistance Strategy (CAS)

1. A knowledge café is a simple means for a group of people to have an open, creative conversation on a topic of mutual interest. These conversations link and build on each other as people move between groups, allowing for a cross-pollination of ideas and resulting in new insights.
2. The Knowledge Café at the WBOM CAS Consultation will involve three tables, with each table serving as host to a question related to the general topic of the new WBG CAS for the Philippines (*see Attachment for Questions*). There shall be a facilitator at each table to anchor the discussion and summarize the proceedings.
3. Some 70-80 participants are expected to attend the WBOM CAS Consultation. To accommodate this large number, two sets of Knowledge Café will be conducted simultaneously, each one discussing three questions at three tables, for a total of six tables (in effect, two tables per question).
4. The Knowledge Café utilizes a rotational approach to allow ideas to be shared between tables. At the start of the Knowledge Café, there will be 10-12 participants seated at each table (excluding the facilitator). After the facilitator has presented the question, the participants will have a block-time of 30 minutes to share and discuss their ideas on the question. Once the first block-time of 30 minutes is consumed, participants will move to another table (of their choice) to begin discussion on the question at that table. They will have a similar block of 30 minutes for this second discussion.
4. There will be a total of three blocks of time for the two sets of Knowledge Cafe, each lasting for 30 minutes. These blocks are designed to enable each participant, if s/he chooses, to provide input to the three questions for discussion.
5. The block-time period for discussion is quite limited. Participants are enjoined to use the time wisely and avoid spending time analyzing or debating the meaning of the question.
6. The facilitator shall summarize the discussion results for each new group of discussants to establish a common starting point for further discussion.
7. As much as possible, participants should speak on the basis of their experience and avoid citing hypothetical or idealized situations.
8. After the third (and last) block-time of 30 minutes has been completed, the Knowledge Café facilitators will be given some time (5-10 minutes) to organize their meta-cards in preparation for the ranking process. The purpose of the ranking process is to select the three most important responses to each of the three questions. The ranking will be done by the participants acting individually. For questions 1 and 2, participants will select the three most important causes of increasing poverty and inadequate performance of public institutions, respectively. (*The solutions to address these causes will not be ranked.*) For question 3, only the priority programs will be ranked (*the issues that the WB should avoid will not be ranked*).

Attachment
Knowledge Cafe Questions and Reporting Templates
WBOM CAS Consultation in Visayas¹

1. In your view, what are the main causes for the worsening poverty in Visayas and how should these be addressed?

Poverty	
Cause	Proposed Solution
Cause No. 1	Solutions to Cause No. 1
Cause No. 2	Solutions to Cause No. 2
Cause No. 3	Solutions to Cause No. 3
Etc.	

2. In your view, what are the main causes for the inadequate performance of public institutions in Visayas in delivering public services to citizens and how should these be addressed?

Governance	
Cause	Proposed Solution
Cause No. 1	Solutions to Cause No. 1
Cause No. 2	Solutions to Cause No. 2
Cause No. 3	Solutions to Cause No. 3
Etc.	

3. Given what you know about the World Bank and the country situation, what priority programs should be included in the new Country Assistance Strategy? Please explain. Are there any issues that the World Bank should not be involved in? Why?

Suggested Priority Programs for Inclusion in the WB CAS	Justification
1	
2	
3	
Etc.	

Issues that the World Bank should avoid (and why):

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¹ The wording of the questions should be changed to reflect the region where the consultation is being held, i.e., Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and Metro Manila.