

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 “generating ideas for World Bank contributions to address development challenges.” (*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, three sets of Knowledge Café will be conducted simultaneously, each one discussing three questions at three tables, for a total of nine tables (in effect, three 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 45 minutes to share and discuss their ideas on the question. Once the first block-time of 45 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 block of 30 minutes for this second discussion. The third discussion will likewise have a block-time of 30 minutes. These blocks of time 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 solutions to the causes identified in response to the three questions (that is, causes of poverty, inadequate performance of public institutions and challenges to inclusive growth). The ranking will be done by the participants acting individually. (*Only the solutions will be ranked. The causes, ideas for World Bank contributions and issues that the World Bank should avoid will not be ranked.*)

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

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

Poverty		
Causes	Proposed Solutions	Proposed World Bank Contributions

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

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

Governance		
Causes	Proposed Solutions	Proposed World Bank Contributions

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

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3. What are the main challenges for achieving growth that is beneficial to all?

Inclusive Growth		
Challenges	Proposed Solutions	Proposed World Bank Contributions

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

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