

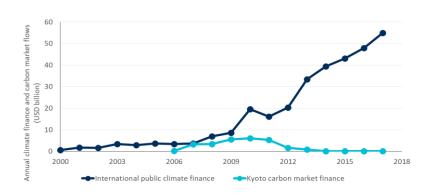
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"Delivering on Climate Finance to Support Better Recovery and Climate Goals"

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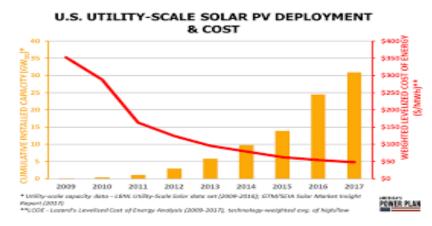
# Changed Landscape for Climate Finance



Two Decades of Progress (and Lessons)



Economic and Financial Benefits of Clean Development



**Dynamic Technology Improvement** 



**COVID-19 Economic Recovery** 



# ADD'L RESOURCES

# Taxonomy of Climate Finance Types

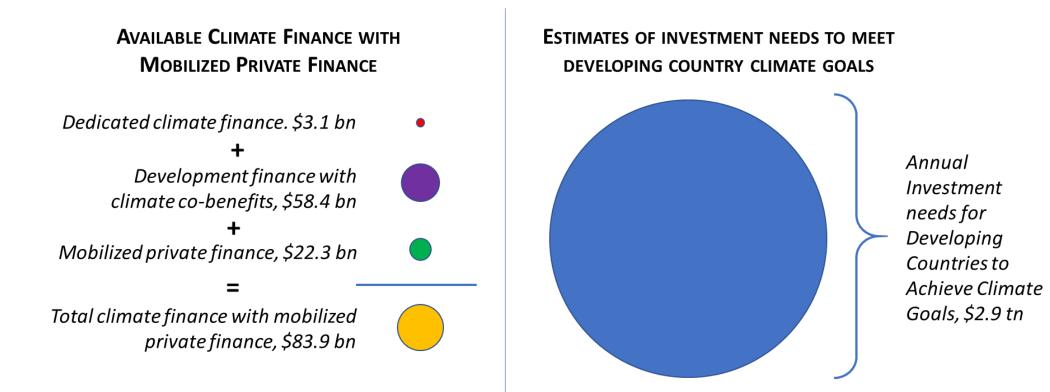
Type of Climate Finance	Description	Examples	Volumes
Dedicated Climate Finance	Concessional/grant funds to drive climate action 1) Technical Assistance 2) Activity-based financing 3) Result-based financing	<ul> <li>ASA identifying adaption projects in agriculture</li> <li>Concessional loan for share of energy efficiency project</li> <li>Results-based payments for solar energy generation</li> </ul>	\$3.1 billion for all MDBs in 2019, of which WBG was \$971 million
Development Finance with Climate Co-Benefits (CCB)	WBG balance sheet investment tagged as having climate impacts Only finance that <i>counts</i> as CCB	<ul> <li>Share of IBRD loan for a road project with improved drainage to withstand climate impacts</li> <li>IFC investment in solar plant</li> </ul>	\$58.4 billion for all MDBs in 2019, of which WBG was \$17.8 billion WBG committed to 35% of total portfolio

#### International public climate finance leverages additional funds

Funds and Financing Mobilized by Int'l Public Climate Finance	<ul> <li>Private finance</li> <li>WBG investment <i>not</i> tagged with CCBs</li> <li>Carbon finance</li> <li>Local government</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commercial investment in offshore wind plant</li> <li>Green buildings</li> <li>Carbon trading/offsets</li> <li>Government green budgeting</li> </ul>	Private finance available is many times more than public finance
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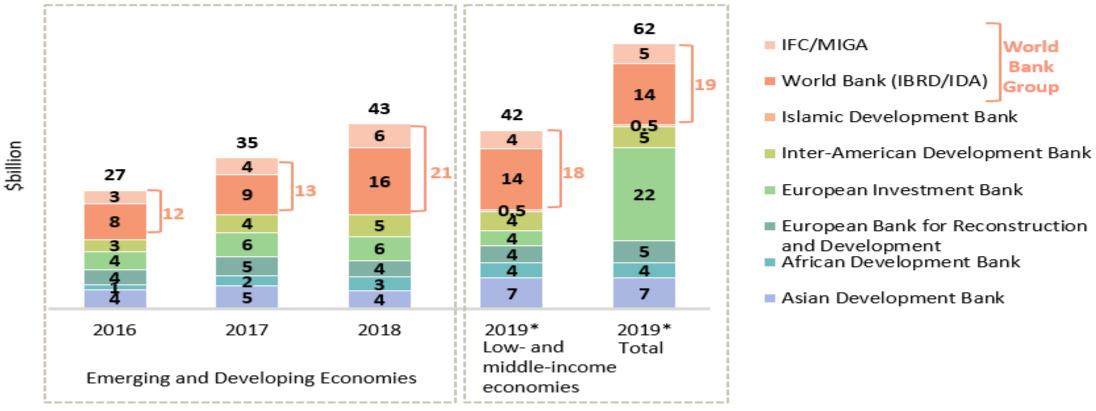
# The size of the financing challenge





