

## WBI PROGRAMS IN TURKEY FY07-09

**WBI's overall program is designed to ensure: (1) alignment with operational priorities; (2) selectivity to support sustained multi-year programs to deepen knowledge sharing and capacity building in a few targeted areas; and (3) customization to ensure that each program is tailored to Turkey's needs.** Alignment is achieved through extensive consultation with the country team to establish WBI's work program. WBI supports the development objectives of various Bank lending and non-lending projects in the country, during either preparation or supervision. Given limited resources, WBI will limit its involvement to a subset of the priorities identified in the CAS. Within each of these areas, WBI's program will make increasing use of facilitated dialogues, peer learning and high-level capacity-building seminars, supplemented by distance learning activities, which improve outreach and facilitate cross-country learning. Together with local partners, WBI customizes each offering and incorporates examples, knowledge, and expertise into its programs to increase relevance.

**Each WBI thematic program in FY08 is strategically aligned and designed to support the capacity building and knowledge sharing development objectives identified in the appropriate CAS pillar.** Under the first pillar of the CAS - sound macroeconomics and governance, WBI supports the continuation of public sector reforms, through its program to improve the efficiency of the judicial system, and capacity-building seminars in support of the EU accession agenda. Under the second pillar - equitable human and social development, WBI supports Health Sector Reform and Sustainable Financing with the Health Sector Flagship program as well as a program of capacity building support to strengthen disaster risk preparedness and management.

A summary of the programs/activities scheduled in FY08 is in Annex 1. A description of WBI's multiyear capacity building program (FY07-FY09) is attached below.

### WBI Multi-year Program in Turkey: FY07 – FY09

CAS Priority	FY07 Program	FY08 Program	FY09 Program (TBC)
Sound Macro-Economics and Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal and Judicial Reform to improve governance, access to justice, and enhance predictability through improved administrative procedures</li> <li>• Capacity-Building Seminars in support of the EU accession agenda</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal and Judicial Reform</li> <li>• Capacity-Building for EU Accession</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal and Judicial Reform</li> <li>• Capacity Building for EU Accession</li> </ul>
Equitable Human and Social Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Sector Reform</li> <li>• Disaster Risk Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Sector Reform</li> <li>• Disaster Risk Management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Sector Reform</li> <li>• Education (TBC)</li> </ul>
Attractive Business Climate and Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment Climate</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PPP (including Flagship course on Public/private partnerships in Health sector)</li> </ul>

## Annex 1: Summary of WBI's programs in FY08

<b>PROGRAM NAME:</b>	<b>Judicial Reform Capacity Building [Ongoing]</b>
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**Partners in Turkey:** Bilgi University; Commission in charge of reforming the Code of Civil procedure and drafting the Law on Mediation; Ministry of Justice; Members of the Bar, future Mediators and Arbitration Association.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The World Bank Programmatic Public Sector Development Policy Loan (PPDPL) objective is to support the Government strategy to improve the administration and governance of the public sector. In line with this Bank project, the legal and judicial capacity program of the WBI supports the development of the right legal infrastructure by reviewing the mediation law and by training future mediators on alternative dispute resolution (ADR) mechanisms to reduce caseload management. WBI will provide technical assistance to the Commission charged with reforming the Code of Civil Procedure in Turkey. The program expects to review the advances achieved by the Commission in its drafting task paying especial attention to detect and if possible to solve weakness in areas of relevant importance in the work that Turkey is performing to meet the recommendation related to EU accession. In FY08, WBI will work towards building the foundations for the creation of an Institution in charge of training and certifying future mediators in Turkey.

<b>PROGRAM NAME:</b>	<b>Capacity-Building for EU Accession [Ongoing]</b>
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**Partners in Turkey:** State Planning Organization  
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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** WBI's EU Accession program complements the work of the CEM for Turkey titled "Promoting Sustained Growth and Convergence with the European Union". The program aims to share lessons of the CEM and provide a peer to peer environment for transferring knowledge to Turkey from EU member countries on "how to" design and implement key reforms required to comply with the EU acquis. In FY07, WBI organized four seminars on EU accession. The program has been completely demand driven and the seminars have been conducted in close collaboration with the State Planning Organization and Treasury. In FY08, per the request of the Government, WBI plans to organize another series of seminars with broad stakeholder participation on the following key topics: Communications, Citizen Report Cards and training at the municipal level on accessing EU and local funding.

<b>PROGRAM NAME:</b>	<b>Disaster Risk Management [Ongoing]</b>
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Middle Eastern Technical University (METU)  
Bilgi University  
Bosphorus University  
Istanbul Technical University  
Istanbul Municipality  
Treasury  
Disasters Affairs

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The capacity building activities of the WBI have been closely linked to the Bank's lending activities such as ISMEP (Istanbul Seismic Risk Mitigation and Emergency Preparedness Project) and the previous Marmara Earthquake Emergency Project. WBI's face-to-face and web-based training and international knowledge sharing efforts have contributed to strengthening the capacity of universities to use customized teaching materials as well as the capacity of municipalities and central authorities' practitioners to formulate comprehensive policies on DRM. WBI's interventions to foster networks between well-established universities and key disaster risk management government agencies in Turkey are expected to support the recently approved Istanbul Municipal Infrastructure Project (IMIP). In FY08, WBI will launch the regular offering of the on-line course on DRM in Turkish language and will continue its multi-regional university collaboration aimed at developing university courses in disaster risk management.

<b>PROGRAM NAME:</b>	<b>Health Sector Reform and Sustainable Financing [Ongoing]</b>
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**Partners in Turkey:** National School of Public Health (NSPH)  
Hacettepe University  
Ministry of Health

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** WBI is supporting, through a 3-year capacity enhancement program, the "Health in Transformation" government reform program, in close partnership with the Turkish National School of Public Health. This capacity-building program directly supports the on-going Bank project on "Health in Transition". In addition to targeting policy-makers, the WBI Health Program aims at creating a critical mass of trainers knowledgeable in health sector reform to deliver customized learning programs addressing national health system issues. The School of Public Health is using the WBI's customized learning modules to deliver its training activities to faculty of other Universities. The targeted beneficiaries include mid-level government officials, health managers, hospital officials, academia at the central and

provincial level and the faculty from National School of Public Health/Hacettepe University. WBI's extensive collaboration with the Turkish School of Public Health has transformed the School into a center of excellence at the national and regional levels in Turkey for continuing education in health system development and advocacy. The FY08 WBI program will include two to three events (training of trainers' workshops and a policy seminar) on health financing and especially on issues linked to health insurance schemes as well as a web-based course to be conducted by NSPH.