

Peacebuilding Commission

Ambassadorial-level meeting on World Bank Group Strategy for Fragility, Conflict and Violence (FCV)
2020-2025 and quarterly briefing by the Chairs of Country Specific Configurations

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World Bank was in the process of consolidating the draft strategy with feedback received during the global consultation process from more than 1,700 stakeholders. The World Bank expects to post the draft paper of the FCV Strategy in the coming weeks and launch the final version by the end of the year. Mr. Bousquet re-emphasized several essential factors that are important for the success of the strategy, including leadership and commitment of governments and need for tangible progress at the country level.

3. The Director and Deputy Head of PBSO, Ms. Barrie Freeman, recalled the broad and deep partnership between the UN and World Bank and noted the many opportunities to grow it based on shared data, joint analysis, and coordinated prioritization with host governments. She stressed that there remain considerable transaction costs in the UN-World Bank partnership, and that it will take sustained attention and support to keep the forward momentum. In that regard, she commended Commission members for their focus on this issue and efforts to help achieve a closer partnership between the UN and the Bank in FCV settings. PBSO commended the important contribution of donors - Switzerland, Canada and the UK - who are supporting the Humanitarian-Development-Peacebuilding Partnership (HDPP) Facility. She proposed that future PBC meetings can provide a platform for the FCV strategy to enable policy dialogue and a venue to gather lessons learned on strategy implementation.
4. PBC Members welcomed the briefing by the World Bank

5. In line with the World Bank plan to solicit comments on the draft FCV Strategy, PBC members raised the following questions on the draft FCV Strategy to be shared with the World Bank:

How will the concept of partnerships with diverse actors on the ground, including the new Resident Coordinator system and UN Country Team, be operationalized, especially in view of the need to deconflict/align overlapping mandates of UN entities?

How will the FCV strategy impact the work of the PBC in support of its Configuration Countries?

Will the Bank's engagement entail more financial resources for

