

WEBINAR 5 – Financing Green Infrastructure for Sustainable Cities

Part 2: The role of development banks and private financing

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This webinar sought to discuss the role of development banks and private financing in reducing the infrastructure gap in cities while promoting low-carbon investments.

What is sustainable finance?

- 1 Environmental objectives
- 2 Social and economic criteria
- 3 Governance (corporate) & fiscal equity



There is a rapid growth of funds and green finance instruments: plenty of resources are available for climate change but there is not enough adaptation, and not enough incentives to attract international funds.



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The incorporation of climate risk into decision making is fundamental for sustainable finance.

Green investments seek to improve social and environmental conditions, and to promote public finance equilibrium, by offering favorable financial investments. Technology can also support the achievement of SDGs with the improvement of governance, participation, and public services provision.

Adaptation to climate change can be supported by as credits to urban development, call for pilot projects, and blended finance structures.

There is still a lack of fund and technical capacity for the implementation of sustainable projects.



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The private sector can contribute to SDGs via a transition from conventional to sustainable investments. Sustainability criteria enter decision-making processes when they contribute to reduce negative environmental and social impact of investments, as well as reduce environmental, social and governance risks.

Incentives are important (interest rates depending on environmental performance) to adopt financial instruments for greener investments.

The sanitation market has a huge potential of growth to meet universal service provision goals, and companies have sufficient funding capacity.