Minister Müller meets President Malpass on the sidelines of the World Bank Spring Meeting

WASHINGTON — In talks with the new World Bank leadership, German Development Minister Gerd Müller agreed to intensify cooperation. The exchange with the new President of the World Bank, David Malpass, focused on a stronger focus on Africa. Müller also confirmed the new President's priorities.

Müller also thanked CEO Kristalina Georgieva for leading the Bank during the transition phase until the launch of Malpass. In talks with Georgieva, a stronger cooperation and a clear agenda in the MENA region (Middle East and North Africa) were agreed.

In his talks, the Development Minister also urged a stronger representation of Germany in the Bank's leadership. Germany is the fourth largest shareholder of the World Bank.