CLIMATE RISKS AND ADAPTATION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR





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Changes in climate and extreme weather conditions will affect all regions of the world, albeit unevenly, according to the projections of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Climate change is expected to bring warmer temperatures, an increase in sea levels, more frequent and severe extreme climate events, and a lower availability of natural resources. Although the total impact of climate change on companies is not entirely certain, these and other climate-related effects can lead to new infrastructure challenges and higher capital costs for organizations.

The energy sector is facing multiple hazards arising from climate change, particularly extreme weather events and increased stress on water resources. Therefore, a greater resilience to climate change will be essential for its technical viability and its ability to cost-effectively meet the growing demand for energy driven by global economic and population growth.

The climate risks faced by the energy sector will entail an implementation of adaptation measures to increase its resilience. These adaptation measures should consider the risks of existing energy infrastructure and new infrastructure for future planning, by identifying impacts on design, construction, operation, and maintenance.

Energy systems are already taking into account some climate risks in their operation and planning adaptation measures but, by building capacity and improving information for decision making and climate risk management, they can further reduce their vulnerability to environmental changes.







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AGENDA



TIME ACTIVITY SPEAKER

12:10 Welcome remarks

Discussion Panel:

Mainstreaming climate change adaptation in corporate planning

Climate risks and adaptation in power systems planning

EBRD strategic approach to private sector engagement

Accounting for climate risks in project budgeting

Questions & Answers

End of event

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