

Kenya Country Partnership Strategy Consultation Plan

Background

The World Bank Group is preparing a new strategy for engaging with Kenya. The Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for 2014-18 is expected to be finalized in early 2014. It will support Kenya's development agenda in line with Vision 2030 and the 2010 Constitution, which has devolution as one of its central themes for shared prosperity and ending extreme poverty. As part of this process, the WBG will hold extensive online and face-to-face consultations with a wide array of stakeholders in Kenya and the Diaspora in order to include their views and input in shaping Kenya's transition to a middle income country.

A Transformative Approach to Development

In 2013, Kenyans are celebrating 50 years of independence with renewed resolve to deal with the long-standing challenges that have stifled Kenya's development and to take advantage of emerging economic opportunities in the domestic, regional and global sphere. After the peaceful elections in March 2013 and smooth transition of power, implementation of devolution has gained momentum, demonstrating the increased maturity of Kenya's governance and accountability institutions. These developments create opportunities for Kenya to significantly address its most pressing challenges, including energy and infrastructure deficit, rural and urban poverty, youth unemployment and unequal income distribution.

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The new Strategy will focus on how the WBG can help Kenya address its vulnerabilities and unleash its growth potential and end extreme poverty. It will build on the progress achieved during the Kenya Country Partnership Strategy (2010-13), which focused on accelerating growth, reducing inequality, improving social inclusion, and addressing resource constraints and environmental challenges.

The Stakeholders

The consultative process will seek to engage a wide range of stakeholders including representatives from government, county authorities, parliamentarians, private sector, civil society, academia, think tanks, foundations, the media and international bilateral and multilateral agencies. Their ideas will be important in shaping the WBG's support based on Kenya's development challenges and opportunities.

Stakeholders who will participate in the consultation process will be formally notified and relevant background materials for these consultations shared at least two weeks in advance.

Input from all stakeholders will be collated and summarized in a draft Strategy for internal review in April 2014. The final strategy is expected to be ready for discussion the World Bank Board of Executive Directors in May 2014, after which it will be disseminated to all stakeholders online including posting on the Kenya website: www.worldbank.org/kenya and through the Bank's regular contact database.

Timeline

Nov, 2013 – Mar 5, 2014	Consultations, seeking input from stakeholders. Online feedback and face-to-face meetings
March 2014	Review of stakeholder input. Summary of key issues raised during the consultations
April 2014	Preparation, review and finalization of the Country Partnership Strategy
May 2014	Board discussion of Country Partnership Strategy
June 2014	Subject to Board approval, dissemination of strategy