

Dr. Keith Clifford Bell



Dr. Keith Clifford Bell joined the World Bank in 2003, after twenty-five years in the public and private sectors in Australia. His career has also included more than thirty years of regular and reserve military service, and he continues his reserve service.

Prior to serving as the Surveyor-General of the Australian State of Victoria, 1999-2003, he held several senior positions in national mapping and spatial data management in the Australian federal government and in the planning authority of the Australian Capital Territory government. He also served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Australian New Zealand Land Information Council (ANZLIC), has worked as a private sector land surveyor, in the geophysical exploration industry and as a hydrographer.

Within the World Bank, he has responsibility for leading the World Bank's land administration and management program throughout the East Asia Region. Based in Washington D.C., he also advises other World Bank regions including the Middle East & North Africa as well as Latin America. Keith led the World Bank's reconstruction of the land administration system and property rights in Aceh, Indonesia after the catastrophic December 2004 tsunami, which initially involved a full-time presence in Indonesia for eighteen months. This experience has provided a strong basis for the World Bank's capacity to disaster response, and he has more recently been advising on the Haiti disaster.

Keith is a licensed surveyor and professional engineer, with further qualifications in business administration and human resources. His qualifications include both doctoral and masters degrees.