#### INCREASED WBG CONTRIBUTION TO CLIMATE FINANCE

#### Total reported MDB Climate Finance Commitments, 2016-2019





Note: WBG Fiscal Year is July to June; Fiscal Year for all other MDBs follows the calendar year (January to December). Numbers in the data labels may not add up to totals shown, due to rounding.

\*Preliminary data, source: "2019 Joint Report on Multilateral Development Banks' Climate Finance," forthcoming August 2020. In 2019, MDBs agreed to report climate financing to all countries of operation (including high-income economies) for the first time, grouped in accordance with the World Bank's classification of June 2019.

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## How Climate Finance Achieves Transformation

Transformation occurs when spillover effects beyond the boundaries of the original project induce follow-on action—with catalyzed financing—even after the public finance is exhausted.

**Technology tipping points** 

Reducing costs of clean tech substantially to reach parity or below costs for incumbent, less climate-friendly technology options

Policy development or implementation

Supporting development, introduction and/or execution of effective climate policies

Institutional or technical capacity

Enhancing skills and/or knowledge of public and/or private actors to pursue future climate action

**Knowledge creation and dissemination** 

Creating and disseminating knowledge that supports climate action

**Demonstration effects** 

Proving the effectiveness of a novel policy, climate technology or business model



# Eight Sets of Climate Levers for Transformative Action



#### 1. Project-Based Financing

Finance or project support to enable climate investments e.g. wind plant, climate-resilient roads



#### **5. Trade Policy**

Trade policies to encourage exchange of LCCR products e.g. carbon border tax adjustment, trade liberalization for LCCR products



#### 2. Financial Sector Reform

Financial sector regulations that catalyze green investment e.g. regulations for green bonds, climate risks in portfolio assessments



#### 6. Innovation and Tech Transfer

Development of new, more effective and cheaper green technologies

e.g. demonstration plants, R&O, SME support, early/discounted financing



#### 3. Fiscal Policy

Setting taxes and adjusting spending priorities to support climate action

e.g. green taxes, improved subsidy targeting, green procurement



#### 7. Carbon Markets

System to define and trade mitigation outcomes for cost efficient mitigation

e.g. emission trading systems, baseline and crediting mechanisms



#### 4. Sector Priorities

Regulatory standards or information provision policies e.g. energy efficiency standards, building codes



#### 8. Climate Intelligence and Data

Knowing and planning tools to support policy and investment decisions

e.g. 2050 low-carbon resilience trajectories, NDC implementation plans



# **Primary Findings**

- Plan for the long term
- > Align financing decisions with *long-term strategies* for low-carbon resilient development
- > Avoid spending that prioritizes short-term goals inconsistent with long-term strategies
- > Revise *results-frameworks* for long-term transformative impact indicators.

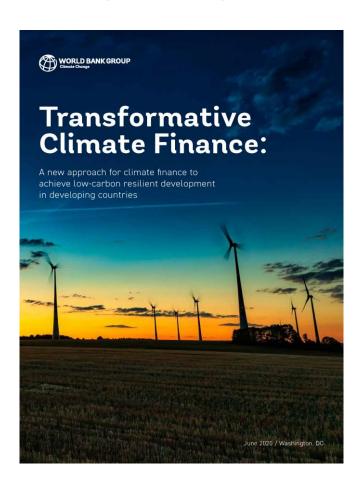
- 2 Balance allocation among levers
- Complement project-based financing with more finance to other levers for systemic, often policy-based, changes
- > Strive for a *coordinated approach* with multiple levers

- Use a range of financial instruments
- Expand use of instruments such as policy-based finance, results-based finance, equity finance, and guarantees
- > Combine and coordinate different financial instruments based on needs of the lever(s)

- Leverage on a systemic basis
- > Allocate public climate finance to *leverage the most additional funds* from other sources.
- Develop and apply methodology to measure beyond project boundaries to consider impacts across the economy.

