

New World Bank Group Approach for Country Engagement Consultation Plan (January – March 2025)

As part of our efforts to create a [Better Bank](#), we are focusing on our engagement with countries to support them address development challenges with greater impact. We plan to better align it with our new vision and mission while being more efficient, outcome-focused, and more systematic in tapping into private sector solutions wherever possible.

The approach we propose aims to live up to our country-based development model. It will prioritize a country's development goals, the WBG's new mission, while drawing on our strengthened comparative advantage and global expertise.

We will formally consult on the proposed Country Engagement approach with external stakeholders, including (i) civil society organizations, NGOs and Think Tanks at the global, national, and local levels; (ii) private sector; and (iii) multilateral and bilateral development partners and UN agencies. We will also engage with borrowers on the suggested changes. Online consultations will be open from January 16 until mid-March 2025. We will hold consultation meetings in all seven operational regions of the World Bank Group from February to mid-March 2025. The meetings will follow a hybrid format, combining in-person and virtual participation. [Rethinking the WBG Approach to Country Engagement](#) will provide the basis for consultations.

We encourage you to attend the consultation meetings in your respective regions and provide feedback to help the World Bank Group engage more effectively with client countries.

Online Consultations

The website features an online questionnaire and an option for additional input. It will be available in all official World Bank languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish). Feedback and comments will also be accepted in these languages. However, some documents will only be available in English.

Country Consultations

Consultations meetings will take place across all seven regions between February and March 2025. One to two cities in each region will be designated as hubs, facilitating engagement among a broad group of stakeholders from the region through both in-person and online meetings. Participants can provide input during in-person sessions, online via the consultation website, or by submitting written comments by email to country_engagement@worldbankgroup.org.

Consultations Schedule

Current dates, location and format for each of the meetings are shown below. Please email country_engagement@worldbankgroup.org, if you are interested in participating in one of the regional consultations. You can also check the [consultations website](#) for updates.

Region	Dates
South Asia	TBC
Africa West	TBC
Africa East	TBC
Latin America and Caribbean	TBC
Europe and Central Asia	TBC
Europe and Central Asia	TBC
East Asia and Pacific	TBC
Middle East and North Africa	TBC

Feedback Summary

Following the completion of the consultations and to help ensure transparency and accountability, we will post summaries of the meetings on the consultation website, except in cases where confidentiality is explicitly requested. Please note that while we review all comments and recommendations received, we will not be able to provide written responses to individual inputs. We appreciate your understanding that not all comments and perspectives can be incorporated into the final Board paper for the new country engagement approach.

Representation

A representative from the World Bank Group will lead each consultation meeting.

Timeline

The World Bank Group will implement the new country engagement approach in phases throughout 2025 and 2026. The first new CPFs will be discussed by the Board before June 30, 2025, and follow the current Policy and Procedure Framework.

Starting July 1, 2025, all CPFs going to the Board will follow the new approach.