

Catalyzing Investments in Resilience - Trailblazing Investors and Pioneering Bond Issuers

Time: Dec. 1, 2023, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. (GMT+4)

Venue: Blue Zone, AIIB Pavilion

Format: In-person (livestreamed)

Session Context

As the impacts of climate change intensify, the urgency of direct financing for climate resilience becomes increasingly pressing. The adaptation finance gap is significant, but so is the opportunity for economic growth and returns on investments, both monetarily and in terms of social impact. Embracing this opportunity has the potential to unlock trillions of dollars in growth and prosperity while simultaneously addressing and mitigating the impacts of climate disasters. Investing in resilience presents a win-win proposition for investors, issuers, and governments.

Green bonds provide a critical tool for directing these investments towards credible resilience outcomes. To date, green bonds have directed over USD3 trillion from capital markets to sustainable activities, including a small portion towards resilience. The demand for sustainable investments is continuously diversifying and growing. Yet, the supply of project pipelines falls short, leaving investor demand unmet and offering an untapped opportunity. By expanding the sustainable bond market to include a broader range of eligible investments that address the interconnected challenges of sustainable development, mitigation, and adaptation, we can unlock trillions of dollars to finance a more equitable, resilient, and sustainable future.

Session Objective

This panel session will delve into the investment dynamics of resilience projects, with a particular emphasis on the role of green bonds. Key topics for discussion will include:

- **Understand Investor Motivations:** Exploring the factors that drive investors to fund resilience projects and their methods for assessing bond effectiveness.
- **Discuss Barriers to Investment:** Examining the challenges hindering increased investment in resilience, with a focus on investor experiences and potential solutions.
- **Showcase Issuer Success:** Highlighting successful cases of issuers using green bonds for resilience projects, sharing insights, lessons learned, and future issuance plans.
- **Discuss Strategies to Unlock the Market:** Identifying actions that can accelerate the growth of resilience-focused green bonds, offering strategic insights and actionable steps for stakeholders.

Speakers

Opening remarks: **Sir Danny Alexander**, Vice President, Policy and Strategy, AIIB

Ujala Qadir, Director of Programs, Climate Bonds Initiative (Moderator)

Panelists

- **Maya Hennerkes**, Director, Green Financial Systems, Climate Strategy and Delivery, EBRD
- **Danielle Jupiter**, Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy, Seychelles
- **Bertrand Milllot**, Head of Sustainability, CDPQ
- **Emma Howard Boyd**, Global Ambassador, Race to Resilience, UNFCCC High Level Climate Champions