**Country Joint Programming Factsheet**

***Regional workshop on Joint Programming for Asia***

* *Factsheet* ***to be completed by EU Delegation together with EU******MS*** *(max 2 pages)*
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1. Country: Philippines
2. General expectations for workshop: Better understanding of the benefits of joint programming and on the process to achieve the best results

Different options for joint programming understood and best way forward for the Philippines identified.

1. Status of Joint Programming in your country: Joint programming is planned for 2016 to align EU MIP and bilateral country strategies with the next Philippine Development Plan launched by the new Government elected in 2016

Spain has chosen governance as focal sector to align with new EU-MIP

Germany has "Peacebuilding" as focal sector, but receives most funding outside of focal sector and from Ministry for Environment for Climate Ch n

France has a focus on climate change

1. Key challenges ahead *(to be taken into account for workshop session on 'Identification of operational challenges’)*:

Few EU MS active and with a specific programming document

Difficult environment for development banks in view of easy financing situation for Government.

How to consider funding outside of country strategies and focal areas?

1. Challenges overcome:

Blending loans and grants a solution to use more EU development loans and in line with Government policy (First blending operation by AfD)

1. Lessons learnt:

First joint programmes in the Philippines and first blending operation can make use of comparative advantages.

1. Element for next steps *(as starting point for workshop 'Joint Programming individual country sessions'):*