



Areas of research and policy interest

- Conflict prevention.
- Human security.
- Policy Coherence.
- Evaluation of public policies and programs.

Educational and Professional Background

Robert (“Bob”) Picciotto’s career in development spans over 40 years. He served as Vice President for Corporate Planning and Budgeting at the World Bank and, for ten years, as Director-General, Evaluation reporting directly to the executive directors. He holds an aeronautical engineering degree from a Ecole Nationale Superieure de l’Aeronautique (a French “grande ecole”) and a graduate degree in development economics and public affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School (Princeton University). He started his career in development at the International Finance Corporation where he worked as development bank specialist. In the World Bank, his operational assignments included agricultural economist in the New Delhi office, division chief of agricultural industries, assistant director for agriculture and rural development, and Project Director in three of the World Bank’s Regions.

Contributions to research and policy

In World Bank operations, Robert Picciotto pioneered new approaches to development lending in South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East and North Africa. As a corporate manager, he designed and implemented a comprehensive reform of corporate planning and budget policies under President Barber Conable. As Director General, Evaluation he broadened the oversight function of independent evaluation to address country strategies and operational policies in the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation and the Multilateral Insurance Guarantee Agency.

Since his retirement from the World Bank Group in 2002, Robert Picciotto has advised the Council of Europe Development Bank, the Asian Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the United Nations Development Program, the International Fund for Agriculture Development, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Sweden's Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Norway's Agency for Development, the Department for International Development of the United Kingdom and the International Development Committee of the House of Commons. He holds the position of Visiting Professor at Kings College, London, acts as trustee of the Oxford Policy Institute and sits on the council of the United Kingdom Evaluation Society and on the board of the European Evaluation Society. He also serves as a member of the Independent Advisory Committee on Development Impact which reports to the UK Secretary of State for International Development.

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