

# Multi-Stakeholder Consultations on WB Trade Strategy

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- **Civil Society Representative:**
  - The WB should try to use its position to stimulate local research and strengthening of local capacities - Sharing experiences and knowledge from other parts of the world should stimulate creative and independent thinking in developing countries.
  
- **Parliamentarian:**
  - The WB should have a clear definition of what it counts as “trade and trade related projects” since there are differences in definitions across IFIs.
  - What is the relation between this trade strategy and other sectoral Bank strategies?
  - What is bank’s position on aid for trade?
  
- **Civil Society Representative**
  - The Bank should pay more attention to the issue of promoting trade within the borders of one country. This would be of great benefit to local economy as well as expanding foreign trade.
  
- **International Civil Servant**
  - Does the WB Strategy address the Economic Partnership Agreements?
  - What is the WB’s view on LDCs?
  
- **Parliamentarian**
  - The WB should have a position on Doha and if it supports the Doha Round it should put pressure on countries which do not want to sign Doha agreement.
  - What is the Bank’s position on which type of free-trade agreements are better: bilateral or multilateral?
  
- **Civil Society Representative**
  - Does the WB assume that any business oriented initiative is automatically pro-development?
  - If the Bank is in favor of liberalization of trade in agriculture products it would need to provide sound justification for that.
  
- **Parliament Official:**
  - The Bank needs to explain the link between trade liberalization and a country’s indebtedness. In other words, is trade liberalization helping the poor indebted countries to move toward more sustainable debt position or not?
  
- **Civil Society Representative:**
  - Do we have a sufficiently good system of monitoring the use of our resources in particular when it comes to loans that go to the private sector?