

Political Economy Analysis Workshop

Preparation of PEA Toolkit for Application in ADB Work in DMCs

8 – 9 October 2013, ADB HQ, Manila (Room 2301W)

Introduction

Political economy considerations have an impact on economic development. Political economy analysis (PEA) can strengthen the diagnosis of development problems, assessment of risks, and the design of more effective support, leading to better development results.

To assist in this, ADB has already developed the relevant Guidance Note for staff's consideration.¹ The Note not only explains the concept of political economy but also delimits the scope of what is included in PEA. What is considered missing in the Guidance Note is a 'how-to' tool to guide staff members in carrying out the PEA. This workshop will help collective development of the toolkit.

Rationale and Objectives of the Workshop

At the Asian Development Fund (ADF) Replenishment meetings in 2011 and 2012, ADF donors emphasized the importance of understanding the political economy of developing member countries (DMCs) in our development operations in the region. The ADB Board of Directors has also encouraged political economy analysis to be made an integral part of assessments of the country and sector situation in the development of new programs, projects, and partnership strategies. The Governance CoP has informed Management that it will prepare all relevant materials and toolkits for this purpose.

This workshop aims to ensure not only that expert input is incorporated in the exercise but also that relevant ADB staff members themselves contribute to preparing the toolkit on PEA.

Approach and Methodology

The approach and methodology to be used at the workshop will have the following characteristics: (i) be interactive—whereby participants will work closely with each other to share relevant ground-level experiences that can inform the toolkit; (ii) based on application—such ground-level experiences will be incorporated in the toolkit to be developed during the workshop; and (iii) directed by workshop participants—while an external expert will be involved in providing the right frame of reference, the toolkit itself will be developed by the workshop participants. All participants will be required to come to the workshop with relevant case studies that can demonstrate the practicality of the toolkit.

¹ ADB. 2013. *Guidance Note: Use of Political Analysis for Asian Development Bank Operations*. Manila.

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Program

Day 1: Tuesday, 8 October 2013

Time	Activity	Speaker/Facilitator
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome addresses: Governance CoP and KSSC	Sandra Nicoll/Bruno Carrasco and Ryu Fukui
09:15 – 09:45	General background and purpose of workshop	Gambhir Bhatta
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
10:00 – 12:00	Discussion on GACAP II vis-à-vis PEA	Andy Batkin, External Facilitator
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	Seeking consensus on toolkit components	Gambhir Bhatta
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
15:15 – 16:45	Seeking consensus (continued...)	Gambhir Bhatta
17:00 onwards	<i>cocktails</i>	

Day 2: Wednesday, 9 October 2013

Time	Activity	Speaker/Facilitator
08:30 – 08:45	Recap of Day 1	Gambhir Bhatta
08:45 – 09:45	Discussion on suggested toolkit skeleton	Andy Batkin
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
10:00 – 12:00	2Group work ^[1] on the toolkit components	Andy Batkin
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30 – 15:00	Groups 1-2 present their findings/suggestions	Individual group leader
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
15:15 – 16:45	Groups 3-4 present their findings/suggestions	Individual group leader
16:45 – 16:50	Next steps	Gambhir Bhatta
16:50 – 17:00	Closing remarks from Governance CoP	Sandra Nicoll &/or Bruno Carrasco

[1] Participants will be asked to prepare the specifics of the toolkit in terms of what instruction/guidance the section should contain, and how ADB staff can carry out the requirements of that part of the political economy analysis.