

# Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries Group

## Annual Meeting 2008 Seminar

### Balancing State and Peace-building: An Evolving Development Agenda

One of the six strategic priorities outlined by President Zoellick to guide the Bank's work focuses on helping fragile and conflict-affected countries to break the cycle of conflict and progress down the road to peaceful development.

The Bank is drawing on the expertise of global leaders in the field through a series of Headline Seminars (HS) to push the frontiers of research and knowledge and identify opportunities to operationalize lessons learned. The first of these was held on September 22, 2008 and focused on the dynamic tension between state-building and peace-building in post-conflict settings.

This side meeting to the Annual Meetings provides an opportunity to gain a perspective on these issues from government officials from three countries that are currently addressing the challenges of state and nation-building. The opportunity will also be taken to brief attendees on the Bank's progress and future plans to improve its effectiveness in this area of development.



*Panel members:* **Hon. Emilia Pires** - Minister for Planning and Finance, Timor-Leste  
**Hon. Ousmane Dore** – Minister of Economy, Finance and Planning, Guinea  
**Hon. Wahidullah Sharani** - Deputy Minister of Finance, Afghanistan  
**Raymond Gilpin** – Associate Vice President, US Institute of Peace

*Chair:* **Jeffrey S. Gutman**, Vice President and Head of Network, OPCS

HS Presentation: **Alastair McKechnie**, Director, Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries, OPCS

**Tuesday, October 14, 2008**

**9:30 AM-11:30 AM**

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**Coffee will be served at 9:00 a.m.**