

Role of Capital Markets in Mobilizing Finance for Climate-Resilient Infrastructure

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Blue Zone, Multilateral Development Bank (MDB) Pavilion

SESSION CONTEXT

Climate change has a profound impact on infrastructure assets, as well as economic and social implications. Adapting our existing infrastructure to such shocks requires effective deployment of trillions of dollars mobilized from all available sources of finance, relying on public funding alone is not enough. A growing number of institutional investors, investment funds, and credit institutions have shown interest in climate change and sustainability. In order to attract more capital in resilient infrastructure financing, there is a need for innovative financial instruments or tailored products, such as bonds or other asset-backed securities.

Green bonds are one of the most important types of climate-related bonds, representing one-half of the global total issuances of climate-related bonds. Tapping into existing green bond market can be an effective way to bring the needed capital to support resilient infrastructure financing, as investor demand for thematic bonds has been increasing, with resilience and recovery being of particular interest post COVID-19.

SESSION OBJECTIVE

- Discuss how capital markets can be better used to close the resilient infrastructure financing gap and mobilize private sector investments
- Share experiences issuing and investing in green and resilient bonds from sovereign, corporates and institutional investors
- Consider ways resilience bond issuers can be supported to create viable benchmarks

SESSION AGENDA

- 9-9:05** Welcome and opening remarks
Moderator: **Sir Danny Alexander, Vice President for Policy and Strategy, AIIB**
- 9:05-10:05** Panel discussion
- **Mr Ahmed Kouchouk, Vice Minister of Finance for Fiscal Policies and Institutional Reforms, Egypt**
 - **Dr. Zhang Wencai, Vice President, Export-Import Bank of China (virtual)**
 - **Mr. Timothee Jaulin, Head of ESG Development & Advocacy, Amundi**
 - **Ms. Eva Cairns, Head of Sustainability Insights & Climate Strategy, ABRDN**
 - **Mr. Rowan Douglas, Head of Climate and Resilience Hub, Willis Towers Watson**
 - **Mr. Déthié Ndiaye, Regional Program Manager, Africa Climate Finance, Global Center on Adaptation**
- 10:05-10:25** Q&A
- 10:25-10:30** Closing remarks

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