The event will explicitly consider the role of the private sector not only as a provider of expertise, technologies or solutions, but also as an actor directly engaged in managing climate risk, and seeking opportunities in building resilience to climate change. Socioeconomic factors such as education, good governance, and policies toward business formation and operation make some communities and countries more "ready" than others to undertake adaptation. We will explore the relationship between readiness and capacity factors that directly and indirectly support and enhance adaptation, with a specific emphasis on readiness that enables private sector engagement. Invited speakers include members of the World Bank, UNFCCC Adaptation Committee, Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services and the United Nations Development Programme.

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