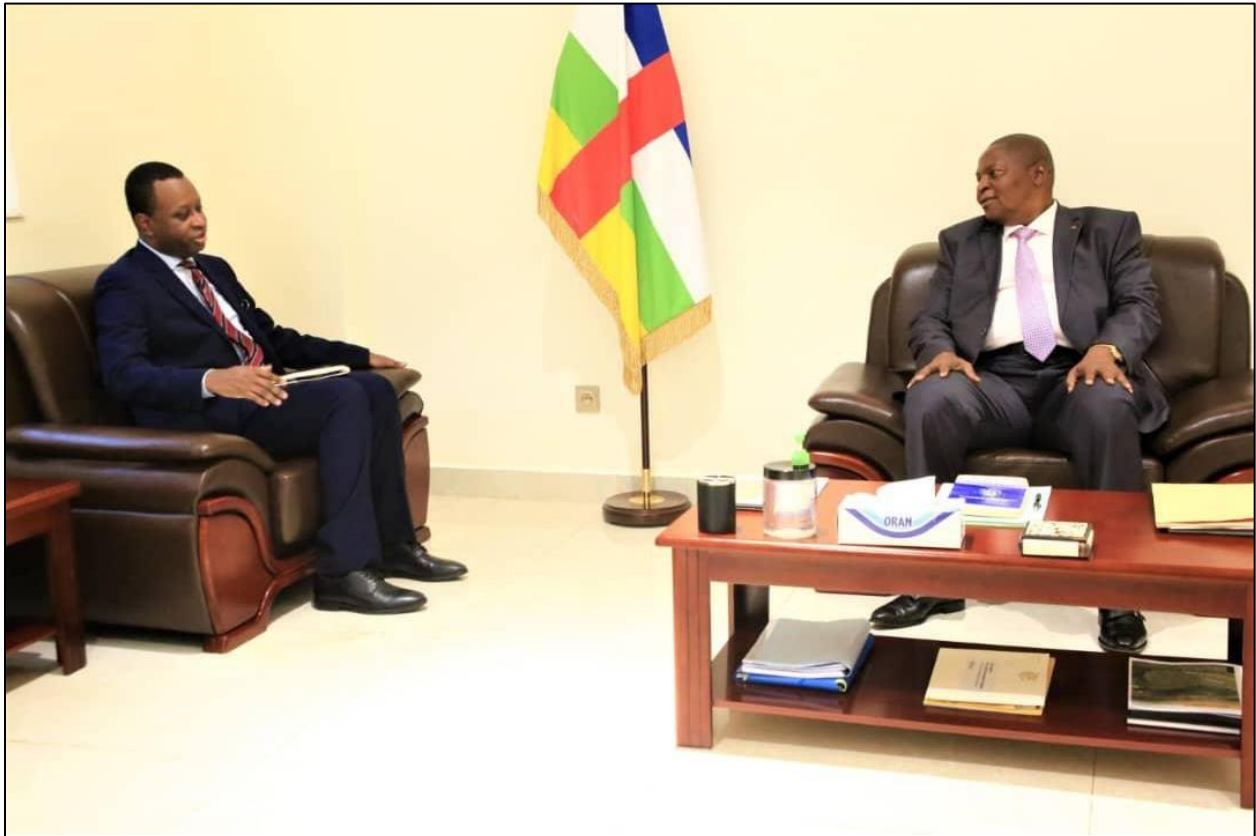


## The Executive Director in the Central African Republic (January 24-27, 2024)



© Photo CAR Presidency – Executive Director’s audience with the Head of State, H.E. Mr. Faustin Archange Touadéra.

The Executive Director undertook a working visit to the Central African Republic (CAR) from January 24 to 27, 2024. Upon his arrival, he was received by the President of the Republic, Head of State, H.E. Mr. Faustin Archange Touadéra, who gave him sound advice. The Executive Director reiterated his resolve and that of his Office to continue supporting the country's cooperation with the World Bank Group (WBG), whose portfolio of operations has grown from around a hundred million dollars in 2017 to a little over a million dollars today. He assured the Head of State of our commitment to continuing our efforts in favor of inclusive growth and prosperity in CAR.



© Photo CAR Prime Minister's Office – Executive Director's audience (accompanied by the UNDP Resident Representative, Mr. Jean-Luc Stalone on the left) with the Prime Minister, H.E. Mr. Félix Moloua.

On January 24, the Executive Director also met with the Prime Minister, Head of Government, H.E. Mr. Félix Moloua. He was accompanied by the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Mr. Jean-Luc Stalone.



© Photo Dramane Darave (MINUSCA) – Medical campaign in Bouar in the presence of the Prime Minister, H.E. Mr. Félix Moloua who led the high-level joint mission with international partners.

The following day, Mr. Bello travelled with the Prime Minister to Bouar (West of the capital, Bangui), during a high-level joint mission with international partners which H.E. Mr. Moloua led

as part of the implementation of the Priority Stabilization Program in CAR. An excellent example of the synergies between humanitarian, development and peace actions.

On January 26, the Executive Director was honored to take part in an information session with members of the Government on the process of drafting the National Development Plan 2024-2028, under the Prime Minister's leadership.



© Photo World Bank Group/Bangui – The Executive Director with the WBG staff in Bangui alongside the Resident Representative, Mr. Guido Rurangwa (on his left).

Finally, the Executive Director's exchanges with WBG staff members in Bangui at the end of the day enabled him to appreciate their critical role in the country's development agenda and the strengthening of cooperation between the Government and the Institution.

The Executive Director left CAR on January 27 even more determined to support the country in its efforts to tackle its multiple development challenges and to exit from fragility once and for all. In his view, the evolution of the WBG into a bigger Bank and a better Bank is all the more crucial.