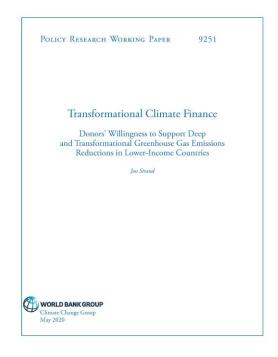
# **Climate Finance Reports**

#### Synthesis report



https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/33917

#### Background reports



https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/handle/10986/33798



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## **Overview of Climate Levers**



#### **Project-Based Financing**

#### **Main Interventions**

- · Invest in projects
- · Blended finance
- Manage risks and returns to enable private finance opportunities

#### **Barriers to Action**

- Capital constraints
- Limited capacity to deliver effectively

#### **Key Climate Finance Instruments**

- Investment financing for de-risking and crowding in other funding
- Technical assistance for enabling investment



#### **Financial Sector Reform**

#### Main Interventions

- Report and manage of climate risk
- Regulate green assets
- · Deploy incentives for green investment

#### **Barriers to Action**

- · Public finance and capital constraints
- Limited institutional and technical capacity
- Perceived conflict w/ development

#### **Key Climate Finance Instruments**

- Technical assistance for improving governance, capacity and expertise
- Investment financing for catalyzing green investment support



#### **Main Interventions**

- Implement carbon taxes
- Reform subsidies and taxes to incentivize climate action
- Adjust government procurement
- · Climate impacts in fiscal planning

#### **Barriers to Action**

- Concerns on reducing international competitiveness and distributional consequences
- Capital constraints

#### **Key Climate Finance Instruments**

- · Policy-based financing
- Technical assistance for addressing knowledge and capacity gaps



## **Overview of Climate Levers**



#### **Sector Priorities**

#### **Main Interventions**

- Implement regulations conducive to LCCR alternatives
- Enforce of green technology standards

#### **Barriers to Action**

- Information gaps on policies
- Limited resources and institutional capacity to enforce regulation
- Concerns on reducing international competitiveness

#### **Key Climate Finance Instruments**

- Policy-based financing to create incentives
- Technical assistance for knowledge sharing on policy development



#### **Trade Policy**

#### **Main Interventions**

- Consider trade liberalization
- Apply border carbon adjustments
- · Co-ordinate through climate clubs

#### **Barriers to Action**

- Tariff revenue reduction
- Insufficient infrastructure
- Technical and political challenges to policy design

#### **Key Climate Finance Instruments**

- Trade finance for LCCR goods and services
- Technical assistance for developing climate-friendly trade policy



#### **Innovation and Tech Transfer**

#### **Main Interventions**

- Public funding for basic research
- Implement R&D tax credits
- Technology transfer policy
- Intellectual property rights
- Green procurement

#### **Barriers to Action**

- · Limited resources
- Uncertain payoffs
- Limited capacity to develop broader innovation ecosystem

#### **Key Climate Finance Instruments**

- Investment financing for high-risk innovation
- Technical assistance for early-stage innovation



## **Overview of Climate Levers**



#### **Carbon Markets**

#### **Main Interventions**

- Establish domestic carbon markets
- Link markets internationally

#### **Barriers to Action**

- Concerns on reducing international competitiveness and distributional consequences
- Uncertainty on carbon prices
- · Limited capacity and knowledge

#### **Key Climate Finance Instruments**

- Results-based financing for supporting market development
- Technical assistance for establishing and linking markets



#### **Climate Intelligence and Data**

#### **Main Interventions**

- Long-term planning tools
- Provide policy risk information
- · Disaster risk management tools
- Localized climate impacts and opportunities data

#### **Barriers to Action**

- Challenges to collect data and develop intelligence
- Limited confidence in accuracy
- Uncertain policy response

#### **Key Climate Finance Instruments**

 Technical assistance for building capacity in measuring and using climate data



# Methodology to Assess Transformative Impact of Levers

# How does it work?

How the lever can drive and scale widespread climate transformation?

- Steps government can take
- Direct impacts
- Potential for transformation

#### **Barriers**

# What barriers impede these interventions

- Lack of capital
- Lack of knowledge
- Public and private capacity constraints
- Political economy pushback:
  - Industrial competitiveness
  - Social consequences
  - Losing incumbent sectors

# Climate Finance Deployment

# How climate finance can address barriers and motivate interventions

- Investment financing:
  - Debt and equity
  - Guarantees
  - Intermediated financing
- Policy-based financing
- Results-based financing
- Trade finance
- Technical assistance

#### **Conclusions**

How can climate finance be used most effectively to best address barriers to transformative action?

