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MOBILIZING FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR CLIMATE AND HEALTH

| BACKGROUND

This event will focus on a financing approach to mobilizing resources for climate and health

The impacts of climate change on health are significant and growing. At the same time the health sector is a non-trivial contributor to national greenhouse gas emissions. More resources clearly need to be secured to tackle these climate-related health risks and to decouple the climate impact of delivering healthcare. Resources are needed from both the adaptation and mitigation perspectives. There are already interventions and policies that can be integrated into health programming and scaled to realize the co-benefits when the right financing conditions are put in place. This event will focus on two topical examples, one with more of a mitigation focus energy and health – and its role in sustainable cooling and solarization, and one with an adaptation and resilience focus – Pandemic Prevention Preparedness and Response.

| OBJECTIVES

- Describe financing (including climate financing) opportunities to enable action at the intersection of climate and health
- Discuss examples of where implementation on the ground has been facilitated by availability of sufficiently **timely** and **substantial** financing



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