

PBC Chairs' Meeting with a Group of Executive Directors of the World Bank

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Summary of the outcome

Background

The PBC Chairs' Group held a meeting in New York on 3 December 2012 with visiting World Bank Executive Directors from Canada, Germany, the Netherlands and Sweden. The Assistant Secretary-General for Peacebuilding Support and the Representative of the World Bank in New York were also present.

The meeting is took place in fulfillment of the first action point of the Next Steps agreed at the meeting held between the PBC Chairs Group and a group of World Bank Executive Directors in Washington, D.C. on 13 September 2013.

Under that action point, both sides agreed to strengthen the policy-level dialogue between the PBC Chairs Group and the World Bank management and Board of Directors at the Headquarters level, including through convening of a follow up meeting during an upcoming visit of World Bank Executive Directors to New York.

The agenda for this meeting was developed on the basis of the agreed outcome of the meeting of 13 September in Washington D.C. The discussions were interactive and forward-looking and have resulted in the following suggested action points.

Suggested Follow-up Actions

- Explore practical steps to develop **a joint calendar of events/activities** of both institutions, spanning the period from March 2013 to March 2014.
- Follow the discussion at the country-level on the prospective development of the next **Liberia** Country Assistance Strategy (CAS), which is being developed on the basis of an evaluation undertaken by the Bank and which is expected to be completed by March 2013. In this connection, follow-up on the ongoing discussions between the PBC and the World Bank on cooperation in the areas of youth employment, mining and public finance management, including in relation to prospective collaboration between the State and Peacebuilding Fund (SPF) and the Peacebuilding Fund (PBF).
- Initiate a dialogue at the country and Headquarters levels on the implications of the prospective draw-down of UNIPSIL and explore ways of addressing gaps which may emerge from this transition in **Sierra Leone**.

- Encourage and explore the extension of the Global Employment Facility¹ piloting to **Guinea**.
- Link **WGLL** with the World Bank division responsible for the development of the Hive² in order to explore ways of joint collaboration on lessons sharing and best practices.
- Establish a link between the **PBC Chair** with the International Financial Corporation (IFC) in order to explore possible country-specific joint collaboration in support of private sector development and investment promotion.

¹ An initiative of the World Bank Group, the African Development Bank, ILO, UNECA, UNDP and PBSO with the aim of promoting greater attention to job creation in conflict-affected states through strengthened coordination and strategic direction of job creation efforts at the national level among local actors and their international partners.

² The “Hive” is an evolving knowledge platform of the World Bank which draws on experience of field practitioners in critical peacebuilding-related sectors