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on

The World Bank Study entitled:
The World Development Report, 2011:
Conflict, Security and Development

The WDR 2011, released 11 April, presents new research and insights into the causes and development consequences of conflict, and puts forth practical recommendations for building sustainable peace in societies experiencing—or at risk of—large scale violence. It advocates a greater focus on continuous preventive action and proposes a toolkit of options for addressing violence that can be adapted to local contexts, as well as new directions for international policy to improve support for national reformers and to address transnational stresses that can overwhelm societies with weak institutions. Drawing on the experience of countries that have successfully managed to transition away from repetitive violence, the report stresses that breaking repetitive cycles of violence requires legitimate national institutions and governance that provide citizen security, justice, and jobs, while also alleviating the international stresses that increase the risks of violent conflict.



NIGEL ROBERTS has worked in international development for most of the last 40 years, spending much of this time in the field.

Between 1968 and 1978 he worked for various development NGOs, in particular VSO (in Thailand), the Britain-Nepal Medical Trust and Save the Children Fund (in Nepal), and as a journalist (in Hong Kong). Nigel joined the World Bank in 1981 as an agricultural economist. Before co-directing the WDR team he was for almost 20 years a field-based Bank Country Manager and then Country Director for the Bank (Nepal, Ethiopia, West Bank and Gaza, Sydney/Pacific).

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Date & Time: 5.30 pm Friday 29 April 2011 **Please Note DAY**

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