

PRINCIPLES OF DBM-CSO ENGAGEMENT

The Department of Budget and Management and civil society organizations (CSOs) hereby adopt the following Principles of Constructive Engagement towards sustainable and equitable national development through reforms in public expenditure management:

Transparency – provide both parties, as well as the general public, timely access to relevant and verified information/data, subject to the limits set by law;

Accountability – abide by the policies, standards and guidelines of engagement that may be agreed upon, and fulfill commitments;

Integrity – adhere to moral and professional standards in fulfilling our commitments;

Partnership – cooperate and share responsibilities to ensure that the objectives of the engagement are achieved;

Consultation and mutual empowerment – enhance knowledge-sharing and continuing dialogue;

Respect for internal processes – understand and abide by the limitations of stakeholders with respect to the nature of information to be disclosed and the extent of involvement based on institutional/legally imposed limitations;

Sustainability – ensure continuing engagement by instituting progressive policies and operational mechanisms that will promote an environment of mutual trust; and

National interest – uphold the national welfare above the interests of organizations or individuals.

Adopted this 3rd day of September 2010 at DBM Building II, General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila.