



**World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)
Consultation Meeting with the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**

Feedback Summary

Date: July 9, 2019

Location: Videoconference (Washington DC, Brussels, Lebanon, and Kosovo)

Audience: Representatives from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Overview: Franck Bousquet, Senior Director, World Bank Group, presented the FCV strategy concept. Participants were then invited to ask questions and to express their views. The following summary highlights recommendations, comments and feedback raised during the meeting.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
1. General Comments
Participants welcomed the consultation meeting and the concept note. The areas of engagement outlined in the concept note resonate well. The participants expressed the importance of taking a long-term view/long-term risk around issues such as demographics, climate change, and inequality, which are big issues in EBRD countries.
2. Theme: Governance and Resilience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The idea of understanding the drivers of fragility and how to build resilience is very important.• While governance is difficult, it's fundamentally important. To make the FCV strategy more relevant especially to middle income countries which are key in the EBRD region, it was suggested to reinforce the argument on the importance of well governed institutions – private and public – and to look at corporate governance as well.• The issue of the central government/regional government/municipalities was raised. It's important to think about the different levels of government and that fragility is not uniform. Working with municipalities is very effective to get services out and to build public support for reform.• It was also suggested to strengthen the discussion around corruption as a driver of fragility in the concept note. Countries facing corruption are most likely to fall into deep crisis, and this is equally relevant to Middle-Income Countries (MICs).• With each country having its own context and issues, it takes a long time to build resilient institutions. Therefore, we need long-term engagement rather than short-term.
3. Theme: Private Sector
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As middle-income countries are growing in proportion in FCV, crowding in on the private sector becomes increasingly important and relevant.

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- If we are going to permanently solve issues around fragility and conflict, it will have to involve the private sector.
- However, the dialogue with the government when it comes to the private sector is complex.

4. Theme: Partnerships

- There was openness to the idea of an MDB platform to partner on FCV. The WBG and other MDBs including EBRD could partner on assessments, private sector, funding, risk mitigation, and sharing of experiences.
- Partnering on blended finance would bring legitimacy and credibility.
- Also, the WBG can help on economic dividend, negotiation and agreement between countries.

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