

Do you have a big idea that can help?

Call for Proposals: Feb. 15 – March 2, 2010

Conflict and Fragility Week, Cape Town, South Africa, April 12-15, 2010

Soliciting Innovative Approaches and Research

Necessity is the mother of invention. Many times, people living and working under the most difficult and challenging conditions, with minimal tools and capacity, have come up with creative and even innovative solutions to the enormous challenges they face. Organizations and researchers around the world have been equally creative working with communities living in situations of fragility and conflict to find solutions to ensure delivery of basic services, improve governance and create jobs.

Innovation Fair: Moving beyond Conflict

This Innovation Fair, organized by the World Bank Group, is seeking to identify such high-impact approaches to working in fragile and conflict-affected states in order to share and, if possible, scale them up. The Fair will convene international experts on conflict and fragility, development researchers and practitioners, software developers, donors and private sector to exchange experience, establish new collaboration, and forge longer-term partnerships.

Areas of Interest: Development practitioners are invited to submit their proposals on innovative solutions and models that have been tested and have potential for scale up. Researchers are encouraged to submit research concepts and proposals which have the potential to provide more effective responses to situations of fragility and conflict.

- **Communications for Governance and Service Delivery:** Fragility is often associated with the lack of institutional capacity to deliver basic services, and often with low transparency between citizens and states. Proposals should feature innovation that utilize cutting-edge technologies and communication tools for improving service delivery or improving citizen-state relationships through enhanced transparency and accountability.
- **Conflict and Violence Prevention:** Long-term development is often seen as a lasting route to peace and security. Proposals should present practical solutions in the short run to address causes of conflict and violence involving youth or taking on multi-country approaches to sources of violence.

Why apply? All proposals will be reviewed, and at least 30 applicants will receive a travel grant to take part in the Fair. Additionally, all selected projects will be posted on the World Bank Institute website and reviewed by an expert team. Some projects will be eligible for funding and technical assistance.

Please share this information with others who might be interested in applying

The call for proposal has two windows and each window is divided into two themes. Please select from the list below to which window/theme you are applying:

- Window 1: Supporting Service Delivery and Improved Governance in Fragile and Conflict Affected Situations through the use of Communications Tools
- Window 2: Innovative Research and Practical Approaches to Conflict and Violence Prevention

Theme A: Using technology to facilitate delivery of basic social services (including but not limited to services e.g. in the sectors health and education)

Theme B: Improving governance and accountability through communication technologies (including but not limited to e.g. budget oversight and expenditure tracking)

Theme A: Reducing incentives for crime and preventing violence among youth

Theme B: Addressing violence through multi-countries approaches (including but not limited to e.g. border conflict)

For any questions, please contact us at: innovate@worldbank.org

The “Conflict and Fragility Week” is sponsored by the World Bank Group to foster engagement and dialogue around issues of fragility and conflict. In addition to the Innovation Fair and a Bar Camp, the week will include seminars and consultations on the World Development Report (WDR) 2011: Conflict, Security and Development