



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

### Consultation Meeting - as part of the 2019 Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development

#### Feedback Summary

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**Date:** May 14, 2019

**Location:** Stockholm, Sweden

**Audience:** Swedish and international participants from academia, CSOs, government, and think tanks.

**Overview:** The Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs representative, and moderator, Mr. Karl Backeus, welcomed the participants. Mr. Steen Andersen, Program Coordinator, World Bank, presented the World Bank Group's strategy concept to address Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV). Participants were then invited to ask questions and to express their views. The following summary highlights comments and recommendations that were provided by participants.

Specific Feedback from Stakeholders
<b>1. General Comments</b>
<p><i>Comments:</i></p> <p>The participants expressed general support for the WBG's initiation of an FCV strategy. They had questions around how the strategy aligns with the much-appreciated UN/WB <i>Pathways for Peace</i> report. Participants underlined the importance of development actors staying engaged during active conflict, with the example of Yemen. A question was raised on whether new aid instruments will be developed as an outcome of the strategy, e.g. more pooling of funds. Participants also underlined the importance of joint analytics, e.g. Risk and Resilience Assessments and Recovering and Peacebuilding Assessments and asked specifically if more cooperation between the Bank and UN/other partners can be expected.</p> <p><i>Recommendations:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The strategy should help operationalize the <i>Pathways for Peace</i> report.</li> <li>• The WBG needs to use a more updated and nuanced definition of FCV, important to recognize sub-national fragility.</li> <li>• Importance of joint conflict analysis across institutions.</li> <li>• Urban safety and violence should be considered more in the strategy, as the global population increasingly lives in urban settings.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Theme: Practical on the ground solutions to incentivize stopping conflict</b>
<p><i>Comments:</i></p>

### Specific Feedback from Stakeholders

There needs to be practical on the ground solutions to incentivize alternatives to conflict. Important to work at subnational levels, e.g. with local governments. Participants asked if revisions of policies will be needed for the WBG to engage more on the ground.

*Recommendations:*

- Extractive industries' role in conflict needs to be part of the discussion/strategy.

### 3. Theme: Addressing inequalities, a main driver behind fragility

*Comments:*

Need to factor in ways to address gender inequality, vulnerability of fragile settings to climate, as well as the need for the private sector to play a role. The definition of drivers of fragility can be very broad.

*Recommendations:*

- The WBG should use its comparative advantage to address the drivers of fragility, including inequality, by focusing for example on domestic resource mobilization and land reform.

### 4. Theme: Governance in fragile settings

*Comments:*

Participants raised the following questions:

- How can the WBG evolve to interact with different groups outside of the traditional national governmental groups, when for example the national government is part of the problem?
- How should the WBG deal with armed groups that are not part of a peace deal, or groupings of organized crime and drug runners?
- How do we rebuild the state in countries, where it has been absent for decades?

There's a need for more oversight of those governing in fragile settings, including better ways to address corruption, which is often present. This should include oversight of private security providers - the Bank could play a role in this.

*Recommendations:*

- The WBG does have experience with some security-development related activities, e.g. long experience with Demobilization Disarmament and Reintegration (DDR) – use this to inform the broader institutional development agenda of the WBG.
- The WBG and the strategy should be stronger on anti-corruption.

**List of Participants:** see Annex 1

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**Annex 1. List of Participants**

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24	Amr Mokhtar	First Secretary	Egypt Embassy
25	Ashaf Swela	Director	Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding

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