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Session Title

Enabling Financial Accessibility for Disaster-Resilient Infrastructure

Session Description

Investments targeted at building inclusive, sustainable and climate-resilient energy, health and transportation infrastructure, developing advanced technologies, and boosting human and institutional capacity are capable of addressing climate change and disaster-related impacts. The next decade calls for critical reforms in the international financial architecture by incorporating multidimensional vulnerability into development practices, addressing the gaps and shortfalls of the international financial mechanism, enabling sound debt management, de-risking investments and improving participation of vulnerable communities in decision-making bodies. Partnerships and innovative financial solutions are essential to drive a systemic transition toward disaster and climate-resilient infrastructure. These collaborations will play a pivotal role in promoting sustainable investments that enhance the resilience of infrastructure against evolving climate risks. Comprehensive risk management using reliable data and risk models, addressing policy and regulatory gaps, and collaboration between public and private sectors to advance investments will be the enablers. The proposed session will highlight the challenges, opportunities, and examples of transformative solutions to support enhanced investments in resilient, sustainable and inclusive infrastructure. The session will bring together governments, multilateral development banks, and the private sector to discuss pathways for capacity development and innovative finance mechanisms, instruments, and frameworks to enable access to finance for resilient and sustainable infrastructure.

Proposed Speakers and Moderator

- Ms. Ranjini Mukherjee, CDRI (Moderator)
- Ms. Alexandrina Boyanova, European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Mr. Tauiilili Kalavini Mauaiaivao, Government of Samoa
- Ms. Schmoi McLean, Government of Jamaica