CAMBODIA
Systematic Country Diagnostic

What is the World Bank Group Strategy?

The World Bank Group (WBG) adopted a new strategy in 2013 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 developing 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 Cambodia in close consultation with national authorities and other stakeholders. The SCD will be a systematic and evidence-based identification of Cambodia’s priorities for ending absolute poverty and boosting 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. The SCD will
be conducted upstream of the **Country Partnership Framework** to inform strategic discussions about priority areas for WBG future interventions in Cambodia.

**What is a Country Partnership Framework?**

The Country Partnership Framework (CPF) will determine priority areas and guide the WBG's engagement in Cambodia over the coming five years (2018 – 2022). It will succeed the current WBG Country Engagement Note for 2016-2017. This process will build on other diagnostic processes, in particular the SCD, and will involve consultations with a wide range of stakeholders. The CPF priorities will be aligned with the Government's National Strategic Development Plan.

**Where else have SCD and CPF been conducted?**

The Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) and the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) are corporate tools for guiding and reviewing the WBG's country programs. These tools were endorsed by the WBG management in July 2014 to define the new WBG country engagement. As of September 2016, 60 countries around the world have started or completed their SCD (including Myanmar, Thailand, Lao PDR and Vietnam) and 32 countries have started the implementation of their new CPF.

**What is the timeline for Cambodia?**

![Timeline diagram](image-url)

**Who will be consulted?**

Systematic Country Diagnostic consultations are currently planned to take place in Phnom Penh, Siem Reap, Kratie and Sihanoukville, where participants from surrounding provinces will be convened. Consultations will be conducted with a wide range of stakeholders, including Government (national and subnational), National Assembly, development partners, private sector, civil society, and academia.

**How will consultation inputs feed into the SCD and CPF documents?**

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

**Who will have access to the SCD and CPF?**

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