**CPS Consultations - Summary**

**Kickoff Event - World Bank Group/Government of Egypt**

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 – Conrad Hotel

*On March 5, 2014, the World Bank Group organized a half-day event to kick-off the consultation process with the Government of Egypt. Around 100 officials from across ministries and public entities, as well as 15 World Bank staff participated in the event that was held in English and Arabic with simultaneous translation.*

**This table captures stakeholders’ main suggestions, comments, feedback and questions throughout the session, and answers provided by World Bank Group**

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| Guiding question asked by WBG**What are your feedback/views on the consultation roadmap and timeframe?** |
|  | Stakeholder suggestions, comments, feedback, questions |
| Answers provided by WBG |
| Comments | * Consulting with donors in May-June is premature. It should be done after the Bank agrees with the Government on a program, to see where the gaps are.
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| Guiding question asked by WBG**Are we missing any stakeholders that should be consulted?** |
| Suggestions | * Representatives of the poor should be represented, including representatives of the ministries of youth and manpower, which both deal with unemployment
* Invite more stakeholders from the ministry of education
* Reach out to political parties
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| Questions | * What will be the role of the media?
* What type of private sector stakeholders will be invited?
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| Answers | * From the private sector, major players and smaller players will be involved
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| Guiding question asked by WBG**Other views on the consultation and drafting process?** |
| Suggestions | * The WBG should not consult alone and then send a strategy 24 hours before deadline for approval
* WBG should help bridge the gap between Government and community through the consultation process
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| Questions raised | * How flexible the strategy is?
* What is the link between WBG strategy and Government’s national plans?
* Will the WBG collect the strategies of all ministries and build on them?
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| Answers | * The WBG does not draft the Government’s strategy
* The CPS must be aligned with the Government’s strategy but may not be able to support some of the projects requested by the Government. Civil society will help prioritize the section where Government’s strategy and Bank strategy meet.
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| Guiding question asked by WBG**How/what can we learn from our previous engagement?** |
| Issues raised by participants | * Many implementation challenges come from labor in Upper Egypt
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| Ideas to address those issues | * Need to address the issue of inclusion in Upper Egypt
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| Theme raised by stakeholder**WBG sectors of intervention** |
| Suggestions | * Focus more on poverty aspects (social protection sectors, social safety nets)
* Focus more on social sectors (health, education, social protection)
* Focus more on the health sector
* TA to enhance performance of administration
* Focus more on agriculture to address key challenges of food security, irrigation, storage, access to markets…
* Focus on the water sector to address key issues of impact of climate change on resource available, water management…
* Support decentralization and local development
* Support the Pension Authority
* Focus on sustainable consumption and production, green growth, climate change
* Help Egypt become more competitive
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| Theme raised by stakeholder**WBG instruments** |
| Suggestions | * More grants are needed, especially in the current transition, to prepare new projects, pilot new initiatives,
* Grants are needed in the energy sector, especially to encourage energy efficiency, provide studies on countries with similar challenges
* IFC needs to continue encouraging private sector involvement in the energy sector
* Grants are needed in the transport sector, especially to strengthen project management, finance studies
* Encourage PPPs in the health sector for hospital that are not cost-efficient
* WBG should revise its interest rates
* Donor synergies should be focused on social protection sectors
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| Questions | * What will be the financial conditions of the loans?
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| Answers | * With a portfolio worth $192 million, an extraordinary amount of grants have been mobilized for Egypt by IBRD, especially to fund studies in the social sectors. The World Bank will try to consolidate this trend. As a grant can’t exceed $8-10 million, the Government should borrow for “development solutions” including investments and substantial advisory and knowledge services.
* The WBG is shifting from a project by project approach to a “solutions” approach bringing international expertise and knowledge to address policy challenges.
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| Theme raised by stakeholder**WBG procedures** |
| Issues raised by participants | * WBG procedures are too long. It takes too long to get the money.
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