

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.

Where else have SCD been conducted?

The Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) is a WBG tool 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.

Who will be engaged?

SCD engagements are currently planned to take place in Bangkok, Chiang Mai, Udon Thani 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 document?

Engagements for the SCD will seek insights from stakeholders on specific questions related to Thailand's development priorities. Summaries of the engagement meetings will feed into the final SCD documents. These summaries will be made publicly available on the World Bank Thailand country webpage after the engagement meetings.

Who will have access to the SCD?

After final approval, the SCD will be made publicly available and posted on the World Bank Thailand country webpage. It is hoped that the analysis of the SCD will also be useful to the Royal Thai Government and other stakeholders.