What is the World Bank Group Strategy?

In 2013, the World Bank Group (WBG) adopted its Strategy focusing on two ambitious goals:
- To end extreme poverty: reduce the percentage of people living on less than $1.9 a day to 3 percent by 2030.
- To promote shared prosperity: foster income growth for the bottom 40 percent of the population in every country.

The WBG is committed to helping countries reach these goals in a sustainable manner.

What is a Systematic Country Diagnostic?

A Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) is conducted by the WBG to operationalize the WBG strategy. A SCD will be conducted in Thailand in close engagement with national authorities and other stakeholders. The SCD will be a systematic and evidence-based identification of Thailand’s priorities for ending poverty and promoting shared prosperity. In particular it will seek to identify and prioritize opportunities, constraints and challenges, as well as risks to achieving these goals. The SCD will not be limited to areas or sectors where the WBG is currently active.

What is a Country Partnership Framework?

The Country Partnership Framework (CPF) will determine priority areas and guide the WBG’s engagement in Thailand over the next few years. This process will build on other diagnostic processes, in particular the SCD, and will involve engagements with a wide range of stakeholders. The CPF priorities will be aligned with Thailand’s 20-Year National Strategy.

Where else have the SCD and CPF been conducted?

The Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) and the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) are WBG tools for guiding and reviewing the WBG’s country programs. This was endorsed by the WBG management in July 2014 to define the new WBG country engagement. As of December 2015, 51 countries around the world have started or completed their SCD and 12 countries have started the implementation of their CPF.

What is the timeline for Thailand?

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Who will be engaged?

The SCD public consultations took place last year from Mar-May 2016. The CPF engagements are currently planned to take place in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Khon Kaen and Songkhla. Engagements will be conducted with a wide range of stakeholders, including government, private sectors, development agencies, civil society, and academics.

How will engagement inputs feed into the SCD and CPF documents?

Engagements for the SCD and the CPF will seek insights from stakeholders on specific questions related to Thailand’s development priorities. Summaries of the SCD engagement meetings are available in the final SCD report. These summaries are made publicly available on the World Bank Thailand country webpage after the engagement meetings.