



HILLS GOVERNANCE CENTER

WHISTLEBLOWING: AWARENESS, ATTITUDES, AND STRUCTURES A Planning Workshop

The RVR Center-Hills Program is currently engaged in a World Bank-funded project, "Whistleblowing in the Philippines: Awareness, Attitudes, and Structures." Broadly, the research project aims to support policy formulation and constituency building for whistleblowing in the Philippines.

Specifically, the project aims

- a. to conduct a comprehensive review of the theoretical bases, practical aspects, and country and sector experiences that could guide policy formulation and implementation of whistleblowing in the Philippines;
- b. to identify key actors and assess their knowledge, interests, positions, alliances, and importance in the policy formulation and institutionalization of whistleblowing in the Philippines;
- c. to solicit ideas, opinions and recommendations of the different stakeholders on the various factors that can hinder or promote the practice of whistleblowing in the Philippines;
- d. to establish partnerships and promote constituency-building for whistleblowing policy in the Philippines; and
- e. to generate necessary baseline information for the development and implementation of strategic communication, advocacy, and negotiation plans for constituency-building, resource mobilization and implementation of whistleblowing in the Philippines.

Workshop Program

The planning workshop aims to bring together stakeholders and draw up plans and programs that will promote the understanding and practice of whistleblowing as an anti-corruption measure in the Philippines.

The workshop will be divided into three parts. Part 1 will consist of **presentations from speakers** and subsequent **discussions workshop participants**. The topics that will be covered are

1. Promoting the culture and practice of whistleblowing in the Philippines

- Presentation of study on stakeholders' awareness, attitude, and concerns regarding whistleblowing
- Presentation of a study on the spiritual and cultural dimensions of whistleblowing in the Philippines

2. Whistleblowing Legislation: What should its features be?

- A comparative analysis of whistleblowing legislation in selected countries
- Presentation of the bills on whistleblowing which are pending in Congress

Part 2 will consist of break-out sessions for the participants to discuss whistleblowing issues and problems, as well as concrete plans and programs to promote the culture and practice of whistleblowing in the Philippines.

Part 3 will consist of presentations from key speakers in Australia and United Kingdom via videoconference. The topic that will be covered is

Whistleblowing as an anti-corruption tool: Experiences and Lessons

- Presentation of how whistleblowing can be an effective anti-corruption tool by Mr. Guy Dehn, the Executive Director of the Public Concern at Work, based in United Kingdom
- Experiences and lessons learned from the whistleblowing program of different countries by Mr. Chris Wheeler, Deputy Ombudsman of New South Wales, Australia