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The 3rd APIP Dialogue with the Government of the Philippines 4 March 2015, Tagaytay City

**Theme: Urban Infrastructure Development and
Financing**

Agenda items:

- Emerging trends and issues on Urban infrastructure and financing
- Review of the Philippines situation
- Overview of private infrastructure in the Philippines: achievements, challenges and urban issues





Summary of the main APIP recommendations

- APIP commended the speed of the planning process and how this has progressed since the first APIP Dialogue held in 2011. Plans seem to be well developed and considered and the pipeline of projects is impressive.

Integrated planning

- It would be helpful to create an overall integrated infrastructure Master Plan, such as 'Metro Manila 2025' that clearly identifies the lines of authority for the overall urban development plans and the implementation of projects.
- This planning and integration process should be undertaken in a holistic manner within and between line agencies, and include policy and legal requirements.
- Regulatory structures must also be in place to deal with issues such as pricing and taxes, be independent to avoid any conflict of interest and competently deal with any issues over the life of the project.

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Summary of the main APIP panel recommendations continued..

Integrated planning and connectivity for greater Manila

- The growth of the Philippines will come in large part from the greater Manila area, the challenge will be in seeing that area as a whole and ensuring that there is overall planning coherence and connectivity for people and supply chains.
- Greater mobility is essential and an absolute pre condition in moving towards social inclusion.
- New infrastructure should only be created selectively and greater emphasis should be placed on better management of existing transport infrastructure systems.

Pipeline of short and long term projects

- The private sector needs a pipeline of both short and long term projects to be able to allocate resources and keep their project teams together for future 'bids' and work.
- Long term planning gives a sense of predictability and visibility for interested investors.

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Update on APIP 2015 activities

- Encouraging to note that both economies and APIP members see real value in dialogues
- We need to find a way to promote economies' interests in holding a dialogue and to do this we should try to develop an annual list in a timely way to allow for adequate preparation – suggested ways:
 - a) ABAC members to engage with their relevant economy ministries;
 - b) SFOM process to be asked to generate a list of interested economies
- Where three or more dialogues have been held with an economy, consider specific sector based dialogues – these could be smaller in the number of economy representatives and more focused
- Develop a list of global investors that should be approached to join APIP
- 'Resilient infrastructure' meeting potentially to be held in Manila, 23- 24 July

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