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## Preface

Reforming business regulation takes leadership—more than many other reforms. Committed leaders provide vision, energy and direction to improve business climates, often in the face of daunting challenges.

The U.S. Agency for International Development and the World Bank Group are fortunate to work with many leaders around the world, some of whom are recognized in the accompanying case studies of reform. It has been a privilege to support their efforts and to see their results. We have also been pleased to partner together in many areas of this work.

We hope the case studies will inspire others to reform business regulations. They feature reforms in many of the areas covered in the *Doing Business* report. The case studies span the globe—from Rwanda to Singapore, from Peru to Vietnam—and provide lessons on both the substance and the process of reform efforts. It is through such efforts that governments can encourage businesses to invest, grow and create the jobs that lift people out of poverty.



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