World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)

Consultation Meeting with Canadian Government

Feedback Summary

Date: May 9, 2019
Location: Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Audience: Canadian Government

Overview: Mr. Franck Bousquet, Senior Director of the World Bank’s Fragility, Conflict & Violence Group, presented an overview of the the World Bank Group’s Strategy for FCV Concept Note. Following the presentation, participants shared their views and recommendations. This summary reflects key points raised.

### Specific Feedback from Stakeholders

#### 1. General Comments

The participants expressed overall support for the WBG FCV Strategy. They were particularly interested in climate and gender and would like to see this further strengthened in the strategy, as well as to learn more about the involvement of the private sector in the strategy. Participants also stressed the importance of preparing young people to enter the workforce by improving basic education.

#### 2. Governance and corruption

The participants raised several issues and questions related to corruption, governance and the rule of law, and its connection to FCV.

- What to do when a state is a belligerent in a conflict situation and has governance problems. How do you deal with this and the general issue of corruption?
- How do you handle governments that are part of the problem rather than a solution?
- How do you pivot when the situation on the ground changes?
- Governance is a key challenge and guidance on MNE would be appreciated.
- The WBG may becoming more political as a result of the FCV work.

#### 3. Recommendations

- Need to emphasize on education, both primary and secondary. Working with the OECD Investment Committee would be useful.
- Gender needs to be integral to the strategy. It was suggested that gender should be its own focus and not seen only as a vulnerability issue.
- Need for justice reform as part of the overall governance issue.
- The strategy should include a deliberate effort to build up civil society. Civil society can help with services and work with all levels of government.
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14. Christopher Millar, Aboriginal and External Relations Branch Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (by teleconference)
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