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Topic: Can aid work in fragile and failing states? Protecting the weakest countries and regions

When: Thursday, October 16, 2003, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

Where: International Resources Group
1211 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20036

Speakers: Sarah Cliffe, World Bank, Coordinator for Low-Income Countries Under Stress Initiative
Lisa Doughten, Senior Manager, IRG Relief and Reconstruction Division

Since joining the World Bank in 1996, Sarah Cliffe's has served as the Bank's chief of mission in East Timor (1999-2002) and worked on anti-corruption initiatives in Indonesia and poverty reduction strategies in Ethiopia, Rwanda and Burundi. She is now the coordinator of the initiative for low-income countries under stress, which aims to improve the Bank's effectiveness in countries which have suffered prolonged conflict or governance problems. Prior to joining the World Bank, Ms. Cliffe worked for the United Nations Development Program in Rwanda, the Government of South Africa, and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, as well as for a major management consultancy company in the United Kingdom on public sector reform issues. She holds degrees in History and Economic Development from Cambridge and Columbia Universities.

Lisa Doughten, a specialist on disaster response, preparedness and mitigation, as well as on property rights and displaced persons-return issues, has coordinated humanitarian interventions in Latin America, Europe and Africa, while collaborating with representatives at all levels of the US and host country governments, international organizations, military, and local communities. She is recognized for her ability to conduct rapid and comprehensive needs and damage assessments and to conceptualize and design projects to address the identified issues. She has implemented programs in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia/Montenegro, southern Africa, Central America, including Honduras and Colombia. Ms. Doughten holds degrees in International Relations and Political Science from the London School of Economics and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

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