# Finance at COP26



**JULY 2020** 

## Finance will play a crucial role in the transition to net zero, but there is a vast gap, and too much money still flows to carbon-intensive activity



Source: OECD-Financing Climate Futures 2018, UNFCCC Standing Committee on Finance, 2018 Biennial report

### Developed countries have contributed most to climate change but the impacts will be felt disproportionately by developing countries

Developed world represents largest historical contributions to global emissions



Climate change will massively impact agriculture, principally in developing countries



Source: Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center , Prepared by Philip Thornton, CCAFS, for the Global commission on Adaptation

Developed countries have committed to providing \$100bn per year of climate finance by 2020; demonstrating momentum is essential for sustaining developing countries' confidence in the UNFCCC process

Total progress towards \$100bn/year of climate finance (\$bn)



### Bilateral donors and existing funds will need to scale their investments and facilitate fund access to meet Paris commitments









1. Development Finance Institutions 2. Commission of the European Communities and the European Development Fund

3. Japan Climate commitments include financing for "Clean Coal" and headline funding does not account for differing qualities of finance (e.g. grants vs loans) Sources: OECD 2016-2017 Climate related development finance database MDBs have committed to aligning finance with Paris, but have not laid out clear plans to this end

#### Green/brown energy ratios for MDBs



Source: E3G-Aligning Development Banks with the Paris Climate Agreement

### Finance for the transition is currently evenly split between public and private, and flows predominantly to mitigation; increased private finance mobilisation is essential to meet goals

Private Finance needs to represent greater proportion of total finance

Total global climate finance, two-year averages 2013-2018 (\$bn)





Recipient sector, Ø 2017-2018 (\$B)



Public finance is essential but not sufficient to meet climate needs

Scope for further public finance commitments more limited than private finance

To meet the trillions of funding gap to decarbonize the economy, public finance will need to be used effectively to mobilise additional private finance

Rebalancing of adaptation/mitigation finance flows essential for negotiations



Capital allocators are increasingly aware of the financial risks posed by climate change, thanks in part to initiatives such as the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

TCFD currently has more than 1000 supporters of TCFD from 54 countries

Representing a market cap of \$16.7T

Includes 473 financial firms responsible for \$138T in assets under management

#### TCFD mandates reporting across four areas:



\$7

#### Governance

Disclose the organization's governance around climate-related risks and opportunities

Strategy

Disclose the actual and potential impacts of climate-related risks and opportunities on the organization's businesses, strategy, and financial planning where such information is material



#### Risk management

Disclose how the organization identifies, assesses, and manages climate-related risks



### Metrics and targets

Disclose the metrics and targets used to assess and manage relevant climaterelated risks and opportunities where such information is material



At a macro level, Central Banks can help speed the transition by including climate scenarios in Bank's stress tests

- The Prudential Regulation Authority in April released a supervisory statement noting that few firms today are taking a strategic approach considering how actions today affect future financial risks
- The Bank of England will be the first regulator to stress test its major firms against different climate pathways, including early action, late action and the disastrous Business-as-usual scenario
- The test will show how major financial firms expect to adjust their business models, and the impact of these responses on the wider economy.
- It will expose those that have prepared, and those that have not, and results will be share in the second half of 2021
- The Bank of England will share its experiences, and create best practice to facilitate the refinement of methodologies as other central banks conduct future stress test
- 15 other authorities have committed to run stress tests, with further expansion of this coalition a key ambition for finance at COP 26

### Awareness of climate risks are changing underlying private finance incentives, with capital costs for renewables projects decreasing steadily

Changing cost of capital for oil and gas vs. clean energy, %

Drivers of weighted average cost of capital (WACC) for listed energy company



— Cost of equity — Cost of debt (before tax) -- Cost of debt (after tax)



