



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

Feedback Summary

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Audience: African Development Bank

Overview: This note summarizes the highlights of the consultations held between the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank Group. The WBG was represented by Mr. Olivier Lavinal, FCV Group, while, the African Development Bank Group was led by Mr. Yero Baldeh, Director, Transition States Coordination Office. Several AFDB Departments participated in the consultation as listed in the attached list of participants.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders

1. General Comments

The AFDB welcomed the FCV Strategy Concept Note (CN) and the opportunity to engage with the team. Overall, it was pleased to see the complementarities of views between the CN and the work undertaken by AFDB and commended the team for a well-articulated piece. In fragile settings in Africa, the AFDB called for more joint engagement and strengthened partnership to build collective impact on the ground. The discussion then engaged on the specifics of the approach and of the recommendations.

2. Approach and Recommendations

- The WBG should consider reviewing and adjusting its narrative in the CN to capture previous work undertaken by the WBG and consider acknowledging the work by other institutions including other MDBs. This will empower the WBG to gain value-added by drawing more on existing knowledge and knowledge products such as the Country Resilience and Fragility Assessment (CRFA) tool by the AFDB. There are many lessons to learn from previous experience of the WBG and others.
- The idea should be to build on an approach that highlights complementarity and alignment as per the agreed development effectiveness principles. Hence, current portfolio of donor-funded interventions at the country level may need to be factored-into the FCV Strategy conceptualization, to ensure targeting programmatic gaps and achieving of synergies.
- Elaborating more on the WBG's and other institutions' previous development practices and approaches in fragile countries will also help to show that the envisaged Strategy is not drafted from a 'supply perspective', but that it is based on genuine knowledge and experience of all the challenges that the Strategy is being designed to address.

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- The WBG should reflect further and deeper on the title and concepts used in the FCV Strategy and possibly change the title. Inclusion of conflict and/or violence terms could have negative sensitivity and reaction from the governments of countries most affected or even those not affected by these concepts, but which may actually be affected by fragility.
- There is also a need of approaching FCV more holistically, instead of considering fragility, conflict and violence (FCV) in un-packed manner. As presented, it is indeed important to reflect the fact that these three concepts are interlinked. They all lead to fragility (same root causes and drivers). Changing the title of the FCV Strategy and being more passive on violence may lead to greater recipient country buy-in and consistency if it provides insight on the drivers of resilience in light of the challenge called-for. The AFDB suggested to highlight resilience over 'fighting fragility'.
- Approaches and models of building capacity of people as a means for addressing the human factor of fragility and strengthening institutions, also need to be integrated in the rationale for addressing fragility and building resilience to promote trust and achieve sustainable social and economic development in the poorest countries around the world, but especially in the context of Africa. It is also important to build soft infrastructure, hence, include the strengthening of civil society capacity.
- The CN may also consider elaborating the theory of change underlying the strategic choices made.
- Political unrest / political environment may be considered for inclusion among the FCV risks identified. The CN should clearly capture it particularly because it is most of the countries with fragile situations that often get sanctioned by the development community for political "wrong doings".
- The criteria of classifying states as fragile situations as indicated on the MDB Harmonized List will be reviewed and possibly change. Participants welcomed this and were eager to know what criteria the WBG will include in the FCV Strategy.
- The CN doesn't fully explain the role of the private sector in fragile situations. AFDB recommended the need to factor-in cross-border infrastructure in the Strategy as an important element for expansion of economic space and attraction of private sector.
- Recommendations were made for the FCV to pay special attention to the youth demographics in the case of Africa.
- In Africa, most of the social upheaval comes from the youth population, special emphasis should be given to them. This is a good opportunity to do more with the youth population.
- AFDB also recommended that the WBG should consider regional approaches to responding to FCV challenges, especially in Africa.
- The participants urged the WBG to consider analyzing recipient countries' capacity especially the level of emergency preparedness to include prevention and coping mechanisms in strengthening capacity of the concerned countries in the FCV Strategy.

3. Partnerships

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Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity exists for partnering the 2 MDBs (WBG and AFDB) on the development and application of regional approaches (<i>increasing most development partners and financiers are delivering their support and responses to FCV through regional approaches</i>). • The AFDB Strategy and Policy team and the Transition States Coordination Office jointly and strongly advocated for the need to strengthen partnerships between the 2 MDBs in the area of Data and M&E systems, towards establishing harmonized measurement and tracking system/s. • Partnerships can also be built regarding undertaking of Country Policy Frameworks, Country Strategy Papers – CSPs, RISPs (regional integration strategy papers), fragility assessments – country, regional or thematic, and other knowledge and analytical work, to inform the 2 organizations’ Strategy development and programming processes. • Partnerships can also be built on working with civil society and other non-state actors on FCV. • The opportunity for partnership in the knowledge generation area was identified with the African Development Institute (ADI/ECAD) welcoming partnership on joint knowledge products such as the GEMs i.e. Geo-Enabling Initiative for Monitoring and Supervision which serves as a credit risk database for IFIs.

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