SCD **Interim Guidelines** – at a glance

- Diagnostic exercise conducted by WBG country teams in consultation with national authorities and other stakeholders
  - Identify *key challenges and opportunities* for the country to accelerate progress in *poverty reduction* and *shared prosperity* in a *sustainable* way
  - Not limited *a priori* to areas of engagement for WBG in the country

- Conducted *upstream of the CPF* to inform strategic discussions with clients

- Based on best possible analysis of available evidence
  - Seek to involve country partners in preparation and be informed by citizens’ feedback
  - Identify data and knowledge gaps that merit attention

- CMU will nominate TTL with integrative & analytical skills
  - Team would draw on expertise across GPs and CCSAs, IFC & MIGA, as appropriate

- Robust and contestable review process

- Full guidelines by end-2014, revising the Interim Guidelines to reflect experiences with early SCDs
Structured around a few high-level questions or sections

I. Framing the issues, in terms of the current trends and patterns in poverty, shared prosperity and sustainability.

II. What are the critical factors driving or constraining aggregate growth?

III. What are the critical factors determining the inclusiveness of growth, namely increase in welfare of the poor and less well-off?

IV. How sustainable (environmentally, socially and fiscally) is the current pattern of growth, distribution and poverty reduction?

V. Based on the analyses in 1-4 above, identify a select set of priority or focus areas for a country, in order to maximize poverty reduction and welfare improvements among the less well off.