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Alastair McKechnie, a New Zealand national, joined the World Bank in 1982 as an Economist in the MENA region. He has since held various positions, his previous position being Country Director for Afghanistan, Bhutan, and Maldives in the South Asia Region. Other positions include Operations Director for the South Asia Region, where in addition to his work on Afghanistan, he assisted the Vice President for the region and oversaw the Bank's operations in South Asia; Energy Sector Director South Asia region, responsible for the Bank's energy operations in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka; Division Chief for Energy, Infrastructure and Private-Sector Development in the Mashreq, Egypt and Iran Department in the Middle East/North Africa region. After the Asian tsunami disaster in 2004, Mr. McKechnie coordinated the World Bank's response to the South Asia region.

Mr. McKechnie was recently selected for the position of Director, Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries Group, where he will provide leadership and support for the Bank's work on the fragile and conflict-affected states strategic theme including: (i) developing and promoting an agenda for strategic knowledge and research; (ii) establishing key partnerships across institutions involved in fragile states; and (iii) leading institutional reforms affecting fragile states, including the implementation of the new rapid response policy and procedures and reform to organizational and human resource systems.