



**World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)
 Consultation Meeting with Department of Foreign Affairs and
 Trade (DFAT), Canberra**

Feedback Summary

Date: Thursday 2 May, 10.30am

Location: DFAT Head Office, Canberra ACT Australia

Audience: DFAT representatives– see attendee list

Overview and Key Issues Discussed: World Bank Group representative, Sarah Michael, welcomed the participants present in Canberra. She presented the FCV strategy concept. Participants were then invited to ask questions and to express their views. The following summary highlights comments that were provided by stakeholders and notes general themes across the discussion.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
1. Theme: Climate Change
<p>Comments: Stakeholders appreciated that the strategy proposes a distinction between Fragility, Conflict and Violence. An enhanced focus on climate change and natural disaster risks within the ‘F’ was encouraged. In the Pacific, for instance, climate change is not a threat multiplier; it is a direct threat/risk. A country could lose 30 per cent of its GDP due to a cyclone, and displacement and community-level tensions are widespread where agricultural potential and crops are changing due to climate change. Finally, an enhanced focus on climate change in the strategy also argues for a more regional perspective, and regional responses.</p>
2. Theme: Private Sector
<p>Comments: Stakeholders encouraged that the strategy include a deep and nuanced consideration of the role of the private sector in addressing FCV challenges. The private sector has tremendous potential to support job creation, but can also drive exclusion and create inequalities. Tensions can be exacerbated when local jobs are filled by imported labour. Attention to markets, to improving the business environment, and to inclusive investments in FCS are crucial, and can be directly supported by the WBG.</p>
3. Theme: State Fragility and Engaging with Government
<p>Comments: Participants encouraged the strategy to set out how best to support state capacity and the role of the state in promoting inclusion and accountability. What approaches can be taken in contexts where the state plays a role in driving conflict or violence?</p> <p>Sub-national perspectives and understandings are essential as FCV drivers and sources of resilience can vary greatly within a single country. In the Pacific for example, between highland and lowland communities, across different islands, etc.</p> <p>Given that we know that states can remain fragile long after conflict has ended, how do we encourage continued engagement in FCV contexts, and continued support to the state. How can the WBG use its convening power to encourage other development partners to also take a longer-term approach to their engagement?</p>

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<p>It will be important for the strategy to provide ideas on supporting local levels of government and to addressing vacuums when the state is not present or is very weak. This includes community structures, CSOs, religious organizations etc. Traditional customs can also be important in maintaining community harmony and peace, although cultural attitudes in gender can be an issue. The strategy is encouraged to say more on how WBG Bank might consider engaging with those aspects of civil society?</p> <p>Participants welcomed the enhanced attention in the strategy to middle income countries and to spillover effects of FCV on neighbouring countries.</p>
4. Theme: Role of WBG
<p>Comments: Stakeholders encouraged the WBG to use the strategy to expand on its planned approach to Prevention, building on last year's Pathways for Peace report, including questions of operational tools for prevention, early warning and early action, as well as for measurement and data gathering around prevention.</p> <p>The WBG was also encouraged to use the strategy as an opening to engage with its peers, including other multilateral development banks and development partners, to have more coordinated and coherent approaches to engagement in FCS, such as more long-term project cycles.</p>

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Attendee List (Consultation with DFAT and whole of Government)

Name	Organization and Title
Chris Elstoft	Assistant Secretary, DFAT, Papua New Guinea Branch
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Michael Cookson	Directorate of Preparedness and Mobilisation, DoD
Richard Munton	Joint Operations Command - Strategic Issues and Intelligence, DoD

Attendee List (Multi-Stakeholder Consultation) Chair: Hannah Birdsey, Assistant Secretary; Governance, Fragility and Water Branch, Development Policy Division

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