

Executive Panel

CLIMATE CHANGE: FINANCIAL RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Spring Meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group

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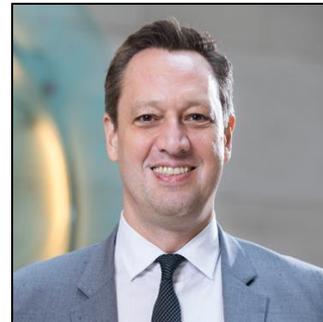
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This session is designed for financial sector regulators and supervisors, central bankers, officials from Ministries of Finance, the IMF and the World Bank, international development agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.

Confronting climate change and its effects while encouraging economic development and fighting poverty is a complex global challenge. It requires both global cooperation as well as innovative national solutions. Since the Paris Agreement, assessing and mitigating the consequences of climate change on economies and financial systems has been a priority of international organizations, forums, and standard-setters. Examples include the G20, the Financial Stability Board (including its Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures), the IMF, and the World Bank – all of which have taken steps to account for and respond to climate change in their policies and programs. There are development challenges and opportunities associated with climate change for the financial sector as well. Certainly, there is scope to develop new insurance products, and more generally to promote the availability of commercially-sustainable insurance coverage for those exposed to climate related risks. There is also a need to develop long term, local currency financing mechanisms such as green bonds, as well as supportive definitions, standards, and disclosures. These challenges and opportunities are relevant to financial authorities overseeing banks, insurers, pension funds, and the capital markets.

This panel will help advance the conversation by examining the next steps that financial authorities can take to protect financial systems, investors, and the public against climate-related risks. It will also examine ways that financial authorities may facilitate government responses to climate change. More specifically, the panel will examine:

- The likely impacts of climate change on financial institutions and potential consequences for financial stability
- How to respond to new and increased risks by adapting and enhancing existing regulation, supervision, and disclosure requirements affecting intermediaries, markets, and products
- The need to promote the financial market and product innovations related to climate change, such as green bonds and market-based financing of green infrastructure initiatives
- The experiences of countries on managing climate-related risks in financial institutions, such as through stress-testing

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